



Annual Report

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Growing Seed

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Message

We often think to work for the society, but many of us believe that the service that we provide to any human is called social service. However I think social service is not limited to only humans rather the service to all social living and non living elements is called as social service and we can only develop ourselves by providing support to all social elements.

--- Punam Bhattacharjee

About us

It was 2011. Some school-going students after their HS examination decided to do something; something which will help society a little bit. So they started the group and named it "Growing Seed", the seed which will eventually grow and become a large tree. Initially, they started doing small social awareness programme, progressive and scientific thinking campaign to curb prejudices and superstition. Later started incorporating more and more things, including free medical camps, blood donation camps, helping needy students and children, and cultural activities. It was a transition period when people were moving from books and print media to social media. The practice of culture and literature were taking back seat. So the Growing Seed started publishing their yearly cultural magazine named "Uttaran" to motivate the young generation toward creative writing and literature. Within a short period, the Growing Seed organization became very popular in Tripura due to their unorthodox approach toward change. Being a very dynamic organization; Growing Seed has many stark differences with conventional non governmental organizations even though it's a registered social organization (registered under society registration act 1860). Currently, Growing Seed has many satellite enterprises ranging from Agriculture to Health care; literature to entrepreneurship development. The secret behind the success of Growing Seed organization is that it does not believe in social limits and always venturing out for new and innovative approaches to help the society.

Message

As Richard Fuller once said “You never changes things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete” this is particularly applicable in India. Our society rests on an equilibrium and often resists radical overnight change. A storm leads the sand to nowhere. The ideal change for the betterment is small yet constant and significant. In each day we think – “is today a better day than it was on yesterday”? A better today is our satisfaction, a better tomorrow is our desire.

–Subhradip Bhattacharjee

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Our Administrative Setup

Young, energetic and educated dynamic youths are the main driving force behind the new but well-established organization. We have a versatile knowledge hub within the organization ranging from teacher to science worker. Although we have a massive problem of financial support, still we are charring out our activities because of great intensions and the magnificent human resources. However, as per our ideology “Amra Sobai Raja” we the members of Growing Seed organization always hold equal rights and responsibilities. Nevertheless, for the official purpose, we need to form a governing body as per the protocol.



Glimpse of the Year

Often people think to be worked for the social activities after their scheduled work, but we think to work round the clock to better our society. This thinking makes us more energetic during our multidisciplinary activities.

We believe science has no boundary, and anyone with good intension can carry out his / her scientific research without much support in terms of financial assistance from outside. We have successfully carried out our research project on rice crop during this financial year, although we have limited resources, our technical skills motivated us to carry out this type of activities.

Every living using the agricultural product for their basic needs, and we can't survive without agriculture, and to develop agriculture practices, we need to adopt modern techniques and high yielding species. We have successfully introduced "Narendra Shivani" a high yielding tall bottle gourd variety in the northern part of Tripura. Also, we have conducted several agricultural activities around the year. We have also initiated a monthly magazine on agriculture and allied sciences.

From the beginning, health activities were our prime focus. Just like previous years, we have carried out several activities for better public health that includes organizing health camp in rural areas along with other medical facilities, health checkup camps and many more.

Our routine activates including cultural programs, publishing of uttaran magazine and other social activates carried out round the year.

It was a very fruitful year during 2019, but unfortunately from February 2020, we all have stuck into a very critical situation by the virus SARS Cov-19. However, our activity was not stopped during this situation; also, we have prepared thousands of masks and hand sanitizer to combat this virus.

Active Involvement in the Public Health



The rural people in North Tripura, especially the labours of tea garden often suffer from various diseases, and due to lack of awareness and service, they often deprive of adequate medical facilities.

What makes a human be happy and smile? The healthy body and peaceful soul is the key to all happiness.

Growing Seed is continuously working in public health for the past few years, which includes numerous free health camps, health awareness programs, health checkup and many more. The main aim behind health activities is to aware people about healthy lifestyle, including preventive approaches; we have also provided medical facilities to the remote part of the state.

We have organized health camps to the interior areas to provide medical facilities to those labours. Camps include free RBS and blood group monitoring also free eye checkup.

