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INAUGURATION OF RURAL MART
 Project Holder :
 Nabajyoti Anchalik Krishak Shramik Co-operative Society

Venue :
 Kothakuthi Bazar, Ronguli Block,
 Goalpara District,
 Date : 09.12.2021

RURALMART
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Director's Message



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bosco Reach Out!

This FOCUS magazine brings you the programmes of the last quarter of the year 2021. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined hands with us in our journey of 2021. The commitment and sacrifice of our partners, donors, benefactors, collaborators, our head office and our field staff are gratefully remembered as we come to the close of this year.

The Childre's Day cum Inter CARE School Competition organised under CARE project Kokrajhar had energised the students. A holistic community development has been carried out in Chirang district. Skill development training programme on LMV (Light Medium Vehicle) – driving and plumber general. Livelihood intervention as low-cost piggery has increased the family income. Created awareness on women issues - empowerment, rights, violence, nutrition, and eradication of vaccine hesitancy. Importance of Income Generation Activities has been promoted to improve their family income. The rural elderlies are given classes on digital literacy.

Rural Mart, where the producers will sell their produces, promoted by Nabajyoti Anchalik Krishak Samabay Samiti (FPO) and Bosco Reach Out, and supported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Guwahati, has been inaugurated. The 15 days of improved method of pig farming training under MEDP (Micro Enterprise Development Programme has been completed successfully at Goalpara district.

BRO successfully assist in mobilizing the local communities, firming up their aspirations and handholding them for resource mapping as participatory approach, and is helping in the decentralized planning of the water supply schemes in districts of Dima Hasao, Cachar, Hailakandi, Karimganj, Karbi Anglong, and West Karbi Anglong. Students across 12 districts of Assam: Baksa, Barpeta, Chirang, Dima Hasao, Goalpara, Kamrup Metro, Kamrup Rural, Karbi Anglong, Kokrajhar, Sonitpur, Udalguri, and West Karbi Anglong and 4 districts of Meghalaya: East Garo Hills, South West Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, and West Khasi Hills were distributed with face mask. The second batch of trainees on Horticulture Training and Promotion in Menda is in progress. We are reaching out to the migrants living in the slums of Fancy bazaar through various activities and encouraging their children's education.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Fr. A. Jayaprakash, SDB
Executive Director, Bosco Reach Out



07. Children's Day cum Inter CARE School Competitions

On 20th November 2021 Children's Day cum Inter CARE (Children at Risk Education) School Competition was organised at Salbari CARE School (Lungsung), Kokrajhar BTR, Assam under CARE project funded by Childaid Network, Germany. Teachers, Cluster Coordinators, and School Management Committees of 13 CARE schools took active part making the event a successful one. The teachers conducted the competition at the school level to select their representative for the main inter school competition. Game was organised in the category of individual and group for juniors and seniors separately. Games for senior boys and girls (group): group dance, 200-meter race, and relay race. Games for senior boys and girls (individuals) (10 each): musical chair, poem recitation, and drawing. Games for junior boys and girls (individuals) (10 each): frog jump, and biscuit bite.

Students from all the classes participated in the Inter CARE School Competitions. The programme started at 8.30 in the morning with flag hosting of CARE flag by the president of the reception community. At 3.00 pm there was the prize distribution ceremony for the individuals and group winners. There were 873 students participated in the Inter CARE School Competitions. The programme came to an end with a short speech by the Mr. Kesab Ekka, Cluster Coordinator of CARE school Cluster II. All the children were extremely happy and enjoyed the day.



Implemented by **CARE** **childaid network**

BOSCO REACH OUT
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EMPOWERMENT
CARE INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION

Venue: Salbari / Lungsung
 Date: 20th November 2021



02. Launching and Inauguration of Skill Development Training Programme.

On 27th October 2021 Bosco Reach Out launched and inaugurated the 'skill development training programme on LMV (Light Medium Vehicle) – driving and plumber general at Malivita and Tilapara respectively, Sidli block, Chirang district of Assam' at Malivita Community Training Hall, supported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Assam. Dr. C. K. Deka, Sr. Scientist and Head of KVK Chirang was the chief guest of the programme. Sri. Philip Moshahary, Master Trainer of Plumber General Bengtol, Sr. Mary Joice, Animator of St. Ann's Home Malivita, Sr. Anima Toppo, Headmistress of Don Bosco School, Mr. Mahiram Basumatary, Primary Teacher Malivita, and Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO graced the occasion.

