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Safe World Festival 2016

DRCSC has organised Safe World Festival on 26 –27 Nov 2016 at Tarun Sangha Club premises. (A place aside to DRCSC office). Presence of a number of personalities of repute have graced the occasion. A lot of community people and outside enthusiasts took the fair exposure. The festival was inaugurated by Mr. Tapan Chakraborty Officer-in-Charge of Kasba P.S., also KMC dignitaries, Mr. Ardhendu S Chatterjee Secretary of DRCSC and others also grace the occasion. Different organisations have participated with their various organic products.

Photo Gallery
North-East Seed Biodiversity Festival cum Workshop - 2017

The programme was organised at Bhagat Singh Yuva Abash, Agartala on 29-30 January, 2017. Organisers were DRCSC, Kolkata, Centre for Research on Rain Fed Farming and Dry-land agriculture, Tripura, PROMASS, Agartala., and collaborated by Tripura biodiversity board. The chief guest was Sri Pabitra Kar, Dy speaker Tripura Assembly and the key-note address was delivered by Dr. Autal Kr Gupta, member Secretary Tripura biodiversity board, followed by a lecture by Sri Ardhendu Sekhar Chatterjee, Secretary DRCSC on seed biodiversity concept and its importance. The programme was participated by seed savers form 3 states - Assam, Manipur, Tripura. Representative from institutions like CFLE, Agartala, ICAR, Lembuchera, College of Agriculture, Tripura, Tripura Central University. A network named North-East Biodiversity Network was formed from the forum of the meeting.
“The fresh chemical-free vegetables grown at home reduces family’s carbon footprint, a core issue in global warming.”
DRCSC participation with Safe Food Stall at Dumdum Mela, Shurer Math, Dumdum, Kolkata. 18 Dec 2016 to 8 Jan 2017

Awareness Camp on Safe Food & Urban Farming at Jagabandhu Girls’ School, Kolkata, on 24 Jan 2017
Kolkata Book Fair 25 Jan - 5 February 2017

Photo Gallery

Mr. Purnendu Basu, Hon’ble minister in charge, Dept. of Agriculture at DRCSC stall
promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children’s welfare. DRCSC organized a two days programme on CRC in our project area, Chaital GP of Minakhan Block for celebrating child rights for mass awareness. First day the programme was started with a rally. They were led by a tableau where different posters were showing child protection and child Rights issues. The rally was organized to reach common people and make them aware on child protection issues directly through children.

United Nations “Convention on the Rights of Children Week” was adopted in 1954 and is celebrated on November 14 - 20 each year to celebrate child rights for mass awareness.

The programme was inaugurated by an honourable guest. Others social activists were present to make the programme successful. Then an inaugural song was performed by the teachers / facilitators to give a smooth start of the programme. Honourable guests gave some inspiring speeches for children.

There were 10 stalls in the programme; exhibited different pieces and products, made by students of our ESCs. There were different TLM (Teaching Learning Materials), Chart Posters on Child Right, Child Protection issues, Science Models, Geographical Models and all others. There were other two stalls on Health and Hygiene and CHILD LINE. Cultural programmes were staged by the children. Some of them performed recitations, dances beautifully.
Second day the programme started on 12 p.m. 12 to 14 school teachers from different schools including Chaitol Palli-Mangal School of surrounding villages came to the programme. They gave some inspirational speech for the children. They also encourage all staff of DRCSC for further steps in favour of protection of child rights. They promised to come forward for the children through the education. There was a session where some representative of CHILD LINE shared their experiences which was highly motivating for the children. They also said that children easily contact directly to the CHILD LINE if they need. In the 2nd day also children were performed cultural programmes.. There were a folk dance, many recitations and songs which were performed by children.

Finally “ANTHEM”, a Drama Group performed a Puppet Show, named “KHELA BONAM KHELA” for the children. Where the message of immense possibility of outdoor games were exposed.

Convention on the Rights of Children Week

Rights of Children Week...
A Training Report on the screening process of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)

Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM). Though ICDS provides double food-ration for malnourished children under 5 years, this has neither yield the desired result nor enable to have adequate follow-up to respective children. Therefore, guideline have issued for identifying malnourished children for 5 years by weight for age criterion, by weight for height criterion and by presentation of bilateral pitting edema and to take social care and supervised feeding of such children. Most of the children of our project area are suffering from malnutrition.

With the collaboration of Save the Children DRCSC organised an orientation workshop for 3 days regarding Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAL) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) with Anganwadi workers. One of the key actions of ICDS centres to track and monitor malnutrition among children under age of 6. At the beginning a brief introduction was given by Mr. Samiran Adhikary, Project coordinator of Urban DRR, DRCSC. Thereafter, that Debodrita Sengupta, Program Coordinator of DRR, Save the Children added words on importance to assess.
One of the core objectives of the project is to strengthen and increase capacity of the CPC groups for ensuring Child rights in the Brick Kiln and Surrounding villages as well as in Chaital GP. The exposure visit will contribute to more empowerment of the CPC members and to raise more bold words in front of further child assaults.

**Place and Organisation of Exposure**

Kajla Janakalyan Samity in Kanthi, Purba Medinipore, WB. KJKS is working in Kanthi for more than 15 years with children and community for ensuring child rights and child protection.

**Visited locations:**
- KJKS organization.
- Children’s Home- Tapoban
- Gopal Chawk Village
- Women Police Station (Child-friendly Corner), Kanthi

**Learning from this visit:**
The major learning from this visit is how the implementing organization facilitates and collaborates with Gram Panchayat to execute the project activities smoothly.

“...in serving the best interests of children, we serve the best interests of all humanity”
Crop advisory SMS service

Weather forecast and crop advisory SMS service are providing by DRCSC from Kasipur Block of Purulia and Chatna Block of Bankura district. 6 Nos automated weather stations (10 sq. km range) have been installed for this purpose. Farmers’ of said area may register their names and mobile Nos to get this important service.

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Green College Initiative -
Developing Green Entrepreneurship in Tribal Areas of Purulia, West Bengal

Subjects will be taught:
1. Pond base agriculture
2. Land-base agriculture
3. NTFP base livelihood
4. Animal Rearing & Health
5. Agro processing

Eligibility: Age: 18-35 years Min academics: Class VIII standard.
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