APPENDICES

APPENDIX - I QUESTIONNAIRE

(For officials of Health Department and NRHM)

1. Background Information-

- i) Name:
- ii) Address:
- iii) Age

2. Occupation

- a) Programme coordinator
- b) Doctor
- c) Human Resource Manager
- d) District Programme Manager
- e) Block Programme Manager
- f) ASHA Facilitator
- g) Community mobilizer

3. Instruction to ASHA workers regarding their job responsibilities

- a) In written form
- b) Orally
- c) By providing orientation training
- d) Training prior to selection

4. Which Health issues do ASHA workers of your locality most commonly address in their work?

- a) Maternal health
- b) Child health
- c) Adolescence health
- d) Sanitation and hygiene
- e) Disease prevention and nutrition
- f) Improving health literacy

5. Please describe the work that ASHA workers have to perform

- a) Building individual / community capacity
- b) Counseling
- c) Patient navigation
- d) Health education
- e) Organizing health mela/ health awareness camp.
- f) Accompany pregnant women during ANT/ PNT check up.
- g) Active part in village health planning.

6. Do you agree with the formal education up to class V111th for ASHA workers to hold their responsibilities?

a) Strongly agree b) Agree c) Cannot say d) Disagree e) Strongly disagree

7. If no, what should be ASHA workers minimum qualifications?

- a) up to class X
- b) Up to class Xl
- c) Up to class Xll

d) Class Xll and above

8. What is the selection procedure?

- a) Interview b) Reference
- c) Verification d) previous work experience

9. What qualities base did you select ASHA workers?

- i) Knowledge of
 - a) Community
 - b) Health care system
 - c) Medicare
 - d) Specific disease/ health issues
 - e) General health
 - f) Any other (please specify)
- ii) Skills
 - a) Communication Skill
 - b) Interpersonal skills
 - c) Capacity building skills.
 - d) Advocacy skills
 - e) Organizational skills
 - f) All the above
 - g) Any other (please specify)

10. Your opinion about ASHA workers of your locality

i) ASHA workers have positive relationship with client, community member and supervisors or with health officials.

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) Not at all

ii). ASHA workers are disciplined and friendly

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) Not at all

iii. ASHA workers do regular home visit.

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) Not at all

iv). ASHA workers help and support clients and community member to develop skills to help own self

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) Not at all

v) ASHA workers listen carefully others problem and try to solve thema) To large extentb) To some extentc) To little extentd) Not at all

vi). ASHA workers capable of arranging meetings.

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) Not at all

vii) ASHA workers properly follow up the clients visit to health centersa) To large extentb) To some extentc) To little extentd) Not at all.

viii) Are you satisfied with the outcomes of ASHA workers activities?a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) Not at all.

11. What are the methods used by ASHA to create awareness

- a) Home visit
- b) Street play
- c) Organizing awareness camp
- d) Distribution of leaflet, folders and broachers etc
- e) Meetings
- g) Any other (please specify)

12. Does she look for innovative methods to convey her message?

a) yes and b) No

13. if yes, what are the methods she adopt, specify

14. Whether regular awareness camp is arranged by ASHA in your area?

a) Always b) Very often c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

15. Do you attend any such programme.

a) Always b) Very often c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

16 Do you assess the training need of ASHA workers of your block/ district/ state to enhance their skills in a regular interval?

a) Always b) Very often c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

17 What kind of training is provided to ASHA workers of your block/district/state.

- a) On -job training
- b) Off- job training
- c) Orientation Training
- d) All of the above

18. Details of training provided to ASHA workers of your block/district/state.

Date	Duration	Place of Training	Main topics of training

19 Is the training provided to ASHA is sufficient to enhance their skills to manage their work.

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

20. Are their performance evaluated / supervised, a) Yes b) No

21. Who supervises ASHAs Work?

- a) ASHA Supervisor
- b) Community Representative
- c) Block Programme Manager
- d) Community mobilizer
- e) ANM

22. How frequently ASHA workers are supervised

a) Always b) Very often c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

23. What initiatives you are taking to motivate ASHA to perform their level best.

Variables	Sub variables	Level of f	requency			
		always	Very	Sometime	Rarely	Never
			often			
Intrinsic	Skill enhancement					
reward						
	recognition					
	Appreciation					
Extrinsic	Pay for performance					
reward						
	Accessories					
	Award					
	Certificate					
	Felicitation					

24. What are the facilities you are providing to ASHA to carry out their work?

- a) Radio
- b) Bicycle
- c) Mobile & mobile connection
- d) Umbrella
- e) Record book
- f) Drug kit
- h) Any other (please specify)

25. Do you have meetings with ASHA Workers? -

a) Yes b) No

26. If yes, what is the different type of meetings held with them?

- a) Review meeting
- b) Meeting with the reporting authority
- c) Team building meeting
- d) Community meeting.

27. Who participate in village health planning?

- a) Officials of NRHM
- b) Gram panchayat members
- c) NGO workers
- d) School teachers
- e) Anganwadi workers
- f) Villagers (different castes).
- h) ASHA workers
- i) Any other (please specify

APPENDIX - II

(Questionnaire for community representative)

1. Background information

- i) Name
- ii) Addresses
- iii) Name of GP

iv) Position in the community

- a) Ward member
- b) Village councilor
- c) Gaon burrah
- d) Sectary of mahila samitee
- e) School teacher

2. Which Health issues do ASHA workers of your locality most commonly address in their work?

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- c) Adolescence health
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- e) Disease prevention and nutrition
- f) Improving health literacy

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4. Do you agree with the formal education up to class V111th for ASHA workers to hold their responsibilities?