Skill training on LMV driving was conducted for 30 rural youth from 27th October 2021 to 30th November 2021 at Malivita, Chirang district with Mr. Christofer Topno as Master Trainer. Another skill training on plumber general was conducted from 1st November 2021 to 6th December 2021 at Tilapara, Chirang district for 30 rural youth. Mr. Philip Mochahary from Bengtol was the Master Trainer. On 20th November 2021, they were taken for exposure visit to Bengtol. Both the trainings were concluded successful.





03. Low-Cost Piggery as Livelihood Intervention in Chirang

On 28th October 2021 Bosco Reach Out distributed 27 piglets and 13 feeding bowls to nine TDF Chirang wadi beneficiaries at Malivita for low-cost piggery unit. Till the current quarter, 42 low-cost piggery units have been set up in different project villages with the concept of two sows and one boar model. The low-cost piggery units have been provided with feeding bowls for healthy feeding habits. The pigsty is constructed with locally available bamboo, wood and cement post. The floor is made concrete by using cement, brick and sand. The pigsty site maintains well-drained, elevated but fairly level, adequate ventilation, adequate supply of drinking water nearby, and protected from strong winds. Vaccination is going on against Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) and Swine flu diseases. Iron supplement injection and de-worming tablets were also given to the piglets as on need basis.

The activity has been carried under the project entitled 'Integrated Tribal Development Programme for Sidli block of Chirang district, Assam' supported by NABARD Assam. The first batch (15 wadies) and second batch (8 wadies) of low-cost piggery units started during October - December 2020 and February - May 2021 respectively were successful. Their income has been raised through the sale of the piglets. They are maintaining proper feeds, health and hygiene of the livestock as per the guidance received during the training provided by Bosco Reach Out.





04. Awareness Programme on Women Issues

On 20th and 25th October 2021 under the project entitled 'Integrated Tribal Development Programme for Sidli block of Chirang district, Assam' two awareness programme on women issues-empowerment, rights, violence, nutrition, and eradication of vaccine hesitancy was organised at Sonapur and Kantalguri respectively. A total of 45 villagers attended the programme. The programme emphasised on vaccination against COVID 19 to remove vaccine hesitancy among female folk. Smt. Swarnabati Narzary, ASHA worker from Mini PHC, Amteka and Mr. Jual Mochahary, Field Staff were the resource persons of the programme. The objective of the programme was to bring about advancement, development and empowerment of women, and to create an environment with positive economic and social participation for full development of women thus enable them to realize their full potential.

Under the programme, awareness on vaccination against COVID 19 was also focused to eradicate vaccine hesitancy among rural people. Vaccine hesitancy is one of the challenges faced in rural areas. It is a complex challenge for fruitful vaccination drive. The vaccination drive in India began on 16th January 2021. BRO at village level network with ASHA workers and Anganbadi workers, the trusted local figures, who have considerable influence over the healthcare decisions of the community. A successfully coordination with such network is the need of time to create awareness and reduce vaccine hesitancy.



05. Promotion of IGA and Evening Course for Elderly People

In the 'Integrated Tribal Development Programme for Sidli block of Chirang district, Assam' project area rural women have skills to do homestead gardening, small scale agricultural and animal production, processing and preservation, home gardens (aromatic and medicinal plants and herbs vegetables), nursery raising, vegetable cultivation, kitchen garden, livestock rearing, and weaving. So, two programme on IGA promotion were conducted at Amlaiguri and Tilapara village on 17th November 2021 focusing on vegetable cultivation, kitchen garden and nursery raising. Under the programme, vegetable seeds-green leafy vegetables and vegetable seedlings- cabbage, cauliflower, brinjal, and tomato were distributed among participants for encouragement. Mr. Jion Narzary, Project Field Coordinator of BRO was the resource person. A total of 43 participants attended the training.

Bosco Reach Out with the support of NABARD Assam initiated to impart literacy among the people residing in rural areas. The programme intent to provide minimum literacy to the elderly in the rural areas, to enable them with minimum capacity to read and write, and also financial and digital literacy. The evening course in the months of October to December 2021 focused on digital literacy such as smart phone operating, using ATM card, and use of mobile banking by showing success stories through LCD projector. A total of 20 elders both male and female have been attending the evening class for 2 to 3 days in a week in BRO Site Office, Janata village. Mr. Jial Mochahary, Field Project Extension Worker and Mr. Jion Narzary Project Field Coordinator of BRO have been taking the evening classes with great enthusiasm. The elders are very happy and interested in their new learning.





