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Become AFNA member today. Your membership is what pays for our administrative expenses. As member you will have the opportunity to be a voting member of the organization, you also become one of the insiders who help to make 0% overhead to our donors possible.

Assam Foundation of North America

Newsletter: September, 2015

Where the Brahmaputra Meets the Mississippi - 2015

AFNA is happy to be part of the annual fundraising event 'Where the Brahmaputra meets the Mississippi' on September 19th at Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis. This annual event, representing the mighty river Brahmaputra and the majestic Mississippi, symbolizes the confluence of cultures of the mystical east with the vibrant west. This cultural evening will provide an opportunity for community members to experience the coming together of these two great cultures through celebration in dance, music and songs.

We have two main goals for this annual fundraising event. First, we want to create awareness and interface of the local with the global. The local community here in the twin cities has a unique opportunity to understand and explore a part of the world that is not often in the limelight. Our other main goal is to raise funds for villages in Assam, India. We work with two organizations - Raastriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (www.rgvnindia.org) works on empowerment women and Fertile ground (<http://www.fertile-ground.org/>) works on organic farming in Assam. We invite all of you to join us for the event. If you can't be there in person, do consider supporting it by spreading the word, joining the volunteering efforts of our partner NGOs and donating money.

Flood Rehabilitation efforts in Assam

Flood has hit a little bit late in Assam this time but with devastating effects again. Flood waters from Brahmaputra started hitting multiple districts in the valley impacting over a million people. And even more than structural damage, what's more concerning is the fact that it has brought in lots of silt to the paddy fields that wiped out the rice crop for this year and will impact the livelihood for all.

AFNA and Association for India's Development (AID) has again started working with Rural Volunteer Center (RVC) in Dhemaji District in east Assam to help the impacted villagers. While AID is providing financial support to rebuild houses damaged in the flood, we are right now extending our help to mitigate any risk of waterborne diseases. **We have just sent \$4600 to procure 500 drinking water cleaning kits** (includes water filter) for all households in 8 villages. This will have a big impact on the general health of these villagers as the water filters will last beyond the flood season. **We appeal all of you to donate generously to AFNA for this cause.**

Our next step is to work on finding an alternative to the crops and fields destroyed by the heavy silt left over by the floods. Please join us for brainstorming and finding solutions to help the farmers restart their life with an alternative crop that will help them up on their feet back again.

Tree Planting ceremony in honor of Jadav Payeng

We all now know about Jadav Payeng, The Forest Man of India and his fairytale like story of spending 30 years alone planting trees on a barren sandbar near Majuli island in Assam and convert it to a sprawling 1360 acres of forest. AFNA is taking this inspiring story to the next level by partnering with Bridgewater Township of NJ to plant trees in its community parks and spread awareness on Jadav Payeng, soil erosion and forestry in Assam. We are happy to partner with our Assamese community in NJ who helped us with the funding for this effort by sharing the surplus from Assam Convention 2014.

The tree Planting ceremony will take place in Chimney Rock park, Bridgewater, NJ on October 17th morning. We are thankful to The Mayor and the Township for providing us an opportunity to advance the bridge between Assam and USA!

We are looking for advertisement to be included on the top of the 2016 calendar pages to meet part of the printing and shipping expenses. In addition, we are looking for the photos and sketches with the theme "Evolving Assam in the area of Handloom, Handicraft and Tourism" for the calendar. Please reach out to calendar@assamfoundation.net to contribute photos or placing advertisements.