Like previous years the blood group estimation, BMI count along with health awareness and anti -superstition activates are being performed during this year. As usual, those activities are being well appreciated by various groups of people.

At the end of this financial year, the critical situation of COVID-19 pandemic affected our life, and at the beginning of this pandemic, there was a huge demand of hand sanitizer as it was the main precautionary element present in the market. At this critical time, where the hand sanitizer's demand was extremely high, and supply was very less, we have

prepared and distributed the hand sanitizer to the health professional and common people. The sanitizer was prepared by the formula recommended by the World Health Organization.





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Growing Seed: A Place of Agricultural Innovations

Agriculture, with its allied sectors, is unquestionably the largest livelihood provider in India, more so in the vast rural areas. It also contributes a significant figure to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Sustainable agriculture, in terms of food security, rural employment, and environmentally sustainable technologies such as soil conservation, sustainable natural resource management and biodiversity protection, are essential for holistic rural development. Indian agriculture and allied activities have witnessed



a green revolution, a white revolution, a yellow revolution and a blue revolution.

This section provides the information on agriculture produces; machinery, research etc.

Detailed information on the government policies, schemes,

agriculture loans, market prices, animal husbandry, fisheries, horticulture, loans & credit, sericulture etc. is also available.

Tripura is one of the seven sisters of North Eastern part of the country India. Because of its rich biodiversity and magnificent

natural recourses, it is one of the best places in terms of agricultural activities in India.

Around 100% of farmers of the state are small and marginal level in terms of landholding; hence modern agricultural practices are the only way to boost up their livelihood.

Like previous years we have organized several activities around the year to promote sustainable

practices. The major achievement in this year that, we have successfully introduced a high yielding and extra tall bottle gourd variety in the state also we have introduced Malayasin Dwarf Coconut variety in the Unakoti district. Besides this, several training programs, promotion programs, field visit, agricultural crop variety evaluation etc also been conducted during the year.





A step towards research and development

One of the main wings of the Growing Seed organization is the Growing Seed Research and Development arm (GSR&D). The wing was rendered for a social welfare initiative as an amalgamation of modern research developments. The wing is continually rising and collecting numerous research and development dimensions. GSR&D itself performs studies and partners with other influential research bodies to disseminate their conclusions on a real-time basis in society. Our research work currently focuses (not limited to) on agriculture and the conservation of natural resources, ecological resilience and public knowledge. Real-world situations and local factors guide our study operation. Growing Seed- is a non-governmental organization; instead of being very efficient and punctual, our research and development efforts are not much affected by "red-tape" tradition.

Overall, we do not have any set working hours and vacations to preserve job priorities. Our R&D staff is excited about our job and still retains a very open culture of debate and critique. We dream and strive for a better future together!

This year we have carried out several research activities throughout the year within many limitations.

We have conducted field trial on different rice germplasms evaluation to find out high yielding rice variety for this region, also studied different DUS characters of commercially cultivated rice germplasms of north Tripura including post-harvest quality analysis.

We have also conducted a varietal adaptability trial for a newly developed bottle gourd variety and also Malaysian dwarf coconut variety. Our research papers have been presented in several national and international seminars also published in different journals. As

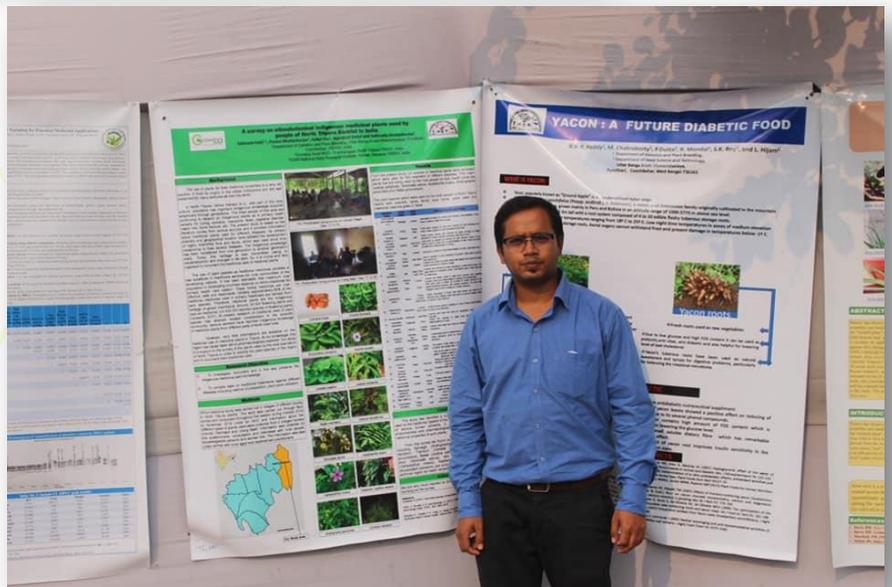
a part of agricultural research education, we have started a monthly e-newsletter called Science for Agriculture and Allied Sector.

