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### Inside Story – How it begins

Integrated Social & Institutional Development for Empowerment in short InSIDE-North East as a not for profit organisation is the culmination of passionate youth's quest for a better society free from violence and poverty. This youth grew up in conflict environments and experiences all the hardship of life. The sight of the pathetic life condition of people (young people and women) especially victims of conflict and the failure of government machinery provoke them to action.

> Overflow with the passion to do something to better the plight of the people they began to take up music as one tool to mitigate the suffering of the people and create resilience through awareness.

With the passage of time the organisation grows and began to work professionally with specific issues such as Women Empowerment, Children & Youth Development revolving around education, livelihood sustainability, skill development, health and gender equity. The organisation worked in an integrated manner with the above thematic areas under one vision and one mission. It is registered under section 7(1) of the Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989, 12AA of Income Tax Act, 1961 and under Foreign Contribution Act (FCRA).

One thing InSIDE-North East is proud of is the cooperation, trust and love of the community people.

#### Our desire future:

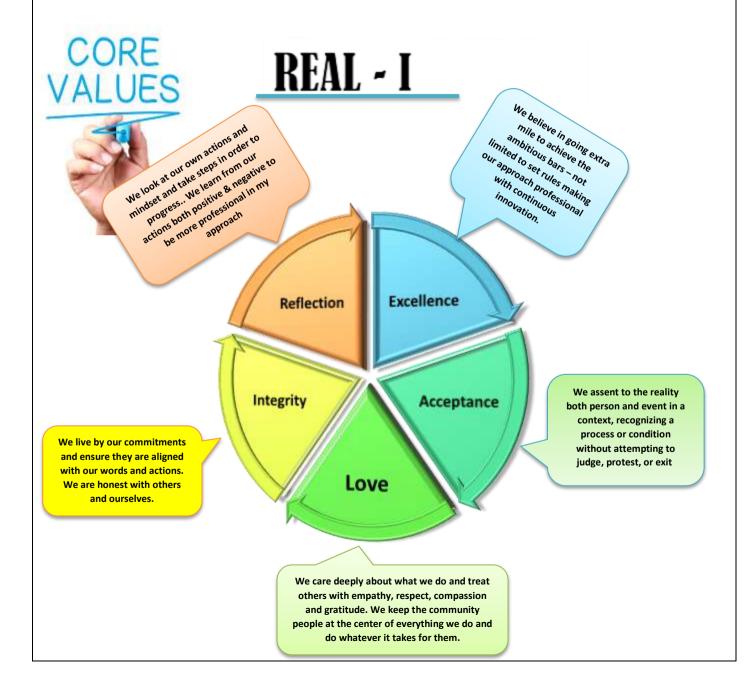
InSIDE-North East wants to see a just and peaceful society by being more a platform and less an organisation through a strong network with likeminded organizations where empowered people reclaim their legitimate rights & entitlements and lead a dignified and self-reliant life free from violence.

**InSIDE-North East** would like to achieve its desire future by empowering the powerless, building their confidence and skills, ensuring their livelihood and helping them connect with what is beautiful in their cultural milieu.

### Key thematic intervention:

Our key thematic areas of intervention:

- Children & Youth development
  - through Education & Life skills development
- Women empowerment



# At a Glance

### Children:

- 10 book banks
- Joyful & learning through Plays
- Exposure visit
- Pen pal bridging cultural gap
- Life skills: Decision making, critixal thinking, team work etc
- Anti Tobacco Campaign

### <u>Youth</u>

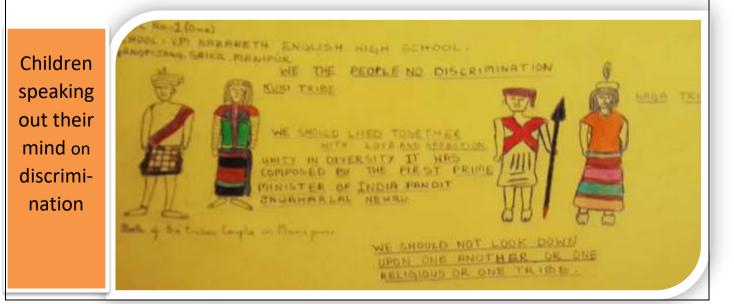
Music& Sports. Exhibition Vocational Skill Training Career Guidance & Counseling Samvidhan Live -Active Citizenship Medical Camp & Health Awareness

#### Women & Girls

Leadership Training Vocational Training Micro-enterprise Support Awareness on Health & Hygiene, Rights & Entitlements

### **Impacts**

- 1700 Children laerned consciours citizenry through grass root education & anti-tobacco campaign
- 500 youth mainstream through sports
- 250 women started their own small business



