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Assam Foundation of North America

Newsletter: October, 2015

Upcoming event: Tree Planting ceremony in honor of Jadav Payeng

The internationally renowned forester Jadav Payeng has been planting trees in order to save his island, Majuli for over 30 years. The Molai forest mostly planted by him now houses tigers, rhinoceros, deers and rabbits besides apes and several varieties of birds. The Bridgewater Township Shade Tree Board (Team Arbor) and the Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA) are pleased to announce a tree dedication ceremony to honor Jadav Payeng. **The tree Planting ceremony will take place in Chimney Rock park, Bridgewater, NJ on October 17th 10.00am-1.00pm.** Come join us for this special event sponsored by AFNA. Read the media release [here](#) and join us on [Facebook](#) for the event. You can also find out more about Jadav Payeng at AFNA [website](#).



Jadav Payeng has single handedly planted a forest larger than Central Park NYC over 30 years and this forest is known as Molai Forest in Assam, India.

AKADAMICS scholarship distribution

Atma Nirbhar felicitated the AKADAMICS scholars on September 19th, 2015, and presented them the scholarship checks. Late Kaushik Das's mother graced the occasion where 10 AKADAMIC scholars were present. The AKADAMICS program currently supports 25 meritorious students. 3 scholars have successfully completed their graduation and have moved on to continue the next step in their careers. AFNA is grateful to Atma Nirbhar for conducting the ceremony and providing the much needed encouragement to the scholars. Thank you, Atma Nirbhar, for your collaboration and timely support on this important AFNA project.



AFNA supported SHED, Sonapur tree planting event

AFNA volunteer helped conduct one day awareness program on "Reforestation" with a theme of **Plant a Tree for Mr. Jadav Payeng** at SHED this September. The event touched many differently abled children living in SHED. Click [here](#) to read more about these events and see more pictures. Here is one of those stories at SHED. This is a Golmohur (Krishna-Sura) tree planted by AFNA volunteer and now nurtured by Miss Arati Ekka (12 years old), differently abled child of SHED, who was diagnosed as a case of Cerebral palsy. She comes from economically poor family background from Baksa district of Assam, was dropped by Charity of Missionary at SHED in 2010. Arati has been staying in the SHED hostel ever since and she is showing improvement both physically and mentally. She is very happy to take care of the new tree in the beautiful new campus of SHED.



Artisans at Swabalambi centre in Sonapur

The Swabalambi centre in Sonapur has an award winning team of artisans guided by Suchismita Majumdar. They specialize in many different livelihood skills like bamboo work, handloom weaving, and origami. The master artisans who not only do great work, but also train others. This community-based approach at AFNA supported Swabalambi is bringing about a revolution of self-reliance in Kamrup district, not only for disabled people but also for able people.



Stay tuned:

AFNA is working on updating our website with a **new AFNA website**, so stay tuned for our new website coming up soon! **2016 Calendar** is coming soon with some beautiful eyecatching pictures and we would like all volunteers to have a copy. So, keep your eye for the availability of our new calendar closer to Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful to all our sponsors for the Calendar project.