

REPORT ON SHARING MELA CUM DISTRICT LEVEL MEETING

Sharing Mela was conducted on the 6th of September 2011 by JHDS In collaboration with the people's right Forum, Shillong. The aim of the Mela was to share with the general public about the various schemes, grants, benefits etc from different government departments, since many people in the interior village of the district are still not well aware about the various benefits that they can avail from the government and hence they are deprived of their rights.

The place selected was Namdong village one of the interior village bordering with Assam and it was a local market day where people from nearby village also were present. There were various govt officials who participate on this day. Some of the important departments were:-

- (1) Health department.
- (2) Soil Department.
- (3) Block Development Officer.
- (4) District Industries Commission.
- (5) Agriculture Department.
- (6) KVIC.

There were also local leaders, headman, NGOs etc who attended the mela. The meeting was chaired by the program officer of JHDS Shri. Danny Shadap. The mela started with a welcome address to all the official by Rev. Fr. Martin Shylla, parish priest of Namdong Parish and followed directly with a sharing from the Health Department. Dr. J.V Shullai represented the department where she brief all the scheme benefit from the department like JSY, referral, VHSC, village nutrition day etc.

The next sharing was from soil Department where Mr. E. Laloo represented the department, some of the schemes that he share were , IWMP i.e. Integrated watershed Management program, livelihood program of Rs, 25000, IWDP, AIBP, RIDF etc. he also inform that they used to provide power-tiller and shulis to the farmer,

The third department was the ICDS (Integrated Child Development Scheme) where Mrs. E. Pyrtuh represented the department. Some of the benefits in this schemes that she mention were:-

- a) Supplementary Nutrition.
- b) Pre-school program.
- c) Immunization program.

d) Referral service etc.

Mrs. Pyrtuh also mentions that the scheme use to give / sponsored a house / center to a village but the land have to be donated by the village.

The next department was the Block Development Office where Mrs .Susngi represented the department. Some of the scheme he mention were as followed,

- a) Old age pension.
- b) IGNWPS which is the scheme related to the widow of Rs. 200 pm.
- c) IAY (Indira Awas Yojana).
- d) NREGA and
- e) SGSY scheme.

The fifth department was the DIC were MR. I. Z wreang, Manager DIC was the resource person. Some of the schemes that he shares with regards to his department were:-

- Training for the youth above 18yrs.
- Schemes after the training which include loans, grant and local contribution up to
Rs.50, 000, 00.
- Prime Minister employment Program (35% in rural area 20% in urban).

The last department was the Agriculture departments were Mr. C. Najir represented the department, some of the benefit s that he mentions from his department were:-

- Distribution of rice grain through various training under rice development scheme.
- Improvement of paddy field @ 4000 per hectare.
- Land development scheme.
- Maize development scheme (hybrid variety)

→Fertilizers, manure etc.

The Mela was concluded at around 4:00 pm with a vote of thanks from Mr. Jimmy Raul Kharmuti, Project Coordinator of JHDS followed with a lunch break