# **EDUCATION**

- 10 Book Bank10 Shom-inn (Children
- Club)
- •more than 1000 children access the book banks

## Physical Space

# Joyful Learning

- •500 children improved their learning through plays & other games
- •Gender sensivity understanding girls and their situation by boys through ultimate freesbie
- Puppet making

- 250 children discovered their dream and build road map to achieve it
- Improved self-confidence (Believe in self)
- More oriented in studies

### Career Guidance

"Being part of the Shom-inn (Children Club) and member of Book Banks and the various activities I could improve my personalities and life skills – I learned the importance of coordination,



time management, and hard work while playing in team. It also helped me learned and understand the feeling of others especially that of girls. I started washing my cloth, mope the floor and clean the dishes"

- Mr. Thangminsei Lhanghal

"My regular visit to the book bank improved my reading skills apart from enhancing my knowledge. The books are colorful and interesting – colorful pictures helped me better understand the stories. One most important things for me is the discovery of my dream with the guidance of InSIDE-North East in the Career Guidance & Counseling. They helped me come up with a clear road map on how to achieve my dream. It is always a source of energy in my studies". – **Miss Ngahneilhing Chongloi** 

**Book Banks** are not only a place where books are kept and children come and read. It is also a platform where young people have their own space learning through experiments and experiences. They share their thoughts, ideas and plan together: co-create, co-own and co-lead. **Shom-inn** is a children club that manages the Book Bank.

# **SKILL BUILDING**

•500 youth hone their life skills through sport such as team work, time mangement, analytical thinking etc.

# Sports

### Vocational Training

- 10 girls get placement and started earning
  40 Girls trained in Beauty & Wellness
- 50 boys build their skills in traditional craft making
- Traditional skills which is waning in young people is patronized

## Craft Making



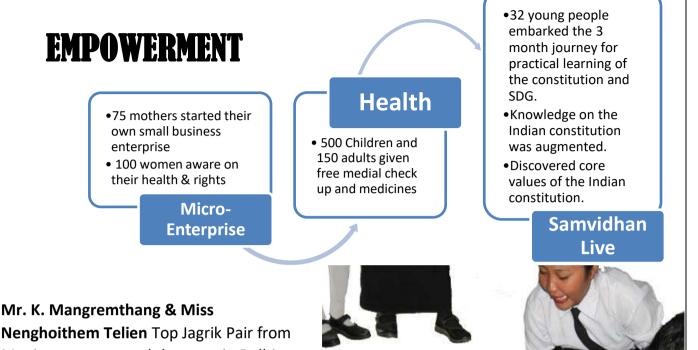
Mr. Paominhao is one of the active Shom-inn members who took part in various Shom-inn activities, he said, "The craft making training organized by InSIDE-North East really benefited me. I build my skills on how to make traditional baskets and other craft items. The tradition skills of the aged people which are almost dying is now revived in me and I will ensure to pass on to the next generation. While learning the craft making my life skills such critical thinking, logical as reasoning and observation are also enhanced".

"I was a shy girl, never had confidence in myself. The Beauty & Wellness Training not only builds my vocational skills but also my awareness on the status of girls and their rights. I got placement in Bangalore where my safety as a girl is ensure. I could now support my family and sibling's education. I am no longer a simple girl but one with confidence and dignity"

- Miss Boineng Kipgen



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Nenghoithem Telien Top Jagrik Pair from Manipur represented the state in Delhi **Culmination Event** 

Be a Jagrik project totally change our whole perspective on education. Putting into action whatever we learn in the classes is never in our mind. We simply study so that we get good grade in exams.

This project enabled us to reach out to diverse group of people and extend our helping hand.



It also helped me better understand the society – the realities of the world.

We visited and talked to people who randomly fell trees worsening the global warming and disturbing ecology. Interacted with people who don't understand how precious water is and wasted it. We don't know how much they will live up to their word but one thing we are sure is that they are much aware of the importance of preserving ecology and water.

*Now we valued our education – we will try our* best to put into practice whatever we learned from the classroom.

# **Inspiring stories**

# Father Killed but determined to become Doctor

Chochoi Lhanghal, 12 years old girl is a daughter of Akim Lhanghal of Lajangphai village Saikul, Kangpokpi Dist. Manipur. She is the eldest daughter in the family and has 2 siblings. She is now in 4th standard.

Lhingminchoi started her schooling since her childhood without proper guidance and dream. For her going to school is just for meeting friends, enjoy games and merely fulfil the home assignment without proper aim in life.

