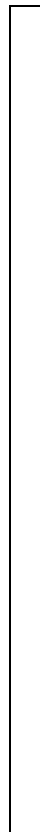


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**THE FOUNDATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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INTRODUCTION:

The Foundation of Rural Development (FORD), which is a non-governmental, non-profit making organisation came into existence in the year 1996 with a great efforts of like-minded people in view of the backwardness and shortcomings facing to the marginal section of the society in the state. The organisation has been committed to render many commendable services in the field of welfare and development activities irrespective of caste, creed, sex, religions etc. Its registered office is situated at Wangjing Heitupokpi Leikai, P.O. Wangjing, Thoubal District, Manipur-795148, which is about 25 kms away from Imphal towards south along the Indo- Myanmar Road.

LEGAL STATUS:

The organisation has got its registration under both Manipur Societies Registration Act 1989 (Act 1 of 1990), Govt. of Manipur, on 31st March, 1998 with registration number 61 of 1997-98 and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India with registration No. 194200083 & section 12AA & 80G of Indian Income Tax Act 1961. Besides this, the organisation has been registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2015 as an organisation working for the welfare, development of children who are in need of care and protection and it has also been registered under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES:

The organisation has two main constitutional bodies namely, General Body and Management Committee. There are 5 (five) dedicated and competent members in the Managing Committee, who are elected by the General Body for every three years. The overall policies of the organisation are formulated by General Body whereas Managing Committee is responsible for the smooth management of the organisation.

VISION:

The Vision of the organisation is to make it become a centre of excellence in the field of rural development by having linkage and partnership with national and international bodies/agencies, either Government or Non-Government. It envisions itself as a welfare society where all section of society enjoys with equal justice and democratic value in life. In order to realize this vision, this organization is committed:

- To take up Rehabilitation and Welfare Programme for Children including Disabled Children who are in need of care and protection and set up Home for Senior Citizens.
- To take up Drug De-Addiction and Counselling Centre, Welfare Programme for Youths and Adolescents etc.etc.
- To encourage Social Forestry, Conserving and Preserving Flora & Fauna for maintaining ecological balance and promote art & culture, games & sports to bring about harmony & brotherhood.
- To open Career Counselling/ Guidance Centre and promote Handloom & Handicrafts in order to solve the unemployment problem in the state and to impart non-formal education, life skill education, vocational training to rural youths and women for self employment opportunities and
- To take up welfare activities for SCs/STs/OBCs youths and women and set up a rural public library to facilitate the students of poor families.
- To take up any activities which may be beneficial to the weaker/ backward section of society.

MISSION:

The mission of FORD is to work together with active and mass participation of all communities so as to bring about peaceful co-existence and sustainable development in rural and backward are

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN INCLUDING DISABLED CHILDREN:

Children are the future of our nation. Nurturing & moulding them in the right direction with right approach is one of the priority area of the organization. So, the Foundation of Rural Development (FORD), Wangjing Heitupokpi, Manipur has been rendering child development programme including Disabled Children for the last three year by providing non-institutional and institutional services to the children of Manipur mostly in Kakching & Thoubal District, who are in need of care & protection. The organization is also now running one child care centre each at Wangjing Heitupokpi, Thoubal District, Manipur with own fund. Each centre is extending support to ST & Poor students for their school education in kind and cash i.e, nutrition, admission fee, book & uniform etc. etc.

TB ERADICATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME :

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare along with various development partner of the Health Ministry launched the Tuberculosis (TB) Mukh Bharat Abhiyan in 2021 under the NSP(National Strategic Plan) India 2020-25 for TB elimination in amajor mission axctivity for ending the epidemic of TB by 2025. In view of the above initiative, the Foundation of Rural Development (FORD) organized one day TB Eradication Awareness Programme on 16th – 20th October 2023 at different places of Thoubal and Kakching District, Manipur in association with the Local youth clubs and women organization for giving awareness on the TB disease and its prevention and its treatment to the stakeholders and general public in these two district.