- a) Strongly agree b) Agree c) Cannot say d) Disagree e) Strongly disagree
- 5. If no, what should be ASHA workers minimum qualifications?
 - a) up to class X b) Up to class Xl
 - c) Up to class Xll d) Class Xll and above
- 6. What is the selection procedure?
 - a) Interview
- b) Reference
- c) Verification d) Previous work experience
- 7. Who select individual from the community to work as ASHA.
 - a) Members of GP
 - b) Members of Rogi Kalyan Samitee
 - c) Officers of HDB

d) Community people

8. W/L . .1.

8. What qualities base did you select	ASHA workers?
i) Knowledge of	
a) Community	b) Health care system
c) Medicare	d) Specific disease/ health issues
e) General health	f) Any other (please specify)
ii) Skills	
a) Communication Skill	b) Interpersonal skills
c) Capacity building skills.	d) Advocacy skills
e) Organizational skill	f) All the above
g) Any other (please specify)	
9. Your opinion about ASHA worl	
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supervisors or with health officials.	
a) To large extent b) To some ex	tent c) To little extent d) Not at all
ii). ASHA workers are disciplined and	•
a) To large extent b) To some exten	t c) To little extent d) Not at all
iii. ASHA workers do regular home vis	
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iv). ASHA workers help and support cown selfa) To large extentb) To some exter	lients and community member to develop skills to help ent c) To little extent d) Not at all
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vi). ASHA workers capable of arrangir	ng meetings.
a) To large extent b) To some exter	
vii) ASHA workers properly follow up	
	nt c) To little extent d) Not at all.
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viii) Are you satisfied with the outcom	es of ASHA workers activities?
a) To large extent b) To some ex	xtent c) To little extent d) Not at all.
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10. Awareness and involvement of co	ommunity representative regarding ASHA workers
activity.	
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i) Regular availability of ASHA workers ASHA working in position/ role of ASHAs ii)

- Awareness of the benefits under JSY schemes iii)
- Involvement in conducting village health planning iv)

- v) Existence of VHSC
- vi) Awareness of holding regular meetings by ASHAs
- vii) Supervise / monitor ASHAs activities
- viii) Help in arranging more training for ASHAs
- ix) Existence of RKS in your GP
- x) ASHAs help RKS to implement toilets, proper drainage and safe drinking water

APPENDIX- III Questionnaire/ Performa (For ASHA workers)

1. Background information

2.

•	Nama:		
	Name:		
	Address:		
	Name of GP:		
•	Socioeconomic status score		
	i)Age (in years)		
	a) Young (19-32years)		
	b) Middle (33-46years)		
	c) Old (47-60 year		
	ii) Educational qualification		
	a) Can read and write		
	b) Primary level		
	c) Middle school level		
	d) High school level		
	e) Higher secondary level		
	iii) Marital status		
	a) Single		
	b) Married		
	c) Widow		
	d) Divorced/ separated		
	iv) Family type		
	a) Nuclear	b) Joint	c) Extended
	v) Family size		
	a) small (up to 4 membe	rs) b) medium (5-8 member	rs) c) large (9 and above)
	vi) Category		
	a) General	b) OBC/ MOBC	c) SC/ST/Tea Tribes
	vii) Family income per year		
	a) Below Rs. 15,000	b) 15,000-45000	c) above 45000
	viii) Do you have electricity f	facility?	
	a) Yes	b) No	
	ix) Type of sanitation		
	a) Kutcha	b) pucca	c) semi pucca and kutcha
	x) Type of drinking water f	acility?	
	a) Drinking water facility	at home	
	b) In front of yard / well		
	c) Community tape / bor	e well	
	xi) Organizational membersh	ip (social institute, political	party, Gram Panchayat)
	a) No membership		,
	b) Member of one organi	zation	
	c) Member of more than c		
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xii) if yes, what is the level of involvement?

a) Very active b) Active c)Average d) Little e) Never

3. Job Profile of ASHAs

i) From where you get information regarding the job?

- a) From Gram Panchayat
- b) Mahila Samiti
- c) Primary Health Centre
- d) Advertisement in news paper/ radio
- e) Block office
- ii) How you get selected for the job
 - a) Through interview
 - b) Through recommendation
 - c) Through verification
 - d) On the basis of your previous experience
- iii) What are the jobs you performs an ASHA worker?
 - a) Building community capacity
 - b) Building individual capacity
 - c) Community advocacy
 - d) Counseling
 - e) Patient navigation
 - f) Provide culturally appropriate health promotion /education
 - g) Organizing awareness camp
 - h) Accompany pregnant women during ANT PNT check up
 - i) Any other please specify
- iv) Knowledge and skill considered during your selection as ASHAs
 - i) Knowledge of,
 - a) community
 - b) health care system
 - c) specific disease/ health issues
 - d) general health
 - e) any other please specify
 - ii) Skills
 - a) communication skills
 - b) interpersonal skills
 - c) capacity building skills
 - d) advocacy skills
 - e) teaching skills
 - f) organizing skill
 - g) any other

v) Have you been instructed regarding your job responsibilitiesa) Yesb) No

If yes, how

- a) in written form
- b) orally
- c) by providing orientation training
- vi) Do you have any special education/ training prior to selection as ASHA worker?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No (if yes please specify)
- vii) Do you receive payment on time?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
- viii) Mode of payment
 - a) Cheque
 - b) cash
 - c) draft

ix) What other accessories have been provided?

- a) Umbrella
- b) bicycle
- c) radio
- d) mobile
- e) Bag
- f) Drug kits
- g) thermometer
- h) Torch

x) Which health issues do ASHA most commonly address in their work?

- a) Maternal health
- b) Child health
- c) Adolescence health
- d) Sanitation and hygiene
- e) Disease prevention and nutrition
- f) Eliminating health disparities
- g) Improving health literacy
- h) Provide dots to TB patients

xi) What kind of support you required to implement the programme more effectively? And to what extent?

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a) More training is to be arranged for ASHA workers and community members.

b) ASHA workers should be paid a fixed remuneration

c) Payment should be made timely

d) Regular supervision and follow-up from the health officials

e) Community participation and their help

f) Love and affection from the community

4. Training of ASHA worker

i) Is the training provided to you, enhancing your skills and knowledge to manage your work?

