

Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from APPL Foundation!

Welcome to the last newsletter of this year! It has been a fruitful year throughout which we have continued to engage around stories of the beginning of transformation, steps to build impact and achievement of our initiatives. We end this year with a sense of fulfillment of our promises made to our associate communities and begin the year ahead with a stronger commitment to continue our journey of progress.

On the last leg of this year's journey we leave you with stories which mirror what we stand for. We look towards your continuous enthusiastic readership in the coming days.

Happy reading!

PLEDGE TO ERRADICATE TB

APPL Foundation and Hewlett Packard (India) Software Operation Private Limited (HPISO) have signed an MoU to upgrade the eHealthcare units at Damdim (West Bengal), Powai, Namroop, Kellyden, Hathikuli and facilitate TB screening. The programme intends to screen 15000 probable patients and link them towards curative procedures.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Dhiraj Kakati, Managing Trustee, APPL Foundation and Mr. Sushil Batla, Head CSR Hewlett Packard Enterprise India.



APPL FOUNDATION AT A CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY UN FOUNDATION – TATA TRUST

Dr. Purnananda Khaund and Mr. Jatin Bavishi represented APPL Foundation at the recently concluded UN Foundation-Tata Trusts Conference on Workplace Women's Health & Empowerment in Agriculture Sector. The Conference was attended by global brands, Tea Producers, Industry Experts as well as NGO's/Social Enterprises amongst others.

Dr. Khaund gave a glimpse into the activities of APPL Foundation in the healthcare sector, particularly in the field of Fungal Infections, Nutrition, Technological Innovations and Family Planning. The interventions were well received by one and all, and we expect to scale up the scope of our activities through these partnerships.

In a follow up informal meeting with the organizations, the way forward was discussed. It was accepted to extending the scope of the health interventions from pilots to industry-wide long term projects, as well as developing a white paper for persuading Government Agencies.



OUR CHAIRMAN MR. RANJIT BARTHAKUR, RECIPIENT OF ACHIEVER AWARDS FOR CORPORATE EXCELLENCE



Our Chairman, Ranjit Barthakur has been honored with the Achiever Awards for Corporate Excellence by Partidin Group at a ceremony in Guwahati. The award was conferred to him by His Excellency Professor Jagdish Mukhi, Honorable Governor of Assam in presence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Honorable Chief Minister of Assam. Accepting his award for corporate excellence, Ranjit Barthakur said, "I accept this award on behalf of all the people with whom I work and strive to make a better and happier day - jointly and individually. It is only through interdependence that such achievements are possible and it is through this concept that I have always filtered my work ethos. Such recognition must really be dedicated to all the people who work through every struggle and make dreams happen!"

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME AT RHRC, CHUBWA

In a unique intervention, Assam Cancer Care Foundation (An initiative of Govt. of Assam & Tata Trusts) has started a first of its kind the Community Outreach Programme (Screening and Awareness of common Non-communicable diseases) at RHRC, Chubwa. Under this programme people between the age group of 30- 65 years of age will be screened for hypertension, diabetes mellitus and commons cancer- oral, breast, and cervical.

During the launch of the initiative total 60 beneficiaries were screened from the tea garden areas out of which 22 were male and 38 were female. During the first day itself, 4 suspected cases of oral cancer was found through the Oral Visual Examination, 2 Breast Cancer suspected cases found through Clinical Breast Examination and 20 hypertension and 14 diabetes mellitus cases by the dedicated and professional public health medical team of Assam Cancer Care Foundation.



OUR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AWARDED

The Tea Garden Hospital of Nahorani which is also a SMART Hospital has been recognized as the National Health Mission Compliant Best Tea Garden Hospital. Nahartoli Tea Garden Hospital is just following behind as the Third Best Tea Garden Hospital.

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গাইলিট প্ৰজেক্টৰ অধীনত চাবুবা, নাহৰতলি আৰু বৰজন চাহ বাগিচাত চৰ্মৰোগ নিবাময়ৰ অভিযান চলি আছে। ইয়াৰ অধীনত চাহ বাগিচাৰ কৰ্মচাৰীসকলক চৰ্মৰোগৰ প্ৰতি সচেতন কৰাৰ লক্ষ্যৰে এই অভিযান চলাই যোৱা হৈছে।

Bid to check fungal infection among TE workers under way

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
DIBRUGARH, Nov 16: Amalgamated Plantations Private Limited (APPL) Foundation, a charitable trust promoted by Amalgamated Plantations Private Limited (APPL) with the support from Zorg van de Zaak Foundation, a Netherlands-based social enterprise, has undertaken a Fungal Free Frocks (3F) project at Nahartoli, Chabua and Borjan tea estates.
 APPL Foundation is implementing the project in two parts - preventive (to prevent fungal infections from happening) and curative (medical intervention to treat the infection once it has developed).
 The preventive activities will focus on creating awareness on the disease, provision of detergent, soap and pesticides. The treatment will involve provision of free ointment and oral medication. The project will be delivered through qualified medical staff of Amalgamated Plantations Private Limited (APPL), said officials from the Trust.
 Through the project, APPL Foundation along with Zorg van de Zaak Foundation seek to empower the communities engaged in the plantations by making them aware as well as develop a low-cost-high-impact model for the government and rest of the industry to follow.
 Under the project, during the last seven months or so, APPL Foundation conducted a survey amongst over 4,000 individuals, of which around 2,500 individuals were diagnosed with fungal infections.
 According to APPL Foundation, fungal infection is a largely hidden public health issue which is endemic particularly in the plantations. During monsoons, this can affect upto 70% of the women working in these tea estates.
 Despite the large incidence, it has been observed that most women do not seek medical help.
 Moreover, constant counselling is required to promote clean and hygienic living conditions. Multiple rounds of awareness sessions are being conducted among the workers. Medicine and ointment are also being provided to each of the affected individual to check the endemic infection, said the Foundation officials.

With the Fungal Free Frocks (3F) initiative being rolled out in Chubwa, Nahartoli and Borjan Tea Estates and displaying some commendable success stories, our efforts were highlighted in the local dailies as well.

APPL Foundation spreads warmth of love and care this winter season. This new year let's adopt sustainable practices for a greener 2020!



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