CHILDREN HOME FOR BOYS & SOCIO-ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN:

The Foundation of Rural Development (FORD),Wangjing Heitupokpi, Manipur is running one Children Home for Boys at Machi, Tengnoupal District, Manipur with the grant-in-aid under the scheme of Mission Vatsalya, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India through the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur for providing socio-economic rehabilitation of 50 (fifty) Children, who are in dire need of care & protection. From time to time advocacy programme on Child Rights was also organized for the stakeholders in order to protect their rights and to help them grow as a productive and responsible citizen in the days to come. They are provided free schooling, fooding & lodging and other basic necessities.



Activities taken up during the year, 2023-24

CHILDREN SPORTS FESTIVAL:

The Foundation of Rural Development (FORD) organized 3 (three) Days' Sports Festival from 21st April to 23rd April, 2023 at the FORD Children Home for Boys, Machi for the Children staying at the home. During the period, many sports items like, Races, Volleyball, Chinese checkers, Footballs, Carrom etc. etc. were the main events. Most of the Children took part in the Sports Festival and expressed satisfaction over the conduct of the Programme. The main objective of the Sports festival is to foster brotherhood spirit through sports among the Children coming from different family and background so that they can become a good, dutiful, healthy and responsible citizen.



DRUG FREE INDIA CAMPAIGN (NASHA MUKH BHARAT ABHIYAN):

Alcoholism and Drug Abuses among the youths, the pillar of nation is a serious problem in the state of Manipur. Tackling such cases at the right time intervention with right approach is our prime concern. Considering this problem, the FORD has been organising Drug De-addiction camp for the last three years at different district of Manipur consecutively so that the youths and adolescents of Manipur can stay themselves away from the drugs abuses and its menaces. During this year, one Day's Sensitization Programme on Drug Abuses and Alcoholism was organized on 12 August, 2023 at Wangjing Purna Heitupokpi of Thoubal District Manipur. And campus of the FORD Children Home for Boys, Machi. Around 50 (thirty) youths took part in each programme.

PROMOTION OF RURAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE :

In the modern information society, Libraries and Information Centres have played an important role in shaping the fate of Youths, who are the pillar of the nation. In view of this, Foundation of Rural Development has been running one Public Library cum Information Centres at Wangjing Heitupokpi, Thoubal District, with its own Fund. In this centre, national papers, local papers, Journal are made available for the readers. For the unemployed youths specially, Employment news are also available in the centre. Different books which can enhance the knowledge of the youths in some respect are also made available in the centre. Many well wishers are also encouraging the opening of such centre in the rural areas. Sometimes, mobile library service are also organized from time to time for encouraging the habit of reading good books among youths.

Activities taken up during the year, 2023-24

ONE DAY SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON CHILD RIGHTS, POCSO & PREVENTION OF CHILD MARRIAGE:

One day sensitization programme on Child Rights, POCSO & Child Marriage Act was organized on 5th November 2023 at Machi High School Hall in association with the District Child Protection Office, Tengnoupal District, Manipur. Many resource persons delivered their speeches on different topics. The fundamental rights of a child – the right to survival, education, protection, participation, development, health and well-being, identity, expression, non-discrimination and safe environment are elaborately mentioned in the programme. Besides this, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 & The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 were also discussed length and breadth in the programme. More than 100 Children and villagers took part in the programme.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF MINORITY AND INDIGENOUS WOMEN:

Issues of minorities, indigenous women in India are not the strange and new things from the early period of human civilization. Violation of rights of these persons have been taking place elsewhere in the world. International human rights instruments cover a wide range of provisions dealing with the rights and freedom of minority, indigenous women. In this regard, a universally accepted standard and norms of human rights has been set up for each of the groups in different forms and manners by the global community. In order to sensitize the issues and redressal mechanisms, the FORD has conducted many advocacy/ sensitization/ Awareness programme on Protection of Right of Minority and Indigenous women at different places of Thoubal & Kakching District on 18th December 2023 in connection with National Minorities Rights Day in association with the local clubs, women organization etc.etc. The training programme was attended by 120 people.

