

BEST PRACTICE-I

- 1. Title of the Practice: Improving the Educational Ecosystem of the Neighbouring Community.
- 2. Goal: The objective of this practice are to:
 - Improve the quality to education in the neighbouring schools whereby there is a deficit of teachers.
 - Encourage the students in those schools to pursue higher education in different fields.
 - Create a congenial academic atmosphere.
 - To help the teachers of the College understand the ground reality of the schools from which their students pass out to pursue higher education in Tingkhong College.
 - Enhance students' involvement in teaching-learning and co-curricular activities.
- **3.** The Context : An educational institute cannot operate in isolation. In order to be truly successful, it should also work towards the upliftment of the educational institutes that are situated in its neighboring areas. Being situated in a remote location, Tingkhong College shares the responsibility of uplifting the schools in the surrounding areas by providing classes that help them to aspire for higher studies and also provide these students with all the necessary career guidance.
- 4. The Practice: The faculties provide educational assistance to the students of the neighbouring schools from time to time. Different wings of the College like the NSS and Women Studies Cell as well as different departments take initiatives on the occasion of different events like World Environment Day etc by organizing competitions and functions. From time to time, the teachers of the College take extra classes and counselling programs in the surrounding schools.
- 5. Evidence of Schools: The success of this practice is evident in a number of areas ranging from less drop out ratio to higher rate of enrollment in the higher studies. Further, the neighbouring schools have also performed well in Gunotsav (School Evaluation). The students have also shown renewed interest in academic activities like taking part in competitions and science exhibition that the College organizes from time to time.
- 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required: The following are the problems encountered in the implementation of the practice:
 - There is a higher percentage of absentee students in the schools that are predominantly situated in tea garden areas and the students are not aware about the need for regular attendance.
 - Overburdening of the faculties also lead to their inability in attending these practices that consume a lot of time and effort.

GLIMPSES OF THE PRACTICE



1. A seven-day NSS Special Camp for the year 2022-23 was inaugurated by NSS Unit, Tingkhong College on 22nd March, 2023 at the selected site Na-Sripuria M.E School, Na-Sripuria Village, Tingkhong. The programme was inaugurated in the presence of the school authorities, important members of the local community and local administration and member of the NSS advisory committee. A total number of 28 volunteers were present during the first day of the camp. After lunch, an awareness rally was carried out on this day throughout the village. This was also followed by a socio-economic survey. Finally, some volunteers also engaged in cleaning of the school campus.







2. On the second day of the special camp, 23nd March, 2023, volunteers were engaged in making bamboo dustbins to be installed in the school campus and the village "namghar" (prayer hall)



3. On 24th March, 2023, the third day of the special camp began with volunteers doing exercise and yoga in the school yard. The volunteers then had breakfast and got ready for the day's activities that consisted of an art competition and singing workshop for the childrens of the village. The bamboo craft work also continued in the third day of the camp. Volunteers also prepared a signboard to be installed in the adopted village with concrete. The volunteers painted the signboard for the final installation.





4. The fourth day an announcement was carried out through the adopted village early in the morning about a dental health check-up camp that was going to be organized as the first activity of the day. The dental health check-up camp was set up carried out by Dr.Jibesh Das (Dentist) from Moran in the school premises itself. Numerous villagers and volunteers got their teeth checked during the check-up camp. Simultaneously, some volunteers also prepared the concrete and installed the signboard at a selected spot and readied it for inauguration.





5. The fifth day of the camp turned out to be a rainy day and there was some improvisation done to the schedule of the camp. The volunteers had breakfast and began the day. Various indoor and outdoor games competitions were organized by the volunteers involving many groups of children from around the locality. Some of these games were music chair, running race, Kabaddi, "Hit- the-pot", etc. After these games and the lunch, some volunteers were involved in plantation within the school compound.