06. Need Based Training on FPO Formation

On 29th November 2021 and 18th December 2021 need based training on Farmers' Producer Organisation (FPO) formation was organised at No.1 Jomnaguri village for FPO formation (Janata VCDC) and at BRO Site Office, Tilapara for FPO formation (Malivita VCDC) respectively. A total of 44 farmers attended the programme. Mr. Jion Narzary, Project Field Coordinator was the resource person. He explained the objective of FPO which consists of building, promoting and nurturing it. It is critical to support FPOs in terms of awareness creation, capacity building, technical support, professional management, market access, regulatory requirements, and provide handholding support. A Farmer Producer Organization is formed by a group of primary producers, a registered body and a legal entity. The producers are primary shareholders in the organization. It deals with business activities related to the primary produce/product/ related inputs. It works for the benefit of the member producer. Portions of profit are shared amongst the producers and the balance goes to the share capital or reserves. It has minimum shareholding members numbering 50 at the time of registration. However, the shareholding membership will have to be increased over a period of 3 years to a sustainable level.

Two FPOs: one FPO in Malivita VCDC and another in Janata VCDC were formed with wadi beneficiaries and non-wadi beneficiaries who produce horticulture crops and rear livestock-pig, and poultry. Presently, they are in the process of registration under Assam Co-operative Societies Act. The President and Secretary of the both FPOs along with Mr. Jion Narzary, Project Field Coordinator visited the District Deputy Registrar Office at Kajalgaon, Chirang district. Documents required for registration in progress. After registration under Assam Co-operative Societies Act, they will be able to open bank account and also can apply for Pan Number.



07. Valedictory Function cum Distribution of Loan Sanction Letters

On 5th December 2021 a valedictory function was organised at Auditoriums, St. Mary's School, Mariampur, Rongjuli block, Goalpara district of Assam. The 30 trainees, who successfully completed the 15 days of improved method of pig farming training, from 20th September 2021 to 6th October 2021, under MEDP (Micro Enterprise Development Programme), were awarded completion certificates in the presence of Mr. Baiju N Kurup, CGM, NABARD Guwahati, Mr. Bhaskar Manta, DGM, NABARD Guwahati, Mr. Kanchanmoni Gohain, DDM, NABARD Goalpara, and Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director, Bosco Reach Out Guwahati, Mr. Gurupada Halder, AGM, SBI Dhupdhora, Mr. Motilal Nehru, BM, SBI Dhupdhora, and Fr. Berial Sangma, Principal of St. Mary's School.

For self-employment needs credit linkage, the 30 trainees were linked with local banks namely Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (AGVB), State bank of India (SBI), North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB), and Bandhan Bank. Mr. Motilal Nehru, Branch Manager of SBI, Dhupdhora branch showed great interest and took initiative for credit linkage. He helped the trainees, without a bank account, to open new SBI Saving account in SBI, Dhupdhora branch. On 23rd November 2021, Mr. Pitambar Kotowali, Field Officer, SBI made an on field verification of the trainees' pig farms, who applied for loan. On basis of his report, 11 loan applications of trainees were approved with loan amount of Rs.1,00,000.00 for each trainee. In the programme, the loan sanction letters from SBI Dhupdhora branch were also distributed among 11 trainees cum beneficiaries.





08. Rural Mart at Goalpara

Rural Mart at Kothakuti, Rongjuli block, Goalpara district of Assam has been inaugurated on 5th December 2021. It is promoted by Nabajyoti Anchalik Krishak Samabay Samiti (FPO) and Bosco Reach Out, and supported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Guwahati. Nabajyoti Anchalik Krishak Samabay Samiti is registered under Assam Cooperative Societies Act 2007, Reg.No.G-10/2018-19, dt.06-09-2018.

Establishing a Rural Mart at Goalpara district of Assam is an impact of the six years TDF-BOLGRIM Project implemented at this area involving 400 farmers, which was later grouped into two Farmers Producer Organisation, Nabajyoti Anchalik Krishak Samabay Samiti and Twelve villages Farmer Producer Organization Cooperative Society Limited, for sustainable economic development of the farmers. It will enable the farmers to sell items like pineapple, banana, seasonal vegetables, areca nut, broom, rubber sheet, farm inputs like fertilizer, seeds, farm equipment, processed food, and other fruit items, decorative items, consumable goods: agarbati, dish wash and detergent powder, and herbal soap.