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

date	duration	Place	of	Main	topics	of	the
		training		trainin	g		
	10 days training (module 1						
	& 2)						
	14 days training (module 3)						
	18 days training (module 4)						
	2days training (module 5)						

iii) Areas of training

a. Maternal health	b. child health	c. adolescence
health		
d. hygiene and sanitation	e. food and nutrition	f. referrals and first aid

iv) How did the training help you? And to what extent

large extent to some extent little extent not at all

- i) Help to obtain a better job
- ii) Help to obtain better pay
- iii) Help to feel more comfortable in performing duties as an ASHA worker
- iv) Enhancement of knowledge and update information.
- v) Any other

v) Whether your performance is evaluated, a) Yes b) No

vi) if yes, mention the kind of evaluation:

a) By whom:

b) Frequency: a) Always b) Very often c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

vii) Who supervises your Work

- a) ASHA Supervised?
- b) Community Representative
- c) Block Programme Manager

- d) Community mobilizer
- e) ANM/ school teachers
- xiv) How frequently your are supervised
- a) Always b) Very often c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

5. Knowledge test of community health workers

i) About the community where ASHA workers work

issues	statement	Know	Know	Least known
		thoroughly	some what	
Knowledge				
about	Total population of your village			
community				
	Numbers of expected women of			
	your village			
	Numbers of children below 5			
	years of age			
	Numbers of children immunized			
	in previous month (all vaccine			
	combined)			

ii) About health issue and service available

Health issues	statement	Know	Know	Least
		thoroughly	some	known
			what	
Maternal	1. Antenatal care includes iron			
health	prophylaxis for pregnant and			
	lactating women, two doses of			
	tetanus toxide vaccines and			
	detection and treatment of			
	anemia			
	2. First milk of mother is called			
	colostrums and it contain			
	antibody, hence breastfeeding			
	should be initiated within 1 hrs			
	of delivery.			
	3. First dose of TT should be given			
	at 16 weeks and second dose at			
	20 weeks of pregnancy with			
	minimum interval of one month			
	between two doses.			
	4. Case benefits of rs. 500is			
	available to all the pregnant			
	women on registration for ANC			

	with you (ASHAs) and Rs. 900
	at the time of delivery. The
	benefit would be extended to all
	the women from below poverty
	line even after 3 rd birth if the
	mothers under go sterilization in
	the health centre immediately
	after delivery
Child health	1. Baby should be exclusive
	breastfeed for the first six
	months and feed at least eight
	times a day 2. Children with diarrhea
	immediately given ORS and
	sugar salt water are appreciate in
	case ORS is not available
	3. Immunization of children is
	done against the six killer
	diseases- tuberculosis,
	diphtheria, whooping cough,
	tetanus, polio and measles.
	4. Vitamin A doses start from nine
	months age, this protects
	children from night blindness.
Sanitation and	1. Hand wash, use of covered
hygiene	contains and proper disposal of
	garbage prevent diarrhea
	2. Development block provide Rs.
	1000 for construction of low
	cost latrine to the families of
	BPL
	3. Mosquitoes breed in stagnated
	dirty waste water from our
	baths, kitchen and cattle shades.
	When a mosquito bites a person
	suffers from malaria. Fever with
	headache and vomiting are few
	symptoms of malaria.
	4. Soak pit must be used to avoid
	pools of water, particularly in
	streets and common pathways.
	The pit should be of 1.5 m
	length, breath and depth.
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Nutrition	1. Spinach, amla, dalim, dry grapes, banana flower, drumstick, green leafy vegetable etc in daily is important to prevent blood deficiency.	
	2. Hingh is commonly found in our kitchens and used as a condiment. However, it also as a digestive and is useful in common disorders like abdominal pain`	
	3. Vegetables, fruits, sprouts contain vitamin which protect us from diseases and contain fiber necessary for normal bowl movements.	
	4. Mamoni scheme is initiated to provide financial support of Rs. 1000 to pregnant women to have nutritious food and supplement along with mother and child health card.	

6. Question on skills of ASHA workers

i).Use language confidently and communicate appropriately a) To large extend b) To some extend c)To little extend d) not at all ii) Pass judgment or criticize mid-way while someone is speaking a) To large extend b) To some extend c)To little extend d) not at all iii) Able to provide client centered counseling with any confusion. a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all iv). Find difficulties to write applications and letters to the authorities to improve access to health care services? a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all v) Community people listen to ASHA and follow their advice a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all vi) Get encouragement and appreciation from community as well as from health officials a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all vii) Get love and affection from clients and community a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all Viii). Resolve problems without losing control of emotions and leaves no unhappy feelings among the members a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all ix) ASHA participate in village health plan

d) not at all a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent x) Able to make available primary health facilities to the community a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xi) Seek advice from the appropriate authority and involvement of the community to solve a problem that you identified a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xii) Do regular visits to maintain follow up their clients? a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all Xiii) Able to state authority about the need of their locality and the reasons of need. a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xiv) Mobilize individual, families and communities in getting the services they need. a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xv) Support clients and community to develop skills to help own selves. a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all Xvi) Able to identify health problems facing by the community. a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xvii) Prepare adequately before meeting a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all Xviii) Able to conduct meeting and take follow up action a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xix) Able to work according to the work priorities and can manage time a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xx) Accompany beneficiaries for ANC/PNC and could arrange vehicle during emergency a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xxi) Teach your community people to develop confidence to promote their own health a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all xxii) Instruct community to access health care services at village level health centers c) to little extent a) To large extent b) to some extent d) not at all xxii) Provide information regarding diet and nutrition. a) To large extent c) to little extent b) to some extent d) not at all xxiv) Make aware community to adapt hygienic and healthy practices a) To large extent b) to some extent c) to little extent d) not at all

7. Attitude of ASHAs towards their work

i) Creation of ASHA defines women empowerment; they got an opportunity to showcase their ability to create awareness on health and its social determinants
 Strongly agree agree no comment disagree
 ii) Winning the community heart through ASHAs voluntary service and sincere dedication has helped to achieve the goal of NRHM.
 Strongly agree agree no comment disagree
 strongly disagree
 iii) ASHA do regular home visit and tries to convince mother as well as other family member

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strongly disagree	agree	no comment	disagree
iv) ASHA should be always	ready to serve the	people in need	
Strongly agree	agree	no comment	disagree
strongly disagree	C		C
v) ASHA played a critical r	ole in saving the liv	ves of infants and mothers	
Strongly agree	agree	no comment	disagree
strongly disagree	uBree		dibuBree
strongly disagree			
vi) Each and every villager a and willingness to work for	-	respects you (ASHA) for y	our contribution
vi)Your work (as an ASHA)	enhancing your sta	atus	
Strongly agree	agree	no comment	disagree
strongly disagree	e		e
xii) ASHA work	for the sanitation o	f the village	
Strongly agree	agree	no comment	disagree
strongly disagree	agree	no comment	uisagiee
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strongly disagree			
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- d) Organizing awareness camp
- e) Distribution of leaflet, folders and broachers etc.
- f) Any other please specifies.

xxix) Use any innovative methods of own to convey health messages?

