

Report on
Medical Health Camp

Organised by

Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University
in collaboration with Department of Social Work, Tezpur University

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Venue: Harijan Colony, Tezpur

With an intention to provide access of medical health care and generate awareness towards health among the underprivileged sections of the society, one day medical health camp was organised at Harijan Colony, Tezpur on 10th November 2019 in the premises of Silver Jubilee Primary School, Tribeni. The programme specifically aimed at specializations as general medicine, orthopedics, eye care and dental care for the community people. It was organised by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Tezpur University. Technical support for this camp was provided by Baptist Christian Hospital, Tezpur and Directorate of Health Service, Assam through team of doctors and stock of medicines respectively.

As per the schedule, programme started at 11:00 a.m. and continued till 4:00 p.m. At the outset, Mr. Syed Parvez Ahmed, Research Scholar, Department of Social Work introduced the aims and objectives of the health camp to the invited doctors and the community. It was followed by felicitation of the doctors by the local ward member Mr. Deep Basfore. The team of medical professionals included Dr. Mathew Cherian (Surgeon), Dr. Sarah Katoholi Shohe (Dentist), Dr. Christina Marie Joseph (Orthopedic), Dr. Rosemary Augustine (Optometrist), Mr. Bikash Gurung & Mr. Geremsa Khakhlari (Community Health Staff), and Mr. Elias Basumatary & Mr. Suren Swargiary (Dental Assistants) from Baptist Christian Hospital. On behalf of the organizers, Dr. D.R. Gautam, Research Officer, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University felicitated the local ward member. This was done in the august presence of Mr. Prasanta Das & Ms. Kabita from Directorate of Health Services, Assam who were instrumental in providing the stock of medicines to conduct this health camp.

In the short span of around five hours, 172 people could benefit from the health camp. There were 39 children beneficiaries in the age group between 0-14 years. Among these children, 13 were female and 26 were male. Apart from children, there were 133 beneficiaries who were above 14 years of age out of which 39 were female and 94 were male beneficiaries. Highest number of patients were related to aspects of general medicine and dermatology indicating less awareness towards hygiene and skin care. This was followed by the patients of eye care, dental care and ortho care. It was observed that people in the locality were having varied eye problems whose association could largely be with their occupation, and less awareness/ability for its care. However, their gradual sight loss due to various eye problems was a concern

requiring better treatment. In certain cases, patients were advised for a follow-up towards advanced medical care. In order to facilitate patients in the locality, dedicated team of scholars/students from Department of Social Work and EFL, TU, viz. Ms. Charmi Haque, Ms. Juri Saikia, Ms. Shweta Baruah, Mr. Surajit Das, Mr. Jyoti Prasad Bori, Mr. Parvez Syed, and Ms. Kiran Saikia kept records of few cases that may require further assistance (through NGOs) in accessing certain health care facilities.

It's noteworthy that despite odds as rain, short duration of time, it could draw good response from the community, thanks to the sincere efforts of team from Department of Social Work under faculty member, Dr. Veda Yumnam. The success of the programme in providing basic health care facilities for the needy people was evident in the heartfelt cooperation and support from all the stakeholders till the end of the event. It is felt that organizing certain health camp in the community premise can benefit the needy section of the society in accessing health care facilities and generating awareness among people. The organisers are thankful to all the stake holders including the nurses (Ms. Ankita Bharali and Ms. Nilakhi Bora) and ASHA workers (Ms. Mariyam Begum, Ms. Sumi Begum, Ms. Najida Begum, Ms. Saleha Begum, and Ms. Tuntun Das) for their active involvement in making the programme successful.

Few Photos from the Camp



(The Site of Medical Health Camp)



(Organisers with Team of Doctors and Other Medical Professionals)



(Registration for Check-up)



(General Medicine and Dermatology Related)



(Dental Check-up)



(Eye Check-up)



(Orthopedic Patients)