At the time of the covid pandemic, we have prepared hand sanitizer to our laboratory and distributed to the common people.



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Some Reputed News Paper Coverage

High yielding Gourd raising hope

■ NEC Report

Dharmanagar, Nov 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a lot of importance to increase the income of the farmers and almost making it double by 2022 hence various schemes have been adopted in different parts of the Country along with Tripura. Growing Seed beside State Government is also working for the betterment of the farmers. The Narendra Shibani, a seed variety of high yield has become a ray of hope for the vegetable farmers at North and Unakoti District. Narendra Shibani is a high quality Bottle Gourd Seed and the Gourd grows 6 to 7 feet in length. This Gourd cultivation takes place in the major Agricultural States of the country. The farmers of Tripura didn't know about it but Growing Seed practically showed it to them. The cultivation of seeds took place on an experimental basis in the field of a farmer from North Padmabil of Panisagar Subdivision, Subhas Debnath and it was successful. The members of Growing Seed claimed that the taste and nutritional value of this Gourd is unparalleled and has brought a smile in the face of the farmers. Growing Seed is a Non Profitable organization formed by some Agriculture Science Graduate and post Graduate Unemployed youths passed from other states. Growing Seed has been implementing different projects in the two districts without any financial help from the Government and Agriculture Department has also taken notice of their success. Their next project will be Coconut Production of Malaysian Variety.



রাজ্যে ভিন্ন জাতের লাউ চাষে কৃষকের সাফল্য

ধর্মনগর অফিস

২৯ নভেম্বর : প্রধানমন্ত্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদি ২০২২ সালের মধ্যে দেশের কৃষকদের আয় দ্বিগুণ করার ডাক দিয়েছেন। দেশের প্রধানমন্ত্রীর এই ডাকে বিভিন্ন রাজ্য ইতিমধ্যে নানা পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণ করেছে। আমাদের রাজ্যের কৃষি দপ্তরকেও টেলে সাজানো হয়েছে। কৃষি দপ্তরের নাম পরিবর্তন করে



