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OPINION

As a Goan Bura, I have witnessed the positive impact of Citizens Foundation's initiatives on our community. Improvements, such as school and healthcare refurbishments and solar lighting, have enhanced our quality of life and provided us with knowledge to sustain these advancements. The inclusive approach fosters responsibility and pride, instilling hope for a brighter, sustainable future for our village and future generations.

Shri Nabam Ama

Gaon Bura (Village Head),
Balapu Village Gangte Panchayat



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



As we step into November, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful progress we've made together this year. This month, we continue to deepen our commitment to our mission and express profound gratitude for your steadfast support. November often brings a sense of reflection and community, and it reminds us of the incredible power of unity in driving positive change. In this spirit, I am excited to share updates on our latest initiatives, upcoming events, and inspiring stories that highlight the impact your contributions make possible. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to build a brighter, more equitable future.

Mr. Ganesh Reddy

Secretary Cum CEO

WALKATHON FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION



The 10 KM Jharkhand Walkathon, organized by the Forest Department of Jharkhand in collaboration with Tata Steel and Citizens Foundation, was inaugurated by Shri Aboobacker Siddique, IAS, the Secretary of Forest, Environment & Climate of the Government of Jharkhand. This event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 2,000 individuals, all united in their efforts to promote awareness about wildlife conservation.

SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE



An awareness session was conducted by Citizens Foundation in Sarna village, Bhojpur, Bihar under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, supported by SBI Foundation's Sanjeevani program. The event aimed to educate



students, Anganwadi workers, and ASHA workers on Cleanliness and Hygiene. Sanitation materials, including wet and dry waste bins, lime and bleaching powder mix, and soap, were distributed. Lime and bleaching powder were also applied in waterlogged areas to address water stagnation and control spread of infectious diseases like dengue and malaria.

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The Half-Yearly Review Meeting for the Eastern Zone partners of the IVDP program under LTI Mindtree Ltd was hosted by Citizens Foundation.

Day 1 was marked by enthusiasm as representatives from seven partner NGOs gathered to share the progress and valuable learnings for greater impact. This exchange of knowledge aimed to drive innovation and progress within the IVDP program.

Day 2 included an exposure visit to Citizens Foundation's project sites at Karra block. 10 deserving students were awarded with scholarships at the Community Agriculture Centre followed by visits to significant agricultural and digital initiatives. The day concluded with a plantation drive and a recognition ceremony for LTI officials, Mr. Amlan Biswas and Mr. Jitender Ghangas, celebrating the collaborative efforts and achievements of all partners involved.

These activities underscore the collective commitment to community development and the positive impact of the IVDP program in the Eastern Zone.



AWARENESS ON BREAST CANCER



Citizens Foundation, as part of the AAROGYA Project in collaboration with ESL Steel Limited, organized an impactful breast cancer awareness program in the villages of Sialjori and Babugram in Bokaro. This initiative successfully engaged 94 women and Anganwadi workers, equipping them with essential knowledge about breast cancer.

Participants learned about the importance of prevention, recognizing symptoms, and the significance of early detection. To reinforce this vital message, attendees received pink ribbons and informative pamphlets, serving as tangible reminders of the fight against breast cancer.

INITIATING NEW CHAPTERS IN SIKKIM



Citizens Foundation, in collaboration with HDFC Bank Parivartan, proudly launched Project P0862 under the HRDP-SIMANA Sikkim initiative at the Rurban Community Complex in Pakyong. This significant event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the Zilla Upadhyaksha of Pakyong District and the Additional District Collector, who shared their support for this transformative project. With a vision to drive holistic rural development, Project #P0862 aims to address the diverse needs of the community across various intervention areas in Sikkim.



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Dr. Andrew Fleming, the British Deputy High Commissioner to Kolkata, recently visited Ranchi, where he was warmly welcomed by Mr. Ganesh Reddy, founder of Citizens Foundation. The two engaged in an insightful discussion on various development issues, focusing on shared goals between the UK and Jharkhand. Their dialogue underscored opportunities for collaborative partnerships to strengthen the region's social and economic conditions.

CASE STUDY



THE DIGITAL LEARNING CENTRE IN SAGALEE

Overview:

The Digital Learning Centre in Sagalee, established by Citizens Foundation with the support of HDFC Bank Parivartan, under the project Holistic Rural Development. This Digital Learning Centre is the only facility in the area dedicated to computer education. Equipped with 5 computers, a projector, and an inverter, the centre provides essential technology training to local residents for a nominal fee of 100 INR per student. This facility aims to bridge the digital divide by offering basic computer skills training to both students and elderly residents.



Impact:

The centre has successfully trained 10 students, who have completed the program with a complete understanding of basic computer functions. Students have learned to use Microsoft Word and Excel, gaining skills that are valuable for both academic and personal use. This knowledge includes creating and formatting documents, as well as managing and analysing data in spreadsheets.

Additionally, the centre has provided computer training to elderly women who previously had no experience with digital technology. This training has enabled them to perform essential tasks such as browsing the internet, managing emails, and using online services, thereby enhancing their ability to stay connected and access information.



Beneficiary Testimonial

“ I didn't know how to use a computer before, but now I can handle basic tasks and stay in touch with my family. Thanks to Citizens Foundation and HDFC Bank Parivartan.

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