

Awareness Generation on Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

Venue: Achugre Village

Dated: 16th December 2014

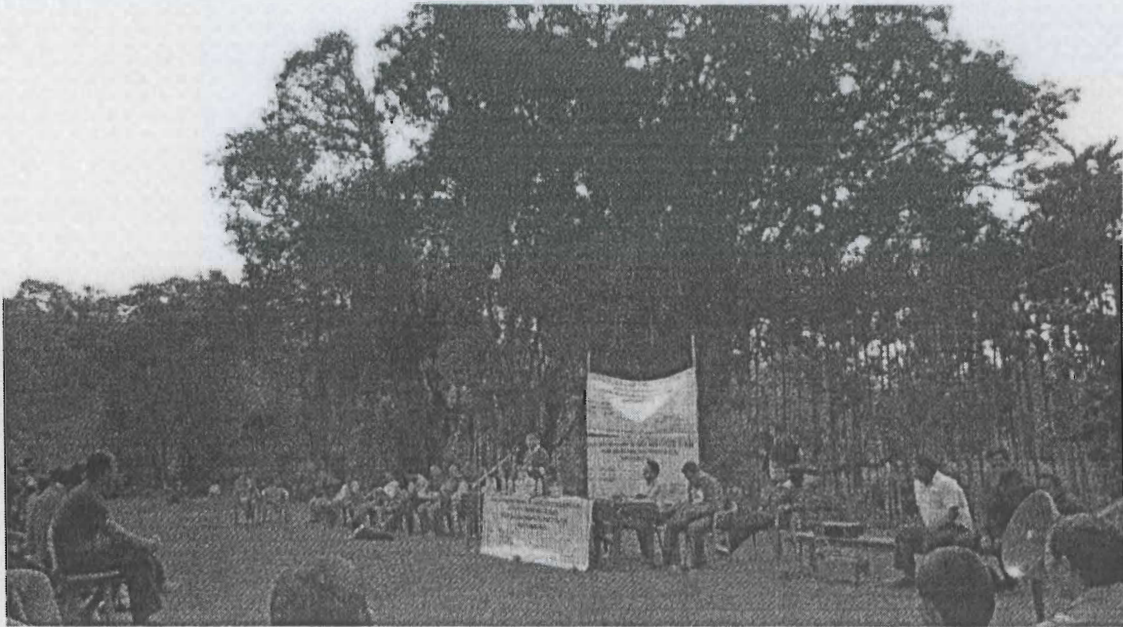
An awareness program on Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), was held in Achugre Village on the 16th of December, 2014, at Achugre School playground. The awareness program was attended by the people of Achugre village and the people from adjoining villages namely Lower Wakso Nengsa, Kimbildam, Dingok Apal, Chirongban, Wakso Songital and Wakso Akingre. Other participants included the Project Director, DRDA, North Garo Hills and the Block Development Officer, Resubelpara Dev. Block and representatives of various line departments. List of participants is enclosed in Annexure-I.



The awareness program was facilitated by the Block Dev. Officer, Resubelpara Dev. Block. During the welcome address the BDO, welcomed all the members present and mentioned the purpose of the gathering and briefly highlighted about the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) to the villages and the benefits that SAGY would bring to the people of the villages in the long run. The BDO invited the Project Director, DRDA, to speak about SAGY to the villagers.