ফয়েজাবাদ কৃষিবিজ্ঞান থেকে আমদানিকৃত উন্নত জাতের লাউবীজ। আমাদের রাজ্যে সাধারণত ডিম্বাকৃতি আকারের লাউ উৎপাদন হয়ে থাকে। ওজন তিন থেকে চার কেজি এবং আকৃতি এক ফুট থেকে দুই ফুটের বেশি হয় না। কিন্তু নরেন্দ্র শিবানীর দৈর্ঘ্য ছয় থেকে সাত ফুট হয়ে থাকে। দেশের কৃষিপ্রধান রাজ্যগুলিতে এই লাউ চাষ হয়ে থাকে। ত্রিপুরার কৃষকদের কাছে এই বিষয়টি ছিল অজানা। কিন্তু গ্রোয়িংসীড সংস্থার সদস্যরা বিষয়টি কৃষকদের নজরে আনে। পানিসাগর মহকুমার উত্তর পঞ্চাবিল কৃষক সুভাষ দেবনাথের খেতে পরীক্ষামূলকভাবে নরেন্দ্র শিবানী চাষ করে ফলন পাওয়া গেছে। নরেন্দ্র শিবানীর লাউ প্রায় সাত ফুট দীর্ঘ হয়েছে। অনেকটা অজগর সাপের মতো। গ্রোয়িংসীডের সদস্যরা দাবি করেছেন যে, স্বাদে এবং পুষ্টিগুণেও নরেন্দ্র শিবানী লাউ অপ্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী। নরেন্দ্র শিবানী সফল হওয়ার কারণে কৃষকদের মুখে হাসি ফুটেছে। উল্লেখ্য, গ্রোয়িং সীড কৃষিবিজ্ঞানীদের দ্বারা তৈরি একটি অলাভজনক সংস্থা। বহিঃরাজ্য থেকে কৃষিবিজ্ঞান নিয়ে পাস করা স্নাতক এবং স্নাতকোত্তর বেকার যুবকরা এই সংস্থা তৈরি করেছে। উত্তর এবং উনকোটি জেলার কৃষিবিজ্ঞানী বেকার যুবকরা এই সংস্থায় রয়েছে। গ্রোয়িং সীড দুই জেলায় বিভিন্ন প্রকল্প কোনও ধরনের সরকারী অনুদান ছাড়াই রূপায়িত করে চলছে। গ্রোয়িং সীডের সাফল্যে কৃষি দপ্তরও নড়েচড়ে বসেছে। নরেন্দ্র শিবানীর পর এবার মালয়েশিয়া জাতের নারিকেল উৎপাদনের উদ্যোগ নেওয়া হয়েছে। সরকারী সাহায্য পেলে এই গ্রোয়িং সীড সংস্থা জেলার কৃষি উন্নয়নে আরও সাফল্য দেখাতে সক্ষম হবে বলে ধারণা করা হচ্ছে।

স্যানিটাইজার তৈরি করছে গ্রোয়িং সিড

ধর্মনগর অফিস

২২ এপ্রিল : করোনার হাত থেকে বাঁচতে গোটা মানব সমাজ মাঠে নেমেছে। মাস্ক ও স্যানিটাইজার তৈরি হচ্ছে। এই কাজে গ্রামের মহিলারাও হাত লাগিয়েছে। বিভিন্ন স্ব-সহায়ক দলের মহিলারা রাতদিন জেগে মাস্ক তৈরি করছে। কোনও কোনও সংস্থা হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজারও তৈরি করছে। কিন্তু এবার ধর্মনগর ডিগ্রি কলেজের বোটানি গবেষণাগারে কনক্রেভ যন্ত্রের মাধ্যমে সম্পূর্ণ বিজ্ঞানসম্মত স্যানিটাইজার তৈরি হচ্ছে। এই কাজে অগ্রণী ভূমিকা নিয়েছে ধর্মনগরস্থিত সমাজসেবী সংগঠন গ্রোয়িং সিড। এই সংস্থাটি কৃষি বিভাগের কৃষি ডিগ্রিপ্রাপ্ত বেকার যুবকদের দ্বারা গঠিত। এই সংস্থাটি প্রথমে হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজার তৈরি শুরু করে। বর্তমানে করোনা যুদ্ধের হাতিয়ার হিসাবে বেছে নেওয়া হয়েছে পুনর্ব্যবহারযোগ্য মাস্ককে। করোনা ভাইরাস প্রতিরোধ করতে প্রধান অস্ত্র সামাজিক দূরত্ব বজায় ও ও মাস্কের ব্যবহার। মাস্ককে জীবাণুমুক্ত করা প্রয়োজন। সংস্থার তরফে জানানো হয়েছে বর্তমানে প্রতিদিন প্রায় ৫০০টি করে মাস্ক তৈরি করা হচ্ছে। এই সংস্থাটি কয়েক দিনের মধ্যেই বাড়িয়ে প্রতি ১০০০-১২০০টি করার পরিকল্পনা নেওয়া হয়েছে। লকডাউনের জন্য দেশের একটি বিশাল অংশের দৈনন্দিন আয় প্রায় শূন্যের কোঠায়। এই বিষয়কে মাথায় রেখে মাস্ক বানানোর দায়িত্ব দেওয়া হয়েছে প্রধানত গ্রামের মহিলাদের দ্বারা পরিচালিত বিভিন্ন স্বসহায়ক দলকে। সংস্থার তরফে জানানো হয়েছে কেন্দ্রীয় দপ্তরের বিধিনিষেধ মেনেই বানানো হচ্ছে মাস্ক।