Through this, the FPO members in the village are expected to earn higher level of income through their produces by reducing middlemen, enhancing the bargaining power in the market and by availing the scale of production and returns. It is a new success story for farmers where FPO members will provide market-linkages for local farm products produced by rural community, particularly small and marginal farmers.





09. Empowering Community Based Institutions

Boco Reach Out conducted 'capacity building of the CSOs, Community Based Organisations and Influencers' in different ten villages of Udlaguri district, under the project entitled 'Empowering Community-Based Institutions to Increase Vaccine Confidence and Routine Immunization Demand, and Prevention of COVID-19'.

Community consultation programme was also organised at nine different villages, Udalguri and Orang blocks of Udalguri district during the months of October and November 2021. Government health personnel (ASHA) were present in the meeting following COVID-19 protocols. They discussed the importance of creating COVID-19 awareness, vaccine confidence, and routine immunization. Community Based Organisations and Influencers played a major role in maintaining good community health. more than 500 community members were reached out through community consultations. More than 15,800 community people has been reached through wall paintings on importance of immunisation. Around 10,000 community members were reached through making announcement to disseminate the key messages on RI, promoting COVID-19 vaccination and CAB. Approximately, 2400 people have been reached through handwashing demonstrations.





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10. Jal Jeevan Mission

Bosco Reach Out is successfully assisting to mobilize the local communities, firm up their aspirations and handhold them for resource mapping as participatory approach and is helping in the decentralized planning of the water supply schemes. It has been assigned to work in the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Divisions: Hailakandi PHE Division, Karimganj PHE Division, Silchar PHE Division 1 and 2, Haflong PHE Division, Maibang PHE Division, Umrongso PHE Division, West Karbi Anglong Hamren PHE Division, Howraghat PHE Division, and Diphu PHE Division. A total of 91,532 households are set to benefit and avail clean drinking water in sufficient quantity from the support provided by Bosco Reach Out in these areas.

Currently Bosco Reach Out is engaged in the process of creating community awareness and taking up Gaon Panchayat resolution to engage in the mission, constitution/registration/sensitization/HRD and Capacity Building of Gaon Panchayat Water and Sanitation Committees, Village Water and Sanitation Committees, Water User Committees and on community orientation on ownership, Village action plans are being formulated and implemented by conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercises. Focus is also given to ensure adequate participation of women population in the operations and maintenance of the schemes through their inclusion in all the committees formed. Special water testing groups are also being constituted in every village comprising only women.



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// Free Mask Distribution Programme for Children

On 6th November 2021 a free mask distribution programme for children was organised at Salesian Provincial House, Pan Bazar of Guwahati. The mask has been donated by Helleum Garmany, facilitated by Childaid Network, Germany and carried out by Bosco Reach Out. Through this programme a total of 2,47,400 face masks has been benefitted by 46,467 students across 12 districts of Assam: Baksa, Barpeta, Chirang, Dima Hasao, Goalpara, Kamrup Metro, Kamrup Rural, Karbi Anglong, Kokrajhar, Sonitpur, Udalguri, and West Karbi Anglong and 4 districts of Meghalaya: East Garo Hills, South West Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, and West Khasi Hills. It targeted the Salesian school children. The concern Salesian schools collected the face masks for their respective school children from the distribution point at Guwahati. A grateful thank you to the donor and facilitator. Special thanks to Ms. Catherina Kundulna and Ms. Johnny Tudu of Bossco Reach Out for carrying out the programme successfully.





12. Awareness Programme on Mitigation Measures to Reduce GHG Emission in Agriculture

Bosco Reach Out conducted awareness programme on mitigation measures to reduce GHG emission in agriculture at Goalpara, Tezpur, Karbi Anglong, North Garo Hills, Kumarikata and Boko since agriculture produces a substantial amount of greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute 30 per cent of total greenhouse gas emissions, mainly due to the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and animal wastes. This rate is bound to further rise as a result of an increase in the demand for food by a growing global population, the stronger demand for dairy and meat products, and the intensification of agricultural practices. On the other hand, these greenhouses gases include nitrous oxide (N_2O), carbon dioxide (CO_2) and methane (CH_4), which all contributes to climate change and global warming and thereby have a profound impact on the sustainability of agricultural production systems. This does not yet take into account the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the use of pesticide, the environmental cost of which is largely unrecognized.