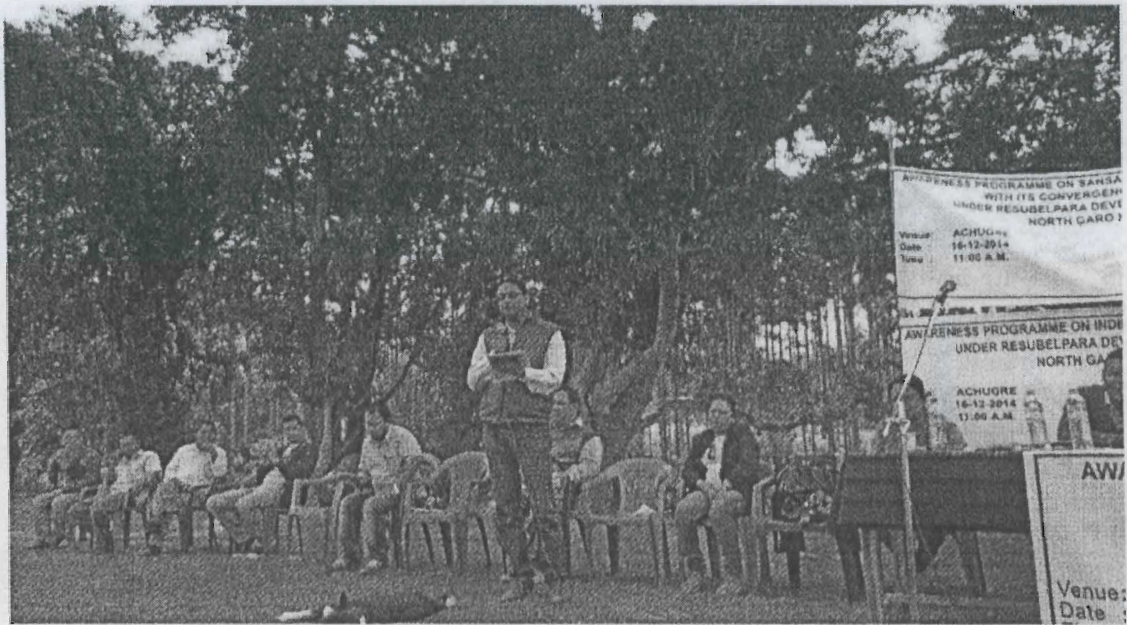


The Project Director informed the people that SAGY is a new Scheme by the new Government, which aims at holistic development of a village by empowering the villagers to make choices wherein opportunities would be created for the villagers to exercise their choices. The Project Director informed the people that in their case it was Shri. P.A.Sangma the Honb'le Member of Parliament for 2-Tura Constituency, who had selected the villages for the implementation of SAGY. He informed the people that as per the guidelines of SAGY, the minimum population size of the village had to be 1000-3000 in hilly, tribal and difficult areas. Therefore, in order to meet this criteria, Achugre village along with the adjoining villages viz. Lower Wakso Nengsa, Kimbildam, Dingok Apal, Chirongban, Wakso Songgital and Wakso Akimgre are being identified for the implementation of SAGY, which would have a combined population size of 1428. The Project Director stated that the concerned BDO would be made responsible for conduct of baseline assessment of the villages to identify details of the existing scenario in different areas of development and the villagers were requested to co-operate in this regard. Finally, the Project Director, stated that SAGY also aims at imparting and instilling certain values in the villages and the people, whereby they get transformed into role models and become a benchmark for others to follow. Therefore, in order to set such a benchmark, the villagers would have to have a shared vision of development, by utilising their capacities and available resources to the best extent possible and work toward attaining that shared vision of development.

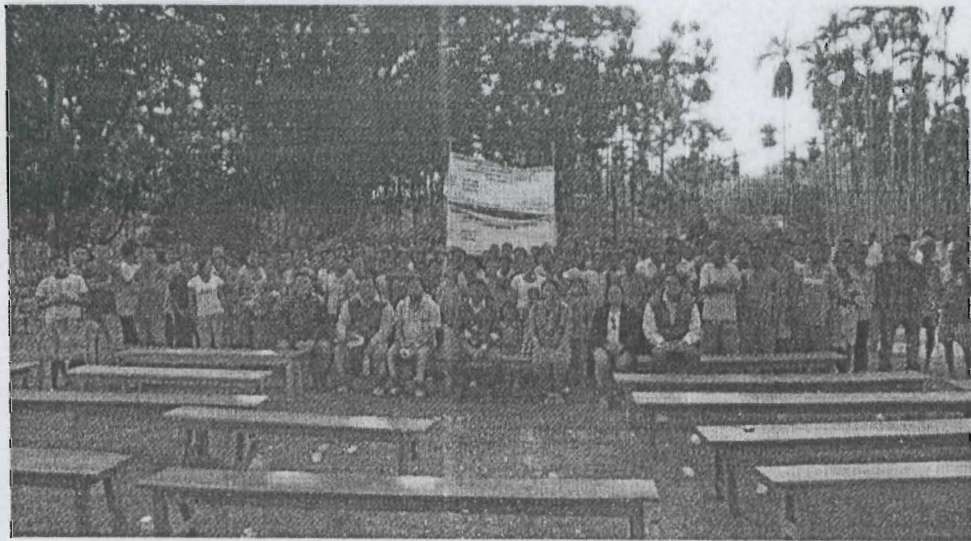


The BDO Resubelpara also pointed out that SAGY envisages a village which would be self-sufficient in terms of personal, human, economic and social development. The BDO also mentioned that in the near future various forms of activities would be undertaken in the villages in order to mobilize the villagers and to bring about a positive common course of action.

The representative of the Education Department, highlighted that in the envisioned model village, necessary support from the Education Department would be rendered and incorporated as per the gap analysis. The type of school and knowledge required could be facilitated by their department. The representative also urged the School Managing Committee at the village level to monitor and oversee the functioning of schools in the villages, so as to ensure that quality education is imparted to the school going children.

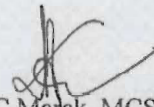


The representative from the Horticulture department also informed that various development schemes like plantation, polyhouse, harvesting structures etc. would be planned and incorporated along with SAGY as per the requirement of the villages. The representative from the Agriculture department stated that in the agriculture sector needs assessment would be undertaken and various schemes which would improve the agriculture sector would be incorporated. Others representatives who were present during the awareness program were representation from PHE, Soil & Water Conservation and Fisheries Department.



The Project Director, also took the opportunity to generate awareness about other developmental Schemes such as National Family Benefit Scheme under NSAP, Indira Awaas Yojana and MGNREGS. The Project Director, informed the villagers about convergence programs which could be taken up in order to supplement schemes which has limited funding in terms of wage and material. He informed the villages that such schemes like Black topping of MGNREGS roads under BTRRS and PMGSY could be undertaken in order to create durable assets in the villages. The Project Director requested the villagers to take up such activities under MGNREGS, which would be easily sustainable and which would generate income for their livelihood. This was followed by an interaction between the villagers and the officials on various development programs and issues being faced by the villagers during implementation of projects.

The awareness program ended with a vote of thanks from the BDO Resubelpara, who once again requested the villagers to cooperate and work toward making the village a role model in all spheres of development for others to follow.



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