সরলা গ্রামে স্বাস্থ্য শিবির

ধর্মনগর অফিস

১৭ জানুয়ারী : রোগমুক্ত সমাজ গড়ার লক্ষ্যে সরলা কমিউনিটি হলে এক বিশেষ স্বাস্থ্য শিবিরের আয়োজন করা হয়। উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানের শুভ উদ্বোধন করেন সরলা গ্রাম পঞ্চায়েতের প্রধান বীণা গৌড়। বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন সরলা পঞ্চায়েতের সদস্যরা। সকাল দশটা থেকে বিকাল তিনটা পর্যন্ত এই শিবির অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানে বিনামূল্যে ব্লাড গ্রুপ পরীক্ষা, ব্লাড সুগার পরীক্ষা, চক্ষু পরীক্ষা এবং বিশিষ্ট চিকিৎসক দ্বারা চিকিৎসা পরামর্শের পরিষেবা প্রদান করা হয়। সরলা এবং মহেশপুর অঞ্চলের প্রায় ১৫০জন মানুষ এই অনুষ্ঠানের সুবিধা গ্রহণ করেন যার মধ্যে শিশু এবং মহিলাদের উপস্থিতির হার ছিল লক্ষণীয়। গ্রোয়িং সিড এর এই উদ্যোগকে সাধুবাদ জানিয়েছেন পঞ্চায়েত প্রধান থেকে শুরু করে অন্যান্য সদস্য এবং স্থানীয় বাসিন্দারা। সংস্থার পক্ষ থেকে জানানো হয়েছে এ ধরনের কর্মসূচি ভবিষ্যতেও চালিয়ে যাওয়া হবে।

Growing Seed: the cultural Hub



Via the learning processes of enculturation and socialization, humans develop community, as is demonstrated by the plurality of cultures across communities.

In a situation that serves as a paradigm for norms in a social community, a cultural standard codifies appropriate actions in society; it serves as a

Cultural identity is an overarching concept that includes the social actions and values present in human cultures, as well as the individuals' understanding, interests, arts, rules, traditions, skill, and behaviours in these communities.

guideline for behaviour, attire, vocabulary, and demeanour. In the absence of practical approaches to change, embracing only a monoculture in a social community can bring threats, just as a single species can wither in

the face of environmental change. One of our keys focuses at the

as to provide a forum for everyday people to express their specific



time of the organization's establishment is to create, maintain our Indian community and local culture by supporting its various elements. We have engaged in many cultural festivals during the year and showcased different practices.

"Uttaran" is the organization's annual Bengali entertainment magazine that has been published since 2011. The magazine is published every year on the holy eve of Durga Puja. This venture aims to foster community, as well

thoughts with an existing writer. This magazine does not promote any religious, sexual, social and political violence. The magazine is available to individuals of our culture of all classes and all ages. We hosted a sub-divisional art competition each year, where people of all ages share their unique thinking with a piece of paper. The programme is open to anything from the outset, which makes this style of activity programme a great success.

Growing Seed: the Social Organization for the Society

Community care sometimes called as the service of a human being. The prime obligation of each human being to support others living and non-living elements, but somehow many of us also neglect certain actions that result in the various groups. Many people still waste food, but people sleep without food, as do clothing, shelter and other essential amenities.

This organization's main goal is to create a helping hand for anyone who wants it. We have committed to providing some sort of service to our community on the organization's founding day.

The members of the group donated blood on the basis of calls during the year. A decline in life was offered to someone who wanted it regardless of class, race, and any other social division. Instead of only giving brotherhood, we don't believe in social separation.

We have carried out several scientific awareness activities, including solar eclipse observation using a solar filter.

During the holy festival, Durga Puja, we also gave some new clothes to poor girls. We were also given some educational assistance to students who are economically weaker. We have noticed that people always rush for freshwater during different festivals, and there is very less free fresh water available in the city of Dharmanagar, and many of the poor people went to the city to enjoy the festival and skipped water due to lack of resources. So, during the festivals, we agreed to arrange water for ordinary people, and we have been doing the same event for the past few years.

