OPINION

The dedication and commitment of Citizens Foundation in North East region is commendable. Wishing them all the best.

Mr. Lok Ranjan (IAS),
Secretary, Ministry of Development of North East Region,
Government of India

FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK

I hope this message finds you filled with good wishes and positive energy! It is indeed a proud moment for Indians as India will be hosting the G20 Summit in September this year. India’s contribution will be crucial in global dialogues on the most pressing issues. Citizens Foundation is also delighted to be a part of C20, which is one of the official engagement groups of G20. These platforms will be important to help create consensus and cooperation between governments, business leaders, and civil society representatives for better policies and solutions that can help people around the world. It is also a good opportunity to epitomize the art, culture & heritage of India to prevent it from disappearing in future.

This month on World Women’s Day, we will celebrate the incredible contributions of women in making the world a better place. Let us use the combined power of the C20 and G20 to create a more equitable and sustainable world for all.

Mr. Ganesh Reddy
Secretary Cum CEO
Citizens Foundation completed 26 years of its inception and the organization took this opportunity to reflect on its journey and celebrate the accomplishments. The organization engaged with the community to build a better society by making people self-reliant. In the process Citizens Foundation was enriched with learning from the community while transferring its expertise for their service. Citizens Foundation recognizes and is obliged for the hard work of all the volunteers, Partners, staff who have been part of this organization in the past 26 years. Citizens Foundation will continue with its sincere effort for positive impact in the lives of community across the country.

The Foundation Day was celebrated across the locations where Team HRDP Assam organized a plantation drive along with a football match whereas Team HRDP Sikkim organized an eye camp for free eye screening test and routine health check-up.

BIDDING ADIEU TO THE GOVERNOR OF JHARKHAND

Bidding Adieu to the Honorable Governor of Jharkhand, Shri Ramesh Bai Ji. Citizens Foundation pays humble gratitude to his contribution in the development of state. We wish him all the best in future endeavors.

GEARING UP FOR G20 INDIA, CF ORGANIZES C20 CHAUPAL ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Citizens Foundation, is organizing C20 Chaupals to encourage community participation and dialogue on various social issues to form recommendations for the upcoming G20 India Summit. So far, five Chaupals have been organized in Gumla, Jharkhand, Silchar, Assam, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, Sivasagar and Jorhat Assam in the project locations. The focus of the Chaupals is to discuss and identify the most pressing social issues in India, and to come up with solutions and recommendations to address them. The Chaupals have been highly successful in engaging with the local community. The discussions and recommendations from the Chaupals will be highly...
valuable to the G20 India Summit and will help shape policies that can contribute towards a more equitable and sustainable India. Citizens Foundation will be organizing more Chaupals in the coming weeks to ensure that the issues of the most vulnerable are voiced to serve the worthwhile success of G20 India Summit.

VISIT TO VEDANTA PROJECT AREAS IN BOKARO

Shri Navin Agarwal ji, Vice Chairman Vedanta Resources Limited, was briefed by Mr. Ganesh Reddy, CEO of Citizens Foundation, about the development programs in Bokaro and the implementation of Vedanta CSR initiatives by Citizens Foundation.

TEAM CITIZENS FOUNDATION FELICITATED BY SIKKIM GOVERNMENT

Citizens Foundation was felicitated by Sri D.T Lepcha from the Government of Sikkim in presence of Ms Anupa Tamling, Hon’ble MLA, Gnathang Machong, and ADC Pakyong district for promoting tourism in Sikkim through construction of Eco Tourism Homestay at Pakyong supported by HDFC Bank Parivartan which was inaugurated by him.

Shri Ganesh Reddy also visited Dhandabar PHC managed by Citizens Foundation under CSR project Aarogya of ESL Steel Limited. The Health Centre and MMU Mobile Medical Unit is facilitating access to health services to 27 villages in Bokaro.
In collaboration with Poshan Abhiyan and Citizens Foundation, the District Social Welfare Department, Sivasagar, Assam organised a Growth Monitoring Training. The training focused on the importance of monitoring the growth of children & demonstration of Poshan Tracker Application, facilitated by resource person from Citizens Foundation & Social welfare department. 140 participants from Poshan Team, AWW Supervisors and AWW across the district attended the training.

CASE STUDY

Government Primary School, Tokchi (Safung village) and Government Primary Schools (Taza, Amba GPU) were in urgent need for renovation and supply of essentials for dissemination of quality education to students and was urgently demanded by the school authority, local area MLAs and representatives. HRDP Sikkim Citizens Foundation supported by HDFC Parivartan came up with the initiative of Value addition/Upgradation of school infrastructure for third year in these two villages.

HRDP Sikkim Citizens Foundation has been rigorously working in the development sector, making people self-reliant and self-sufficient. Under the support of HDFC Bank Parivartan, Citizens Foundation has implemented certain activities in the Project area of Pakyong, Sikkim under Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP). Value Addition and Upgradation of Schools (Higher Grades) is one of the activities being implemented in Project Villages in the 1st and 2nd year. The activity facilitates the community in renovating and upgrading the schools' infrastructure along with Mural and Wall paintings for value addition. 2 schools have been identified for second year namely Government Primary School, Tokchi, Safung, Linkey Parkha GPU and Government Primary School, Taza, Amba GPU. The renovation of Tokchi school has been completed & is ongoing at Taza, Amba GPU.

Intervention & Impact

A key initiative by the Holistic Rural Development Programme supported by HDFC Parivartan, initiated by renovating the schools building followed by painting infographics and mural paintings (alphabets and literature on wall).

Introducing the children to upgraded infrastructure for quality education and updating them with modern ways of learning along with renovated and facilitating infrastructure.