Always very often sometimes rarely never

9. Questions on motivation of ASHA workers

- i) What do you feel about your work and to what extent,
 - large extent some extent little extent not at all
 - a) challenging
 - b) Novel
 - c) Enjoyable
 - d) Interesting
 - e) Promising
 - f) Dull
 - g) Laborers
- ii) What motivates you in your work? (Assigns numbers 1-10, where 1 stands for highly motivational factor and 10 stands least motivational factor) and to what extent?
 - TLE TSE TLE NAA
 - a) Positive health outcomes of community
 - b) reorganization
 - c) Supervision and support provided by health officials
 - d) Trainings
 - e) Enhancement of duties and responsibility by community as well as health officials
 - f) Enhancement of status
 - g) Pay for performance
 - h) Accessories
 - i) Certificates
 - j) Felicitation

a) Yes

- k) Flexible working hour
- 1)
- iii) Do you plan to continue your work as an ASHA worker?
 - a) Yes b) No
- iv) Have you motivated others to become ASHA worker?

b) No

v) Rate your satisfaction for the following factors

Variables	Sub variables	Level	of satisfaction			
		Highly	dissatisfied	No	satisfied	Highly
		dissatisfied		comment		satisfied
Extrinsic	1. Pay for					
reward	performance					
	2. Accessories					
	3. Certificate					
	4. Felicitation					
Intrinsic	1.					
reward	Enhancement of duties					
	2. Faith and					
	responsibilitie					
	s provided by					
	community as					
	well as by					
	health					
	officials					
	3.					
	reorganization					
	4. positive					
	health					
	outcomes					
	5. training					
	6. support and					
	supervision					
	by health					
	officials					
	7.					
	Appreciation					
	8. Love and					
	affection of					
	community					
	people.					
	9.					
	Enhancement					
	of status.					
	10.flexible					
	working hour					

10. What discourage you in your work?

Difficulties/ problems	always	Very often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a) Non availability of funds					
and low allowances.					
b) Adequate training is not					
provided to update information					
c) Lack in supply of drugs and					
transportation					
d) Behavior of staff in health					
facilities is not appropriate.					
Difficulties / problems e) Adequate facilities for					
e) Adequate facilities for institutional deliveries not					
available.					
avanable.					
f) Lack of interest of the					
community.					
g) heavy work loads					

APPENDIX - IV Questionnaire (part- IV) (For household or beneficiaries of NRHM)

1. Background information

- i) Name:
- ii) Addresses:
- iii) Age:
- a) 16-25
- b) 26-35
- c) 36-45
- iv) Marital status
- b) Married
- c) Widow
- d) Divorced/ separated

2. Socioeconomic Status Score

- i. Educational qualification
 - a) illiterate
 - b) Can read and write
 - c) Primary level
 - d) Middle school level
 - e) High school level
 - f) Higher secondary level

ii Main occupation of the family

- a) Daily wage earner
- b) Artisan
- c) Business
- d) Agriculture
- e) Services

ii. Family income (annually)

- a) Below Rs. 15000
- b) Rs. 15001 Rs. 45,000
- c) Above Rs. 45000

iii. Type of house

- a) Kutcha
- b) Semi pucca and kutcha
- c) Pucca
- iv. Family type
 - a) Nuclear b) Joint

vi. Family size

- a) Small (up to 4members)
- b) Medium (5-8 members)
- c) Large(9 and above)

vii. Social category

- a) SC/ ST/ Tea tribes
- b) OBC/ MOBC
- c) General

viii. Landholding

- a) Land less (<1 bhiga)
- b) Marginal (2-4 bigha)
- c) Small (5-7 bigha)
- d) Large (> 10 bigha)

x. Do you have drinking water facility?

- a) Drinking water facility At home
- b) In front of yard/ well
- c) Community tape/ bore well
- d) Open tank

xi. Material possession (household assets)

- a) Television / Radio
- b) Improved chullah/ gas stoves
- c) Telephone/ Mobile
- d) Bicycle
- e) Motor cycle/ scooter
- f) Sanitary latrine
- g) Electricity
- h) Modern household furniture

xii. Method of waste disposal

- a) thrown in the open air
- b) buried in a pit
- c) burnt
- d) any other (please specify)

xiii.Organizational membership (Social institution, Political party, Gram Panchayat, Religious body)

- a) No membership
- b) Member of a one organization
- c) Member of a more than one organization
- d) Office brear

2. Do you know about NRHM and ASHA health worker of your locality?

Yes / No

3. ASHA gives medicine free of cost when needed

Yes / No

4. ASHA discuss about hand washing

Yes / No

5. ASHA discuss about construction of household toilets Yes / No

6. ASHA discuss about, safe drinking water

Yes / No

- 7. VHND is being organized in the village Yes/ No
- 8. Do you know about VHSC?

Yes/ No

- **9. ASHA gives all the information regarding JSY** Yes/ No
- 10. ASHA provides information about family planning and spacing method and ideal

gap between 1st and 2nd child.

Yes/ No

- 11. Do you received advice from ASHA regarding your diet $Yes/\ No$
- **12. ASHA do regular home visit** Yes/ No

13. ASHA accompanies pregnant women to the health centers for their ANC/PNC cheek up.

Yes/ No

14 Your relationship with ASHA workers.

i. ASHA worker of your locality have a positive relationship with clients, community member and supervisors.

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

ii. ASHA worker of your locality is disciplined and friendly

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

iii. ASHA worker help and support clients and community member to develop skill to help own self

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

iv. ASHA worker of your area listen carefully others problem.

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

v. ASHA workers of your area do regular home visit and capable of arranging meetings. a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

vi. Are you satisfied with the outcomes of ASHA workers activities?

a) To large extent b) To some extent c) To little extent d) not at all.