We have since provided meals to baggers and emotionally ill adults in addition to this. In different locations of the district, we performed several street plays to



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Activities at a glance

Farmers meeting and farmers field visit on adoption modern technique

Place: Halam Basti And Ganganagar, Dharmanagar

The Growing Seed NGO organized farmers meeting to motivate farmers using modern techniques for increasing per hectare yield and income.

Over the past years, the agriculture sector has seen a lot of changes and advancement in different farming approaches and techniques. For example, nowadays, there is different tractors, machinery and equipment like chopper, harvester, etc. The availability of such inputs has seen the need for the use of natural resources and process to improve agricultural output and reduce costs. The use of modern technology in agriculture comes with a lot of benefits.

Place: Halam Basti

Time and Date: 02.00 P.M. &27.05.2019

Chief guest or headed by: Gram Pradhan of Halam Basti.

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

During this training programme, more than 140 farmers were benefited in Halam Basti area. Our NGO secretary was very much thankful to all the local leaders of the village for giving a chance to our NGO for organizing of training programme and for the participation of the maximum number of farmers of the locality.

Place: Ganganagar, Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 12.30 P.M. &22.12.2019

Headed by: Agriculture Subject matter specialist of Growing SeedNGO.

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

Our agriculture experts visited the farmer's field for motivating farmers for adopting modern technology for more output with limited time. They interacted with 23 different farmers from North Ganganagar Village of Dharmanagar. Farmers of this area are mainly cultivating rice during Boro and Amon Season and also cultivating seasonal vegetables. Our Agri experts suggested them to use paddy transplanting machine for main field transplantation and discussed how the seedling should be raised for machine transplanting; they also suggested them to use automated rice harvester and thresher. For vegetable cultivation, they suggested the use of the fishing net for vertical gardening as vine support vegetables like cucumber, cowpea, lima beans, Ridge Gourd etc.

Environment day celebration

Place: Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 08.30 A.M. &05. 06. 2019

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

On the world's environment day, the Growing Seed NGO decided to organize a programme like every year. Therefore, the NGO official was assigned to bring out the necessary details about the event that has to be performed and executed. We also organized a social campaign programme in Dharmanagar Bazar. The leader of the NGO gave a speech on "Say No To Plastic use" on the world environment day.

We have been trying to educate people from all class in our society during Social campaign to carry cotton cloth bags while going for shopping the groceries, vegetables etc. They really understood what we were saying to avoid the use of plastics. If they are not able to get the cotton bag, they can use the same plastic bag for many days.

During this event, we also distributed some handmade cotton bag among the local people of Dharmanagar. Majority of them appreciated our effort for organizing this programme. All the members of the NGO are very thankful to different SHG groups for helping us out in the making of the cotton bags.

Evaluation of different Rice germplasms for better yield in North Tripura condition and Varietal adaptability trial of Narendra Shivani bottle gourd.

Place: Padmabil, Panisagar

Time and Date: July-December, 2019

Growing Seed research wing borrowed some (30 different genotypes) rice germplasms from West Bengal State Rice Research Station for experimental purpose. The experiment was successfully carried out in the farmer's field at Padmabil village. Our experts identified the most suitable rice lines for cultivation under North Tripura condition. Our team also introduced some famous farmer's variety like Gabindabhog, Tulaipanji, Chakho (Manipuri Black Rice) which are becoming popular day by day among North Tripura farmers and Unakoti Tripura. Our research wing is also making a core collection with local rice landraces of Tripura.

Team Growing Seed also introduced one of India's most popular bottle gourd variety Narendra Shivani. Narendra Shivani was developed by Prof. SheoPujan Singh, a faculty member of the Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology (NDUAT), Kumarganj in the Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh. Primarily our Agriculture research wing cultivated this variety for experimental purpose in farmers field at Padmabil Village. The average weight of this bottle gourd is 10 – 15 kg, and the length was around 6-7 ft. under Tripura condition. It is one of the most successful projects of our NGO.