In addition to its potential to reduce GHG emissions, agriculture is the only sector that has the capacity to remove GHGs safely and cost-effectively from the atmosphere without reducing productivity. This includes enhancing biomass production; the application of low-cost plant growth regulators and bio-fertilizers; agricultural conservation practices (no till, application of manure and biochar); nitrogen fixation by leguminous crops; reduced pesticide use; crop rotation; and mixed crop-livestock production. Agriculture has the potential to benefit from synergies between climate change adaptation and mitigation within the right enabling conditions. Enhancing the capacity of individuals and enriching the enabling environment in developing countries can simplify efforts to address climate change in agriculture. Efficient livestock production systems can significantly reduce GHG emissions and enhance sinks while increasing productivity. Conservation and improved management of peatlands reduces GHG emissions, maintains ecosystem services and helps communities adapt to climate change.



19. Horticulture Training and Promotion in Mendal

Bosco Reach Out conducted Horticulture Training and Promotion in Mendal under the project 'Training on Promotion of Horticulture Activities and Skill Training in the Hill District of East Garo Hills, Mendal, Meghalaya – India' supported by Don Bosco Mondo, Germany. The 26 second batch of trainees began their 2 months training from 25th October 2021 and successfully completed it on 23rd December 2021. Fr. Benny, Centre In-charge of Mendal did the inauguration of the training class. Mr. Prabhat KS (Trainer Horticulture), Mr. Salgira D Momin (Trainer cum Mobiliser), and Ms. Judish (Trainer cum Mobiliser) were the resource persons. The training content both theoretical and practical classes on horticulture, garden activities for propagation of plants, and seasonal vegetable cultivation.

Green house and poly house with working shed nursery has been established for the practical class. Seedling, sapling and grafting of horticulture crops (vegetables, floriculture, medicinal plants) are being as method of raising the nursery. Extra-Curricular Activities incorporated for the students:

Social Education-Functional English and Communication skills, Life Coping Skills-Personality Development, Interpersonal Relationship, and Meditation, Team Building-Relationship Training and Leadership Training, Computer Basics, Marketing Basics, and Resume Building. Other Course Activities Covered for Students: Forest Trekking Activities on ATC, Joropara Hills-Tree Plantation Drive on Hills, Hills Cleaning Drive, Forest Trekking, Forest Food, Bamboo Cups, Plantation Drive on Hills, and Stream Rejuvenation in the Hills of ATC; Nursery Activities - Bed Preparation, Sapling Collection, Stone Collection, Stem Cutting, Compost Collection, Top Soil Collection, Sand Collection, Flower/Crops/Medicinal/Bonsai Plantation, Seasonal Vegetable Cultivation, Poly Bag Records Maintenance, Garden Maintenance Activity, Mapping (Garo Maps and Other Soil Analysis Report Map of Garo Hills), Horticulture Crops Drawing, and Garden Tools Drawing; and Mind-Map Learnings -





14. Migrant Desk

Bosco Reach Out has initiated to extend its service for the migrants. Various activities had been conducted during the quarter of the year. BRO intent to initiate a remedial class for the migrant children living in the slums of Fancy Bazaar. On 16th November 2021 recreational activities like drawing competition, singing and dancing competition was conducted in the slums of Fancy Bazaar for the migrant children. Winners of the competition were awarded with special prize.

On 23rd November 2021 Ms. Jigyasha Kashyap (Project Coordinator of BRO) and Mr. Aphonse Mardi (Project Officer of BRO) distributed dustbins at B G Godown, Guwahati in the presence of Union Secretary of B G Godown to create awareness to use dustbin for throwing waste and avoid litter on the road side. More than 20 people including housewife, street vendors, truck drivers, students and children were present. On 29th November 2021 an interactive awareness programme was organised at Fancy Bazar Gate No. 3 with a motive to create the importance of child education amidst the migrants and build a friendly bond with them.

On 22nd December 2021, the migrant slum children joined the pre-Christmas celebration at BRO head office, Guwahati. They performed a beautiful dance which made them feel proud and boosted their moral support.





