

SASAC –SOJASI NEWS

MAJOR EVENTS OF 2021

1. Training programs for women:

Along with its normal farming related activities, SASAC concentrated on various training programs with regard to skill development, self-employment and income generation. SASAC organized a training program for five residential days (Starting from 18 January to 22 January 2021) in collaboration with the District Rural Development Cell (DRDC) of Jalpaiguri for 30 women. Another such five-day residential training program was conducted for 64 women from the surrounding areas of Dhupguri and Mainaguri from 27 September to 1 October. They were trained in agriculture, animal husbandry, poultry, piggery, bee keeping, floriculture, ginger cultivation, pickle making, jam making, etc.



2. Inauguration of the ASHA TRAINING PROGRAMS at SASAC-Woodcot, Kurseong.

On 27 October 2021 ASASAC-Woodcot initiated and inaugurated the ASHA TRAINING PROGRAM. This training program is an integral part of the National Health Mission which is implemented by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal. The main objective of the program is to improve health and hygiene of the nation and by doing so decrease the mortality rate and increase the life expectancy. This is an important measure taken by the Government to make the nation strong and healthy. This program is a major collaboration with the Government for women's empowerment and social transformation. By December 2021 SASAC would train 180 women from the rural areas of the Darjeeling hills.



3. Distribution of livestock:



As a part of our commitment to the local society, SASAC helped several farmers to procure good quality of livestock, especially pigs and chicken. More and more farmers are approaching SASAC for training, guidance and procurement of the livestock. SASAC is making all efforts to help the needy farmers. Plans are afoot to expand this in the coming months.

4. Morning Star Home:



completed before Christmas. A Big Thank You to Mr Ben!

The ground floor of the Morning Star Home has a grand, new look. The dilapidated washrooms, doors, windows and kitchen are being replaced. A spacious, modern kitchen, dining room and study hall are come up, along with bright and clean dormitories for the girls. The Morning Star Family is touched by the kindness and support of Mr Ben Hauchhausen who readily agreed to bear the cost of all these repairs and rebuilding with all the necessary furniture. The refurbishment will be

Ms Ichha Chhetri and Ms Kareena Rai completed their Higher Secondary course successfully and left the Morning Star Home to take up further studies/ job. Ms Eden Ruth Sherpa took admission in the Nursing School in Gayaganga. While the senior students are now attending the in-person classes, the others are continuing with their online classes. They are all waiting for their final examinations. Ms Cecilia was hospitalized for a while. She recovered fully after some time. Mr Prabin Singh had to undergo a surgery. Now he is recuperating. We are grateful to CJI for the constant support to the education of the deserving girls of Morning Star Home.



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