Science for Agriculture and Allied sector (AGRIALLIS) e-magazine development

Place: Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 01.08.2019

AGRIALLIS another wing of Growing Seed was first published in August 2019. For the past few years, we have been continuously working in the field of sustainable agricultural development. As a part of this, we decided to start a monthly e-magazine on agriculture and allied sector. Student and scientists, mostly from agriculture, are actively participating in this e-magazine from all over India.

"Science for Agriculture and Allied Sector" (AGRIALLIS) is an independent body supported by this organization.

Tableau in Independence Day celebration.

Place: Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 15.08.2019

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

As a part of 73 rd. Independence Day celebration we presented a tableau on "Conversion of Indian Agriculture; Inorganic to Organic". Our prime intension was to convey our message to a large number of audiences. The common people well appreciated our presentation. We secured the second position in this competition. We would like to thank each and everyone for their support and help to make our first effort a successful one.

Blood group estimation and activities to fight against superstition

Place: Kanchanpur, Green Valley school, Dharmanagar, Brajendranagar HS school

Time and Date: 22.09.2019, 16.12.2019 and 29.12.2019

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

Growing Seed's health care wing of North Tripura in collaboration with North Tripura District hospital organized free blood group test. In the year 2019 - 2020, we have covered three institutions with around 350 students who have been benefited by our health care wing. We submitted our report in North Tripura district hospital.

We also measured BMI (Body mass index) of every student and recommended one diet chart according to the BMI count by our expert; before the end of this programme, we arranged a show on scientific awareness against superstition, dowry system very vital in rural society.

Socio-cultural events

Cloth Distribution and Publication of the yearly magazine

Place: Chandrapur, Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 6.00 P.M. &04.10.2019

Sponsor: Hotel Panchabati, Chiti Mahal, North Tripura Const. & Consultancy and Ultimate design.

Chief guest or headed by: Mr Rasik Ranjan Goswami (Social worker), Mr Dwijesh Bhattacharjee (Social Worker), Mr Bidhan Chandra Deb (Writer and Teacher), Mr Subhas Bhattacharyya (Social Worker), Dr Ankan Shina, Dr Manik Bhattacharya

About the programme:

Like every year, we are gratified to organize a free Cloth Distribution Programme among the needy children. We distributed clothes among the 70 indigent children on the eve of Durga Puja. We have selected the children from different slum areas in Dharmanagar sub-division. We tried our best to reach out to the people of Dharmanagar. With this distribution programme, we were able to give back a little smile on their faces. These children inaugurated the programme wearing their new clothes. During this event, we have distributed notebooks and pens among the children. This was a moment of satisfaction and joy for all the volunteers of the NGO.

In this event, we also published our yearly Bengali short magazine named 'Uttaran' 9th issue. This magazine includes different articles, pomes by the different authors. Shri launched the Magazine. Raski Ranjan Goswami and other dignitaries.

Art Competition

Place: Bir Bikram Institution, Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 9.00 A.M. &04.10.2019

Sponsor: No.

Growing seed Cultural Wing organized an Art competition on Durga puja eve like every year. More than 400 children have participated in this programme. We divided the competitors into six different groups, and we also distributed prize at evening during a socio-cultural event at ADAR hall at Chandrapur, Dharmanagar. Fifteen participants were awarded the prize.

Water facilitation at Dighirpar during pooja days

Place: Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 05.10.2019 to 07.10.2019

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

Clean and pure water is the lifeline of human health. During Durga puja, occasion members of the NGO distributed free purified drinking water among the puja visitor. To date, there has been no access to clean water at an affordable price and no efforts made to address and open up markets for ordinary people. Packaged clean water costs 20 rupees/litre; which is not affordable for many puja visitors. So, we distributed purified drinking water between the puja pilgrims.