15. Do you have Village Health and Sanitation Committee in your Village? a) Yes b) No

12. Who participate in village health planning?

- a) Officials of NRHM
- b) Gram panchayat members
- c) NGO workers
- d) School teachers
- e) Anganwadi workers
- f) Villagers (different castes).
- h) ASHA workers
- i) Any other (please specify)

APPENDIX –V Scoring of Districts according to the selected health indicators

Districts	CBR	Score	CDR	Score	IMR	score	MMR	score	ID	score	FIC	score	ANC	score	PNC	score	JSY Benificary	score	ASHA AP	score	MRHE	score
Borpeta	20.8	13	6.7	11	48	15	55	7	53	7	58.7	5	59.7	9	31.0	5	98.6	16	98.6	13	90.5	12
Bongaigaon	19.3	18	6.2	14	53	13	53	8	47.4	5	59.7	7	44	4	30.3	4	91	6	94	10	84.8	9
Chachar	26.5	2	7.5	7	57	10	57	5	60.3	11	64	9	52	8	27.3	3	98	17	81.3	5	62.2	2
Darrang	20.8	13	8.3	2	64	6	67	2	54.7	9	66	10	63.7	10	38.7	7	97.6	15	92.1	9	71.4	5
Dhemaji	23.0	8	4.5	16	56	11	55	7	78.3	19	72.7	11	76	14	59.3	15	97.4	14	98.7	14	96.7	16
Dhuburi	22.1	10	7.1	9	72	2	66	3	46	4	56.7	4	38.3	1	39.7	8	73.2	1	89.9	6	88.8	11
Dibrugarh	20.1	14	8.1	4	55	12	55	7	64	12	78.7	15	89	19	73.7	19	91.7	9	84.9	5	99.0	19
Goalpara	22.5	9	6.9	10	56	11	58	4	45.7	3	64	9	49.7	7	24.7	2	76.6	2	68.6	2	62.6	3
Golaghat	21.9	11	8.0	5	57	9	68	1	67.3	13	86.3	18	84	17	75.3	20	98	14	100	17	99.0	18
Hailakandi	32.1	1	7.0	14	55	12	52	9	53	7	55	3	71.7	13	31	5	90	6	77.4	3	85.4	10
Jorhat	20.0	15	8.2	3	58	8	56	6	69.7	15	88.3	19	91.7	20	81.3	22	91	7	97.6	12	98.3	18
Kamrup (U)	20	15	7	14	52	14	55	7	55.7	10	77.7	12	77.7	16	71.3	18	100	18	34.7	1	99.3	20
Kamrup (R)	18.7	19	5.9	15	46	16	58	4	79.6	20	91.7	20	93	21	52.5	13	93.8	10	99.2	16	76.3	6
Karimganj	25.8	3	6.6	12	69	3	58	4	35	1	40.3	1	43	3	18.3	1	82	3	99	15	79.4	8
Kokrajhar	23.1	7	7.7	6	76	1	66	3	48	6	59	6	41.3	2	46.0	11	100	18	100	17	94.5	13
Lakimpur	24.4	5	6.9	10	68	4	58	4	82	21	85.7	17	98.3	23	50.3	12	97.2	13	100	17	100	21
Morigaon	23.5	6	8.5	1	69	3	66	3	60	10	74.7	13	64	11	54.3	14	88.9	4	91.1	7	96.7	16
Nagaon	24.6	4	8.1	4	72	2	68	1	41	2	53	2	45.3	5	43	9	89	5	95.9	11	78.4	7

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Nalbari	18.8	19	7.4	8	62	7	58	4	71.7	16	82.3	16	76.3	15	36.7	6	100	18	92.6	9	95.8	15
Sivasagar	19.7	17	8.1	4	55	12	56	6	75.3	17	86.3	18	94.3	22	68	17	100	18	100	17	95.3	14
Sonitpur	19.8	16	6.5	13	66	5	66	3	53.3	8	60.7	8	64.3	12	62.3	16	91.3	8	100	17	54.6	1
Tinsukia	21.1	13	7.5	7	44	17	53	8	68.3	14	78.3	14	86.3	18	80	21	96.6	11	100	17	98.0	17
karbianglong	21.2	12	6.9	10	62	7	58	4	78	18	58	4	48.7	6	43.2	10	97	12	92.1	8	63	4

Source: Coverage evaluation survey report Assam 2008- 2009 and districts level house hold survey report 2007-2008

APPENDIX – VI Ranking of districts according to the score obtained regarding health indicators of the population

Districts	Score											
Borpeta	13	11	15	7	7	5	9	5	16	13	12	11
Bongaigaon	18	14	13	8	5	7	4	4	6	10	9	98
Chachar	2	7	10	5	11	9	8	3	17	4	2	78
Darrang	13	2	6	2	9	10	10	7	15	9	5	88
Dhemaji	8	16	11	7	19	11	14	15	14	14	16	145
Dhuburi	10	9	2	3	4	4	1	8	1	6	11	59
Dibrugarh	14	4	12	7	12	15	19	19	9	5	19	135
Goalpara	9	10	11	4	3	9	7	2	2	2	3	62
Golaghat	11	5	9	1	13	18	17	20	14	17	18	143
Hailakandi	1	14	12	9	7	3	13	5	6	3	10	83
Jorhat	15	3	8	6	15	19	20	22	7	12	18	145
Kamrup (U)	15	14	14	7	10	12	16	18	18	1	20	145
Kamrup (R)	19	15	16	4	20	20	21	13	10	16	6	160

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Karimganj	3	12	3	4	1	1	3	1	3	15	8	54
Kokrajhar	7	6	1	3	6	6	2	11	18	17	13	90
Lakimpur	5	10	4	4	21	17	23	12	13	17	21	147
Morigaon	6	1	3	3	10	13	11	14	4	7	16	88
Nagaon	4	4	2	1	2	2	5	9	5	11	7	52
Nalbari	19	8	7	4	16	16	15	6	18	9	15	133
Sivsagar	17	4	12	6	17	18	22	17	18	17	14	162
Sonitpur	16	13	5	3	8	8	12	16	8	17	1	107
Tinsukia	13	7	17	8	14	14	18	21	11	17	17	157
karbianglong	12	10	7	4	18	4	6	10	12	8	4	
												95