In the mean while the InSIDE-North East launched a developmental project in the village and she also became one of the active members in the book bank/Shom-in activities. Through the program activities such as career guidance, Quiz competition, accessing book bank, free tuition class etc. she

> learned about the importance and ways of reading books, building her self confidence in expressing her views and thought, she also learned that hard work beats talent. She started discovering her aim in life – serving people in need especially the sick people. She aspires to become doctor in future.

> > Unfortunately her father was mercilessly shoot dead in broad day by armed militant on his way back from dropping his children to school. Everything seems to fade away while losing her precious father in her young age. Even then her sheer dogged determination persuade her to focus on her cherish dream though in spite of losing her dear father.

"I was so fortunate to be part of Shom-in where I could start building my personality and career. The team helped me in building a strong determination to achieve my dream in life. A big thanks to InSIDE North East" **(Chochoi Lhanghal)** 

MEMBER OF BOOK BANK, INSIDE NORTH EAS



# **POVERTY DOESN'T STOP HER**

iss Tingmila Doungel 14 years old is daughter of Mr. Lunsat Doungel of T. Gamdeiphai village, kangpokpi District, Manipur. She is the fourth daughter in the family and also one of the active Shom-in members. She used to get and awards organised by Shom-in medals during the Olympic InSIDE-North East. Her sister Tingneihoi @ Bebem Doungel was the Semang (which means Chairperson) at T.Gamdeiphai Shom-in during 2013-

To become a good sport person was her since her childhood in spite of her poor economic background but with dogged determination she keep on moving till she fulfill her cherished dream. The Shom-in Olympic catapults her to become a successful boxer by joining the Mary Kom Boxing Academy.

Her dream to excel in the field of games and sports let her to be part in the Mary Kom Boxing Academy, Manipur in 2015.

2016.

Mary inspired her but also mentor her as she is one of the brightest prospects from the Mary Kom Boxing Academy in Manipur.

Coming from background with no money, no food, no shoes and parent's lack of interest in sports are only the beginning of the many obstacles that dragged Tingmila miles away from pursuing a life of an athlete. It all though changed as she saw the biopic on the Olympic Medalist; she turned the tide despite of all

aspiration

family

the challenges and hardships as she decided to go ahead and fulfill her dream of becoming a boxer.

While she took up boxing, it was a matter of time when the scouters from Mary Kom Academy spotted her and took her under their wraps. Since then Tingmila dreams about only one thing, "to play for India and win medals".

While talking about Mary Kom's contribution to her growth, she says, "I had nothing to start with but I got everything at the Academy. There were times when I didn't even have money to go for the tournaments but Mary ma'am looked after all of it. I come from a poor family and I want to do well in boxing so that parents don't have to struggle anymore and I can take care of them."

She finished with gold in the same light weight 48 category as her idol, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Sliesian Boxing Champion in Poland. Though, Tingmila had already established her credentials prior to that too, when she had won silver medals at both national and international competition and khelo India Games.

While in Poland the teenage boxer had the opportunity to fight her final bought while her idol, the boxing legend watched and guided her from the side line. Reminiscing her experiences, she said, "It was dream come true to play in front of her. I was very nervous in the beginning but she calmed me down and guided me home".

The fourteen year old has already set the bar high and she wouldn't settle for anything less than an Olympic Medal like her idol, as she marches on her mission.

Tingmila becomes a source of inspiration to all village children. They began to believe that impossible can be turn into I'm possible.

# News Clip

# Young leaders and their passion

#### Shayak Majumder New Detri

SHAILQ is from fuckness the transition Sale Safar works closely with antoriclohaw drivers to ensure that the cry's public transport is secure and equitable shareq crosseles for safe transport for scenes.

Bappaditya Makhenee is from Kelkana. His campaign: Prantakatha: organises leadership building closers for underprivileged youth in the districts of West flengal and enables them to make their voices heard.



Heang Misac healing hand in Mangur

Hering Music comes from Manipus He is the founder of INSERE NL agarap that uses the exoberance of music and sport to prevent youth in the northeast from joining militant groups.

Sharaq Bappadition and Heiang were three out of 22 youth leaders who were brought together by Commuting – The Youth Calloctive 8/3/1 and Prastale to share their work and ideas at the Annoal Change Locens Public Recognition Event in Slew Delhi on 14 June.

CWC and Pravab offer annual fellowships to youth leaders with grant ideas. A jury pasel selects 15 leaders from all over ledia after going through a whole lot of applications. Fellows get national recognition and baselholding. Each fellow is anigned a mentar who below him or her build

#### 6th Urban Mobility India Conference-cum-Exhibition

The event promoted by Ministry of Urban Development. Dovermment of India will be held from December 3rd – 6th. 2013 at Manekshaw Corter, Dhauta Kuan, Dethi (India). Further details may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Institute of Urban, Transport (Shri C.L. Kaul).