15. Pre-Christmas cum Advance New Year 2022 Celebration

On 22nd December 2021, BRO office gathered together to celebrate the Pre-Christmas and Advanced New Year 2022 at its head office in Guwahati. The joyful celebration was joined by distinguished guest from NABARD, Axis Bank, Federal Bank, Jal Jeevan Mission, Purbanchal Papers, Don Bosco School, St. Joseph's Co Cathedral, and Salesian Provincial House.

Fr. Damian Basumatary, Administrator of BRO welcomed all the dignitaries, invitees and staff. Followed by many performances: Christmas dance by Ural Basti children, group dance by Pratima and team from Fancy Bazaar of migrant desk project area, Christmas act by CARE staff, Christmas song by BRO Staff, Santali Dance by CARE Staff from Joypur, thank you note by CARE Staff, Adivasi Christmas dance by CARE Staff Lungsung Cluster, and Bodo Dance by Support staff. Fr. Basil Benny Plathottathil, Economist of Guwahati Province insighted the gathering with a cheerful Christmas message. Mr. Baiju N. Kurup, (CGM, NABARD Assam Regional Office) the chief guest in his speech mentioned the delight of being invited to the organisation's special occasion of Christmas celebration. Fr. Jayaprakash, the Executive Director of BRO greeted everyone with beautiful Christmas message and distributed Christmas gift, which made the celebration more enthusiastic. The short celebration ended with caking of the Christmas cake and sharing the joyful Christmas dinner.





16. Diwali Celebration

Bosco Reach Out celebrated the festival of light, Diwali on 4th November 2021 at its head office Guwahati. It was a joyful moment that brings us a sense of homeliness in the workplace. This year 2021, a short symbolic Diwali programme was organised with a beautiful rangoli lighted up with earthen diyas. Fr. Damian Basumatary (Administrator of BRO) welcomed everyone. The programme began with a prayer hymn followed by a significant lighting of the lamp by Fr. A. Jayaprakash (Executive Director), Fr. Damian Basumatary (Administrator of BRO), Mr. Prakash Borah (Consultant), Ms. Manashi Thakuria (Accountant), Ms. Monoshri (Support staff), and Mr. Protul (Chief Guest).

On this special occasion the chief guest shared and greeted the joy of Diwali. The staff sang Om jai Jagadish. Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director thanked the chief guest and all the BRO family members for organising the event. The programme ended with sharing of tea and Diwali sweets.





17. Farewell Programme for Fr. Raphael Cherukareth

On 18th October 2021 a short heartfelt farewell programme was organised for Fr. Raphael Cherukareth, the Associate Director of Bosco Reach Out on his transfer to Don Bosco Boko, Kamrup Rural, Assam. Fr. Damian Basumatary, Administrator of Bosco Reach Out welcomed the gathering and the BRO staff bid adieu to father with their song 'aadmi musafir hai'. Ms. Minku Das thanked father for providing a fatherly support in the service of marginalised people. A token of love was presented to father by the staff followed by a special song from Ms. Manashi Thakuria. Fr. A. Jayaprakash, the Executive Director of Bosco Reach Out delivered his thanksgiving address. He sincerely thanked father for his exemplary spiritual life and caring everyone living in the community. Fr. Raphael Cherukareth shared his field experiences and involvement in BRO. He also suggested insightful thought while working with the most down to earth level of the society in need.





18. Thanksgiving Day

On 13th November 2021 Bosco Reach Out organised a Thanksgiving Day to mark the Silver Jubilee, 25 years of religious profession life of Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO. On this occasion, his family members, Provincial Fr. Januarius Sangma, Vice Provincial Fr. Joseph Teron, Province Economer, Fr. Benny Alex, the companions of Fr. Jayaprakash, Fr. Amit Lakra, Fr. Maria Arul Anthuvan, Fr. Sebastian Edathumparambil and all his conferrers were present to celebrate the wonderful day. The religious thanksgiving mass celebration was followed by a short programme. The staff of BRO enthralled everyone with their magical performances.

“Dear Fr. Jayaprakash, today we celebrate your fidelity to God, your life of service. We celebrate God's goodness and His faithfulness, the anchor of your priestly life. God saw your availability to be his holy hands, his feet, his voice to the voiceless, His love to the distorted.”- BRO staff.



CGM NABARD visits Bosco Reach Out



Jal Jeevan Mission Staff Orientation