The sixth day of the camp was packed with a busy schedule of mostly awareness programmes and activities involving the volunteers and the villagers around a variety of topics. There was an awareness session on "Mother and Child Care" with special focus on nutrition delivered Mrs.Narmada Das, supervisor, ICDS, Rajgarh; this was followed by an awareness session on human rights awareness and civil responsibilities by Mr.Himangshu Bailung, State Officer, ADRA, India; finally, there was also an awareness cum training programme on mushroom cultivation by a prominent farmer Mr. Chandra Mohan Saikia. Simultaneously, some volunteers also prepared a vermin-compost plant crafted from bamboo and under the guidance of Mr.Saikia and NYKS Dibrugarh project coordinator, Mr.Bibek Gogoi.



Mrs.Narmada Das, supervisor, ICDS, Rajgarh delivering her speech.



Mr. Himangshu Bailung, State Officer, ADRA, India during his session.

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Mushroom cultivator, Mr. Chandra Mohan Saikia providing training to the audience about mushroom cultivation.



Volunteers preparing a bamboo vermin-compost plant. Volunteers painting the main gate of the school.

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The final day of the special camp the painting of the boundary wall in front of the school was completed. Volunteers also prepared a wall magazine from the previous day and successfully inaugurated it inside the school building. The wall magazine was inaugurated in the presence of villagers, children and some distinguished community members to make it a success. Volunteers explained the theme, and art and craft work they did on the wall magazine. The programme was also interspersed with speeches by various audience members and guest present on the significance of such camps and practice-based learning that social work can teach students.



Cultural functions during the closing ceremony.



Inauguration of wall magazine of the special camp.



Speech by local community members.

Prize distribution ceremony.



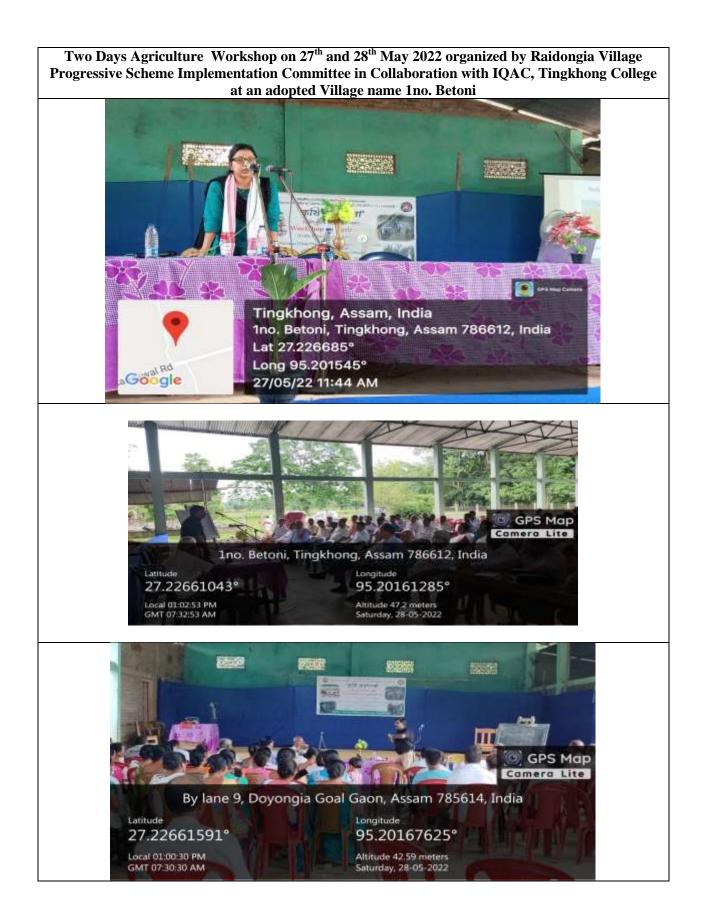
Tingkhong College NSS Unit donating furniture and sports material to Na-Sripuria M.E School.



The village community felicitating the Tingkhong College NSS Unit.

SOME MORE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS:

- i) Fixing switch board for making water pump connection functional.
- ii) Installing bamboo garbage bins at the village Namghar (Prayer hall)
- iii) Cleaning the surroundings of the village Namghar (Prayer hall)





Awareness Programme entitled "Gender Sensitization and Need for Self-Defense for Girls" organised by NSS Unit Tingkhong College on 24th September, 2022