APPENDIX VII

Table, A3. List of Villages for sampling	

Sl.No.	Name of the villages	Health Development Block	Districts
1.	Nalonibari	Behali	Sonitpur
2.	Nizbehali		
3.	Kasumari		
4.	Kawori pathar		
5.	Borajuli gaon		
6.	Lal phukhuri		
7.	Toku bari		
8.	Bhotiamari		
9.	Boralle mora		
10.	Dakhinbhir	Biswanathcharali	Sonitpur
11.	Uttarbhir		1
12.	Daw gaon		
13.	Bam Gaon		
14.	Kodomoni		
15.	Kuch Gaon		
15. 16.	Gorehagi		
10.	Jagatpur		
18.	Madhupur		
10. 19.	Pabhoi		
20.	Lehugaon		
20.	Potia gaon		
21.	Goroimari		
22.	Joypur		
23. 24.	Balichang		
25.	Nilpur		
23. 26.	Dallang guri		
20. 27.	Balipukhur		
27.	Banpuknui		
28.	Pithakhowa	Behaguri	Sonitpur
29.	Tumuki no.1	C C	1
30.	Tumuki no.2		
31.	Thelamora		
32.	Komar Chuburi		
33.	Likhok Gaon		
34.	Naam pithakhowa		
35.	Dhekial Gaon		
36.	Mekanor Chuburi		
37.	Bhomorrahguri		
38.	Alisanga		
39.	Tenga basti		
40.	Alisanga uriamguri		
40. 41.	Uriamguri		
41.	Bhojkhowa		
42. 43.	Khalaibil		
43. 44.	Panchmail		
45.	Gaurisanga		

46.	Beha gaon		
47.	Jahaj duba gaon		
48.	Pub thoria	Jakhlabondha	Nagaon
49.	Sonari gaon	<i>Julinuo onulu</i>	i uguon
50.	Uttar- pub thoria		
51.	Bagjan		
52.	Gorubondha no.1		
53.	Gaorubondha no.2		
54.	Saikia Chuburi		
55.	Hensua gaon		
56.	Kiling gaon		
57.	Samumukh kachari gaon		
071	Rangulu gaon		
58.	Tunguru guon		
59.	Bagmari	Samuguri	Nagaon
60.	Puronigudam	Sundguit	1 iuguoii
61.	Puronigudam Na-ali		
62.	Halwa gaon		
63.	Beroli gaon		
64.	Muamari		
65.	Sonari gaon		
66.	Gendhali		
67.	Mohpala		
68.	Eheleuguri		
00.	Enereugan		
69.	Uriagrant tubuki	Kathiatoli	Nagaon
70.	Gorabari	Katillatoli	Nuguon
70.	Telia ati		
72.	Jyotinagar		
73.	Pubtetelisora		
73. 74.	Bhelewguri		
75.	Jumarmur		
76.	Nibukali		
70. 77.	Garubondha		
77. 78.	Rangaloo		
78. 79.	Suarupathar		
80.	Bundura		
80. 81.	Chang chaki		
81. 82.	Ghilani		
82. 83.	Kalikhuwa		
83. 84.	Kamargaon		
84. 85.	Kohargaon		
85. 86.	Bherbheri	Kathiatoli	Nagaon
80. 87.	Gurukhunda	Kumuton	Tugaon
87. 88.	Biharigaon		
88. 89.	Uariagaon		
89. 90.	Pani khati		
90. 91.	Hati khuti		
91. 92.	Singimari gaon		
92. 93.	Sitalmari		
93. 94.	Sildubi		
74.	Siluuul		

95.	Bundura		
96.	Guhaikhat		
97.	Narttamgaon		
98.	Ghogargaon		
99.	Ranipukhuri		
100.	Khatalguri	Simonabasti	Nagaon
101.	Borhula no. 1		
102.	Sonajuri		
103.	Nonoi		
104.	Jurajuri		
105.	Khaloiati		
106.	Barbhogaon		
107.	Beloguri		
108.	Kanuamari		
109.	Auguri		
110.	Namdang Bongali gaon	Gaurisagar	Sivsagar
111.	Rupahimukh		
112.	Senchuwa gaon		
113.	Dulia gaon		
114.	Bhotiapara		
115.	Deughoria		
116.	Thenkeratal		
117.	Hatighuli		
118.	Belimukhia Kohar	Kaloong Gaon	Sivsagar
119.	Ghuirasuwa		
120.	Ganak gaon		
121.	Khanikar Gaon		
122.	Abhoipuria		
123.	Mukta		
124.	Bogidoli		

APPENDIX- VIII

					95% Confide	nce Interval
(I) Age of the respondents	(J) Age of the respondents	Mean Difference (I- J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(15-25 years)	(26-35 years)	19199 [*]	.04900	.000	2889	0951
	(36-45 years)	46278 [*]	.05563	.000	5727	3528
(26-35 years)	(15-25 years)	.19199 [*]	.04900	.000	.0951	.2889
	(36- 45 years)	27079 [*]	.05165	.000	3729	1687
(36-45 years)	(15-25 years)	.46278 [*]	.05563	.000	.3528	.5727
	(26-35 years)	.27079 [*]	.05165	.000	.1687	.3729

Table A 4: Post Hoc analysis (LSD) SES score of ASHAs among their age group

APPENDIX-IX

(I) Educational	(J) Educational	Mean			95% Cor Inter	
qualification of the respondents	qualification of the respondents	Difference (I- J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
can read and	primary level	45463*	.13882	.001	7291	1801
write	middle school level	75282*	.13764	.000	-1.0250	4807
	High school level	99853 [*]	.13860	.000	-1.2726	7245
	higher secondary level	-1.19024*	.16093	.000	-1.5084	8720
primary level	can read and write	.45463*	.13882	.001	.1801	.7291
	middle school level	29819 [*]	.06855	.000	4337	1626
	High school level	54390*	.07047	.000	6832	4046
	higher secondary level	73561 [*]	.10796	.000	9491	5222
middle school	can read and write	.75282*	.13764	.000	.4807	1.0250
level	primary level	.29819*	.06855	.000	.1626	.4337
	High school level	24571*	.06811	.000	3804	1111
	higher secondary level	43742*	.10643	.000	6478	2270
High school level	can read and write	.99853*	.13860	.000	.7245	1.2726
	primary level	.54390*	.07047	.000	.4046	.6832
	middle school level	.24571*	.06811	.000	.1111	.3804
	higher secondary level	19170	.10767	.077	4046	.0212
•	can read and write	1.19024*	.16093	.000	.8720	1.5084
level	primary level	.73561*	.10796	.000	.5222	.9491
	middle school level	.43742*	.10643	.000	.2270	.6478
	Highs school level	.19170	.10767	.077	0212	.4046