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#### capacity and some funds.

To have an impact a campaign requires systema, amart thinking, good transverk, facilitation and an imightini prespective on youth. Change Looma focuses on all these areas and more

Anopum Secur of Prantaliathar and Bappadnya Muldberger of Frantaliatha both said their interaction with the Change Loons team was a learning journey. Thearnt to look at the with a new perspection. I made new formula with whore I shared my despect thoughts and feelings." said Anopum.

"If I hadn't experienced Change Leons and seen the wonderful work done by applicants freen all over the country.) might have given up on my campage." minarked Rappeditys.

Its campaign. Prantakatha (source of the maginabsed) helps the young to treate their own social change instance. Then it builds synergy among them so that, as a collective they can naise their volce on taxases that affect the marginalised. Prantakatha has 300 volumeres who rescue and individual children who have been utilificated and participates in anti-mafficking programmes.

Shariq's Sale Salar has worked with auto-rackshare drivers for around two years. With an outmach of over \$400 drivers his comparign has already trained \$50 drivers sematizing them on genden equality and weenin's safety. The are happy to see that auto-rackinaw drivers themselves take firm action against eventures making facknow aafer for women," any Slariq Safe Safar pline to buy 10 auto-rackinaw and place them on the streets of Lacknow with gender sensitive autorackinaw drivers.

Heaving Minao of InSIDE NE distograved Social in Institutional Development for Encodewrement. Northeast, tries assilouted to manufation youth in Manque. Heaving has been working since 2006 hue got his group registered only in February this war. "Given the political scenario, the young early get singulated most taking up arms, creating chaos and disrupting peake," says flying, file decided to revenue this scenario.

InSUM SE organises music concerts, sports and column events for youth. Itepang is the fault working and guitariat of his own hand. When young people perform in front of a crowd in gress them confidence, ho says. "We have seen how the confidence of youth grows when they perform in front of a courd and situ accordeds for their taken. Many of our best football players are now established players in national football clubs," he mays, institute Nit provides skill-training classes to the youth so that they can find employment.

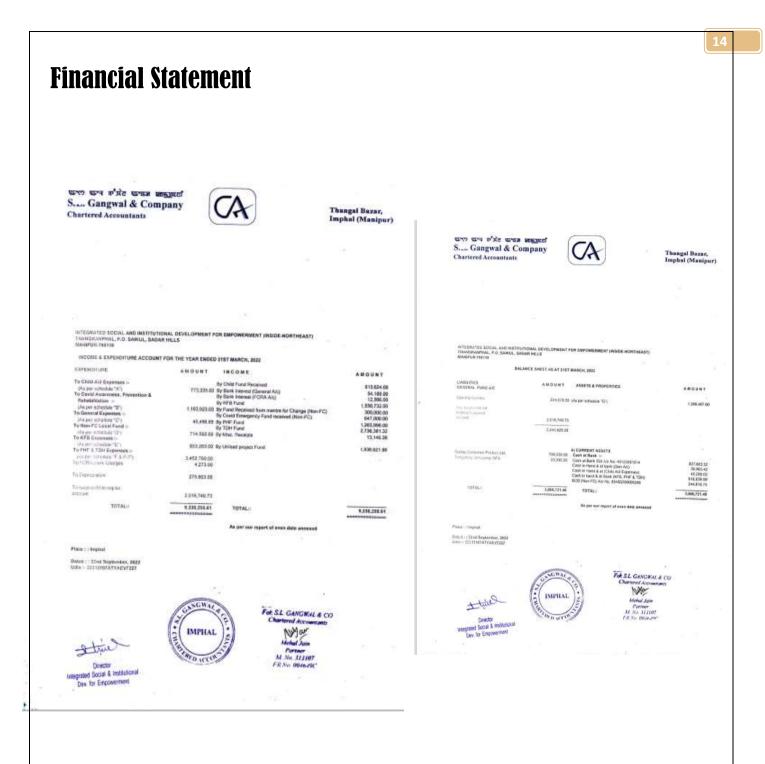
John Phangcho of Peace Train promotes communal harmony in the Dipliu district of Assam. He indds public meetings and workshops. We have worked with a wide spectrum of communities. The people respond well to our unitarizes. I am happy to say that we have howing through about peace and harmony in at least 5% per cent of the communities we



Change Looms Learning and Leadership Journey-felicitation ceremony, which was co-¬hosted by Pravah, Commutiny– the Youth Collective (CYC) and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (Ms. Rujuta Deshmukh, programme Officer VYK, felicitating Hejang Misao –founder of InSIDE-Ne, Manipur)







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