Introduction of Malayasian Dwarf Coconut variety

Place:Unakoti Tripura

Time and Date: 10.10.2019

Source of Fund: Dept. of Agri. & Farmers Welfare, Govt of Tripura (ATMA Innovative Project)

The Growing Seed research and development wing along with Unokoti agriculture department under “ATMA” innovative project scheme successfully introduced a new variety of Coconut named as "Malaysian Dwarf" in Unakoti Tripura for commercial cultivation. This particular variety looks very attractive for its unusual short height and its yellowish fruit colour. The yield potential is also higher as compared to the other cultivated coconut varieties of Tripura. In the first phase, Growing Seed planted coconut seedling of Malaysian Dwarf variety in the selected farms for evaluation. The successful introduction of this variety will help the farmers, especially the marginal class of Tripura to fetch higher economic return.

Research paper presentation

International seminar UBKV, Pundibari, Coochbehar

Place: Coochbehar, West Bengal

Time and Date: 20.11.2019

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

As a part of agricultural research and development activities; Growing Seed has conducted a study along with UBKV, West Bengal and NDRI, Karnal. The study entitled "A survey on ethnobotanical indigenous medicinal plants used by people of North Tripura District in India" has been presented as a form of a poster on 20 November 2019 in a National Seminar Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya.

Solae Eclipse Observation "Live peacefully and let live others peacefully"

Place: Dharmanagar and Panisagar H.S. School

Time and Date: 26.12.2019

Source of Fund: Organization Fund and ISCA Dharmanagar Chapter.

Growing seed organization is fortunate for observing the rare phenomenon of the annular solar eclipse, or the 'ring of fire' with the people of Dharmanagar and Panisagar North Tripura, on December 26, 2019. It was clearly visible in some parts of India along with Tripura, and the astronomy enthusiasts were all geared up to witness the miracle that happens very rarely. Growing Seed organization provided special-purpose glasses or solar filters that meet the International Organization for Standardisation's ISO 12312-2 certification. Gazing at the Sun -- eclipse or no eclipse -- can damage our eyes. And so, we provided special-purpose glasses or solar filters among locals. The organization was very much thankful to ISCA Dharmanagar Chapter for providing the particular purpose or solar filter glass for viewing this rear phenomenon.

Health Camp along with RBS, blood group, BMI test and eye check-up

Place: Sarala, Dharmanagar Sub- Div, North Tripura

Time and Date: 12.01.2020

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

Growing Seed organized a health camp at Sarala Community Hall, Sarala, North Tripura to celebrate the National Youth Day. Around 250 patients took the facility of free medical checkup, eye checkup, blood group test and RBS test. Our team also distributed free medicine among patients. Our team was very much thankful to Dr Sandip Deb and Dr Dipes Ghosh for their precious time.

International seminar organized at ISCA, Dharmanagar

Place: Dharmanagar, North Tripura

Time and Date: 12.02.2020

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

As a part of agricultural research and development, we are currently running multiple internally and externally funded as well as extramural research projects, especially in agricultural and social sciences. One recent development focuses on DUS evaluation of various aromatic and nonaromatic rice varieties in the North Tripura condition. The research data was presented in a National Seminar organized by ISCA Dharmanagar Chapter, IGNOU Study Centre- DMR & GDC, DMR on 12 February 2020.

Unakoti district level krishi mela

Place: Machmarra, Unakoti Tripura

Time and Date: 28.02.2020- 01.03.2020

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

The Growing Seed family was present on the Unakoti district level Agriculture fair premises with our stall based on some aromatic & medicinal paddy cultivation and Narendra Shivani bottle gourd cultivation from 28/02/2020 to 01/03/2020 at Machmarra town hall premises, Machmarra, Unakoti Tripura. We also distributed some leaflet and pamphlet about modern agriculture technology, rodent control, the necessity of soil testing among farmers of Machmarra. Our team also arranged Q&A sessions to resolve some problems of local farmers. We hope that our efforts will help the farmers of the district.

Hand sanitizer preparation to combat against COVID-19

Place: Growing Seed Research Laboratory, Dharmanagar

Time and Date: 20.03.2020

Source of Fund: Organization Fund.

As the whole world is coming together to fight against the Corona Virus, it was our first call to join the fight. Amidst of the COVID-19 crisis, the growing Seed lab facility prepared 'Hand Sanitizer' as per the WHO recommended formulation. It was distributed among the people of Dharmanagar. We prepared more than 20 litter of hand sanitizers and packed it in 200ml bottles.