Table A 5, Post Hoc analysis (LSD) SES score of ASHAs among their educational level

APPENDIX- X

(I)		Mean			95% Confide Interval	
organizational membership	(J) organizational membership	Difference (I- J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
no membership	member of one organization	31036*	.06436	.000	4376	1831
	member of more than one organization	69606 [*]	.09110	.000	8762	5160
member of one	no membership	.31036*	.06436	.000	.1831	.4376
organization	member of more than one organization	38570 [*]	.08828	.000	5602	2112
member of	no membership	.69606*	.09110	.000	.5160	.8762
more than one organization	member of one organization	.38570*	.08828	.000	.2112	.5602

Table A 6, Post Hoc analysis (LSD) SES score of ASHAs among their organizational membership.

(I) Age of	I) Age of (J) Age of				95% Confidence Interval		
the	the	Difference (I-			Lower		
respondents	respondents	J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Bound	Upper Bound	
15-25 years	26-35 years	.20060*	.06240	.002	.0772	.3240	
	36-45 years	.04692	.07335	.523	0981	.1919	
26-35 years	15-25 years	20060*	.06240	.002	3240	0772	
	36-45 years	15368*	.06678	.023	2857	0217	
36-45 years	15-25 years	04692	.07335	.523	1919	.0981	
	26-35 years	.15368*	.06678	.023	.0217	.2857	

APPENDIX- XI Table A 7, Post Hoc analysis of knowledge scores of ASHAS with their age

APPENDIX - XII

Tables A 8, Post hoc anal	vsis (LSD) knowledge score of A	ASHAs for organizational	l involvement.

(I) level of					95% Confidence Interval	
involvement	(J) level of					
in	involvement in	Mean Difference (I-				
organization	organization	J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
never	little	16422*	.06785	.017	2984	0301
	average	20501*	.07112	.005	3456	0644
	active	20385	.13202	.125	4649	.0572
	very active	32885	.23317	.161	7899	.1322
little	never	.16422*	.06785	.017	.0301	.2984
	average	04079	.06601	.538	1713	.0897
	active	03962	.12934	.760	2953	.2161
	very active	16462	.23167	.479	6227	.2934
average	never	.20501*	.07112	.005	.0644	.3456
	little	.04079	.06601	.538	0897	.1713
	active	.00116	.13108	.993	2580	.2603
	very active	12384	.23264	.595	5838	.3361
active	never	.20385	.13202	.125	0572	.4649
	little	.03962	.12934	.760	2161	.2953
	average	00116	.13108	.993	2603	.2580
	very active	12500	.25786	.629	6348	.3848
very active	never	.32885	.23317	.161	1322	.7899
	little	.16462	.23167	.479	2934	.6227
	average	.12384	.23264	.595	3361	.5838
	active	.12500	.25786	.629	3848	.6348

APPENDIX- XIII

(I) training	(J) training	Mean			95% Confidence Interval	
provided, i) duration	provided, i) duration	Difference (I- J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
ten days	14 days training	02680	.18418	.885	3909	.3373
training	18 days training	08264	.07882	.296	2385	.0732
	23 days training	24631 [*]	.05833	.000	3616	1310
14 days training ten days training		.02680	.18418	.885	3373	.3909
	18 days training	05583	.19363	.774	4386	.3270
	23 days training	21950	.18623	.241	5877	.1487
18 days training	ten days training	.08264	.07882	.296	0732	.2385
	14 days training	.05583	.19363	.774	3270	.4386
	23 days training	16367	.08349	.052	3287	.0014
23 days training	ten days training	.24631*	.05833	.000	.1310	.3616
	14 days training	.21950	.18623	.241	1487	.5877
	18 days training	.16367	.08349	.052	0014	.3287

Table A 9, Post hoc analysis (LSD) knowledge score of ASHAs with duration of training

APPENDIX- XIV

(I) training (J) training		Mean			95% Confid	ence Interval
provided, i) duration	provided, i) duration	Difference (I- J)	Std. Error	Sig.	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
ten days	14 days training	10180	.41333	.806	9190	.7154
training	18 days training	.07986	.17687	.652	2698	.4295
	23 days training	39045*	.13090	.003	6493	1316
14 days training	ten days training	.10180	.41333	.806	7154	.9190
	18 days training	.18167	.43452	.677	6774	1.0407
	23 days training	28865	.41793	.491	-1.1149	.5376
18 days training	ten days training	07986	.17687	.652	4295	.2698
	14 days training	18167	.43452	.677	-1.0407	.6774
	23 days training	47032 [*]	.18737	.013	8408	0999
23 days training	ten days training	.39045*	.13090	.003	.1316	.6493
	14 days training	.28865	.41793	.491	5376	1.1149
	18 days training	.47032*	.18737	.013	.0999	.8408

Table A 10, Post hoc analysis (LSD) attitude score of ASHAs with duration of training

Source: The Assam Tribune, daily news paper



GUWAHATI, May 25 – The haratiya Janata Party (BJP), ssam Pradesh today demandd that the iron tablets that are

eing administered to the irl students in the State nust be tested again and tringent punishment nust be meted to those

ound guilty in this connection. The party also described Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's remarks regarding the situation arising out of iron tabet consumption by girl students as apathetic and shallow.

In a press conference held yesterday, Sarma had menioned that the side effects in

the girl students in Sonitpur that started showing after taking iron tablets was a normal condition. Sarma had also said that the condition of some of the girl students worsened

Student bodies flay Himanta's remark

because they had come in empty stomachs. "If students in Assam are coming in empty stomachs to schools, then who are those people who have availed the BPL cards?" asked the party pointing out that the Congress government has issued lakhs and lakhs of BPL cards in the State: Meanwhile, AASU said that the remarks made by Himanta Biswa Sarma has proved his irresponsible attitude and his attempt to shield those involved in this racket of supplying spurious drugs.