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S DAY:

The Foundation of Rural Development (FORD), Wangjing Heitupokpi, Thoubal District, Manipur organized Children Day Celebration on the 14th November, 2023 at the campus of the FORD Children Home for Boys, Machi as a mark to respect the departed soul of the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of the India. Resource persons delivered the main objective of holding the programme on the 14th November and the reason of holding this programme on this particular day to the participants. Some resource persons stressed the need to raise awareness about the rights, education, and welfare of children and to focus on their innocence and potentials. This day reminds us of Nehru's affection for children and his dedication to their wellbeing.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON THE RIGHTS OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) ACT, 2016:

The organization has organized one day awareness programme on “ Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 on the 15th October, 2023 at the office of the organization in association with the Disability Commissioner, Government of Manipur to make awareness to the public about the salient features of the Act. The preamble of the Act clearly aims to uphold the dignity of every Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the society and prevent any form of discrimination. In the programme, many schemes undertaken by the State Government and Central Government for the welfare and development of the Persons with Disabilities are also highlighted by the resource persons. Many youth clubs, women organizations are extending full support and cooperation in making the programme successful. The programme was attended by 100 persons.

Activities taken up during the year, 2023-24

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME FOR MARGINALISED & MINORITY WOMEN AND YOUTHS: **LIVESTOCK FARMING (POULTRY, DUCKERY, PIGGERY & DAIRYING):**

FORD has been running poultry, duckery, dairy and piggery farming for the last some years in order to encourage self-employment opportunities among the women including minority women and unemployed youths in rural areas of Thoubal, Tengnoupal & Imphal East District, Manipur for having their means of livelihood. On the other hand, it has a major role to play in increasing the revenue and fund of the organisation. From time to time, orientation training programme in this field has also been imparted in consultation with KVKs, Agriculture & Animal Husbandary Department, Government of Manipur and Central Agriculture University, ICAR Lamphelpat etc for good production and successful venture.



AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Food security is the prime concern of human beings. As the cultivated land has become minimized day by day in the name of development and as a result of fast growing population. The food production of the State has also been decreasing day by day. In view of this, the FORD has started taking up a programme on Agri & Horticulture Development Programme by distributing Seeds of Mustard, seeds of Peas to the marginal farmers of Manipur for the increase of their income. Beside this, the organization has started a new venture for the plantation of vegetables like cabbage, Brinjal, Bananas, Turmeric and Ginger in large scale to increase the income of the organisation and the farmers as well



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

In connection with the World's Environment Day, the Foundation of Rural Development (FORD) organized one day awareness cum plantation programme on the theme "Solutions to Plastic Pollution" on the 5th June 2023 at Machi Village, Tengnoupal District, Manipur in association with the children and staffs of FORD Children Home and villagers in order to inculcate the ideas among the children and villagers to mitigate the global warming in some respect. As a part of the event, Tree plantation Programme was also undertaken in and around the campus of the Children Home.

Activities taken up during the year, 2023-24

SWACCHATA PAKHWADA (CLEAN INDIA MOVEMENT):

The Foundation of Rural Development (FORD), Wangjing Heitupokpi, Thoubal District organized Cleanliness activities from 1-15th March 2024 as a part of Clean India Movement at the campus of FORD

Children Home for Boys, Machi in order to provide the importance of keeping our surroundings neat and clean to the young minds so that they can grow as a responsible and dutiful citizens.



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA, 2023:

The Foundation of Rural Development celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2023 at the FORD Children Home for Boys, Machi, Tengnoupal District. More than 40 Children and Staffs of the Children Home participated in the programme.

MOBILE MEDICARE PROGRAMME:

The Foundation of Rural Development (FORD) has started implementing Mobile Medicare Programme with its fund at the remote and rural areas of Thoubal & Tengnoupal District where medical facilities are not available till now. The programme is aimed at providing free medical services to the older persons of the areas. As a part of the programme, free health medical camps were also organised at the different remote places of the districts. More than 100 older persons have been benefitted. The villagers appreciated the organisation for having organised such camps at their villages.

AUDITOR:

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BANKER:

- *State Bank of India,*
Wangjing Branch, Manipur.
- *State Bank of India,*
New Delhi Main Branch, New Delhi (FCRA Account)
- *Central Bank of India,*
Thoubal Branch, Manipur (FCRA Account)

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Secretary, FORD