The AJYCP has demanded a high-level inquiry into the matter. The student body has also dubbed Himanta Biswa Sarma as a 'liar'.

The SFI, Assam State Committee too said that Himanta Biswa Sarma was resorting to lies to hide his own fault. The All India Democratic Students Organisation and the All India Mahila Sanskritick Sangathan have demanded a thorough inquiry into the incident.

Dated- 25th May 2012

Health care conditions abysmal in Golaghat tea garden areas

CORRESPONDENT

GOLAGHAT, June 3 - Inspite of adoption of ambitious schemes for healthcare by the NRIIM, no proper steps have been adopted by the Health Department of the State Government in the rural and tea garden areas of Golaghat district till now, affected people have alleged. The tea garden workers of the Golaghat district have been deprived of medical facilities, alleged the workers. The Health Department has also failed to appoint doctors and nurses at Housetally, Banuwaripur, Nilgiri, Mahima, Padumoni, Halmira Mukh, Golaghat, Jamuguri, Usha, Balizan, Chengajan, Dolowjan, Borting, Athabari, Furkating, Hatigaon, Matikhola, Kapuhating, Samuating, Aholaguri, Rongajan, Kathoni, Naharbari, Rajabari, Avoijan, Shyamraipur, Dolakharia, and Govindapur, Missamora, Nandanpur, Krishna, Pavojan, Rongamati tea gardens. These gardens have also been running without nurses and pharmacists.

It may be mentioned here that according to the Assam Plantation Labour Rule 1956 every tea garden should be equipped with all medical facilities with proper and sufficient doctors and nurses. Moreover, among 1000 patients, 15 beds should be provided. Due to absence of proper treatment and absence of medicines most of the tea workers have this time suffered from cholera and dysentery.

In Hakhowjan tea garden seven persons had been affected by cholera. The patients are Debraj Nahak (40), Kedar Nahak (30), Anil Tanti (28), Ahailya Nayak (40), Prabin Nahak (27), Mukesh Nayok (25), Jogeswar Nahak (45). Dr Muku Gogoi, Joint Director Health Services, Golaghat told this correspondent that a group of doctors including Dr SB Goswami, Chief Medical & Health Officer and Dr Dilip Rajbanshi, had taken all proper steps to eradicate cholera and met the managers of the tea gardens for taking necessary action.

It may be mentioned here that due to cholera, three patients had died in 2009, three in 2008 and in 2007 two tea workers had died of cholera.

The local people and the tea workers had demanded of the Health Department to take viable steps against the eradication and control of cholera in these areas.

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Demand to improve facilities at Debachara dispensary

CORRESPONDENT

BARAMA, July 30 - The failure of the State Health Department to provide full fledged medical service to the rural areas can be gauged from the absence of health care facilities in the malaria - prone areas of the district and its neighbouring areas.

Even though the State Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has assured the people of taking adequate steps to improve the infrastructure of the dispensaries to protect the villagers from malaria, a section of the people here have severely criticised the Health Minister for not talking steps to fulfil his promise.

Malaria is an annual phe-

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bachara. The State dispensary situated in Debachara vil- chim Baksa mouza. lage in Baska district runs without adequate doctors stuff causing immense trou-

ble to the patients here. Patients coming to the hospital have to wait for the arrival of doctors who often comes to the hospital at 10-30 am. It is also alleged that the doctors do not stay in the residence in the camps . People have to face great hardship at night if they face serious illness. Meanwhile, student organisations have severely criticised the authorities concerned for not taking any move to improve the infra-

structure of the dispensary. It may be mentioned that nomenon in villages like De- the dispensary covers as Student's Union . Distin-

many as 12 villages in Pas-

The lack of proper infrastructure in the dispensary is another problem . Moreover , massive shortage of medi-The doctors who attend the cines, deplorable condition hospital are not punctual. of the dispensary building and the quarters of the doctors are some some of the major problems in the dispensary.

The people here have demanded the state Government, especially the Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, to take adequate means to improve the infrastructure of the dispensary.

Remembered: Hiren Bhattacharjya was remembered in a meeting held at Barimakha recently. The meeting was organised by the Barimakha Anchalik Sarania

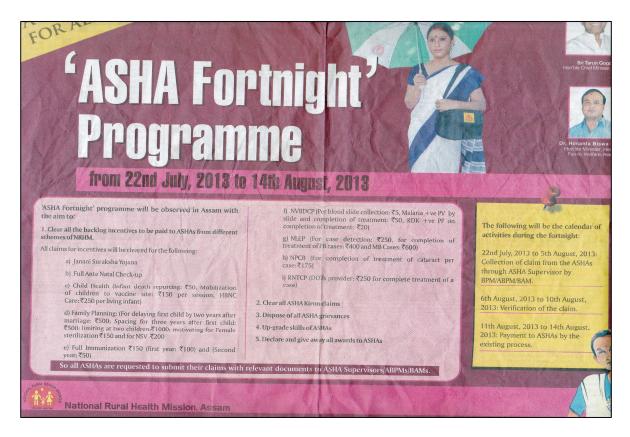
guished person and poets of the locality extended tributes to Late Hiru Da by placing flowers on his portrait. Suni Ram Boro, a noted social worker read out a poem of Hiren Bhattacharjya by translating from Assamese to Bodo help the patients in general language in the function conducted by Ramesh Chandra Das, the chairman of Sarania Kachari Development Council. Dilip Kumar Sarmah, tralaya, Basistha Guwahati Nabin Boro, Mahima Das, Himakshi Sarania among of the NGO. others read out some poems of Late Bhattacharjya at the function

Health camp: A free medical treatment camp organised by the Rural Welfare Society was held at Bikash Jatiya Vidiyalaya premises, Debachara recently .Mr Ramesh Chandra Das, the president of the ation of their eyes.

society while inaugurating the free medical camp formally, said that the NGO has adopt ed some schemes for helping the poor and down trodden people of the society said that the free medical camp would and eye patients in particular .He said that arrangement for doctors for the treatment eye patients from Sankardev Newas done with the initiative

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As many as 240 eye patients and 230 general patients were given free treatment by doctors in the camp A mobile team from Mushalpur Civil Hospital took part in the camp and gave free treatment, Later 80 patients were selected for free oper-



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