



Taungya E- Bulletin

A Bi-Monthly News Letter of Taungya

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Editorial Message:

Taungya publishes the last series of 2017 Volume-2 Issue-6 (November- December 2017). We made an effort to cover as usual development activities of the organization in this issue. Not absurd to mark that 2017 was very challenging for Taungya and no new projects was included but phased out of four projects. And we are thinking to include some new dimension of writings concentrating on cultural, indigenous tradition & practices, publications etc. besides our development information from 2018. However, Taungya lately wishes **Happy New Year 2018** to all its well wishers and readers!

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Adv. Sushmita Chakma at presentation of secretarial report



Executive Director presents Project progress of the year 2017



Honorable Chairperson of Taungya, Raja Devasish Roy Presided over the



Charge handover moment before honorable Chairperson, Taungya, Raja Devasish Roy

Annual General Meeting 2017 of Taungya Held

On the 14th December 2017, Taungya organizes its Annual General Meeting 2017 at Taungya Training & Resource Centre, Kalyanpur, Rangamati. In this regard 26 General Body members participated in the meeting. The most important agenda of the meeting was to elect new EC members for the duration of 2018-2020 calendar years besides sharing secretarial update report on development activities of the organization and review of the project activities of 2017 by Executive Director of Taungya. The meeting was presided over by honorable Chairperson of Taungya, Raja Barrister Devasish Roy. The whole programme was divided into two key sessions. The first sessions was covered with review of organization activities of the last year and develop action plans for the upcoming year. Second session was mainly to conduct election for electing new EC members for the next three years and formal ending session of the AGM. However, after election through peaceful environment list of new Executive Committee members were declared by the Election Board. After the formal election session, Mr. Roy expresses gratitude and thanks to the GB members for a fruitful meeting and wishes heartiest cooperation from them to undertake development initiatives for the organization in the upcoming years and declares end of the AGM 2017. After two days of the meeting Taungya Secretary Adv. Susmita Chakma handed over her charge to Dr. Parash Khisa in a formal meeting at the Office of the Chakma Raja on 17 December, 2017.



Additional Workshop Held Under VCF Net Project

Workshop under the title “District VCF List Finalization, Multi Level Coordination and Identify Roles of Sub-district Level Network Committee” was held on Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at TRTC, Kalyanpur, Taungya. It was arranged by Taungya and CHT VCF Network. In this regard 05 members (Rangamati District representative) from CHT VCF Network Central Committee, 11 members from Rangamati District VCF Network Committee and 35 members from 5 Sub-district level VCF Network Committees total 51 VCF leaders were invited to participate in the workshop. The programme was divided into two major sessions- formal inauguration session & group works with presentation along with discussion on fixed topics. Executive Director of Taungya, Mr. Biplob Chakma was present as inaugurator of the workshop and the discussion session was presided over by President of CHT VCF Network Central Committee, Mr. Thui Aong Marma. On the other hand Programme Officer (Forest & Environment) Mr. Nikhilesh Chakma under SID-CHTDF, UNDP was present as special guest in the workshop. The total workshop was moderated by Reporting and Documentation Associate of the project, Mr. Palash Khisa. However, after formal inauguration session participants worked in five groups to finalize VCF list of Rangamati District dividing the area in five Sub-district or Sagala clusters. The leaders also take important decision on fund management of the network, identify roles of sub-district level network members and coordination among the three tiers network committees. The daylong workshop successfully ends with the speech delivery by Mr. Thui Aong Marma, President of CHT Central VCF Network Committee. The daylong workshop successfully ends with the speech delivery by Mr. Thui Aong Marma, President of CHT Central VCF Network Committee.

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Highlights of Activities

Feasibility Study Visit Conducted by ADC Revenue of Bandarban District



Sub-project site visit by ADC Rev. Bandarban

A land acquisition feasibility study visit has been conducted by ADC Rev. Bandarban on 3 December 2017 at *Lama-Rupashi Para Road* of Rupashi Para union under Lama upazila. The visit was facilitated by Taungya project team led by Project Manager, Mr. Reetesh Roy. Concerned UNO of Lama upazila, headman, UP Chairman, local elites and affected persons were present during the visit. The team talks with the local leaders and query about possible affected structures and land from the local folks.

The visit is a routine task that has to be completed by the concerned district ad-



The visit at meeting with the locals



Signboard of the Sub project

ministration after submission of land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Proposal Approval Meetings held in Rangamati & Bandarban Districts

Land Acquisition and Resettlement Assessment/ Estimation Committee in brief LARAEC of Rangamati district, sits on a meeting to approve Land acquisition proposal of *Marishya Bazaar (upazila Sadar) Mayanimukh Bazaar via Babu Para, Batoli and Daskin Saroatali Road (part I part-I)* on the 3 December 2017 at RHDC Conference Hall. The meeting was preside over by honorable RHDC Chairman Mr. Birshaketu Chakma. Taungya CHTRDP II project representatives, Consultant (Income Restoration Specialist-IRS) Mr. Chanchu Chakma, Project Manager, Mr. Reetesh Roy, Monitoring & Documentation Officer, Mr. Palash Khisa and DFO Mr. Kanous Chakma and Ms. Joya Chakma participate in the meeting.



Mr. Brishaketu Chakma, honorable Chairman, RHDC presided over the LARAEC meeting of Rangamati district

On the other hand to approve LA proposals of two sub-projects *Holudia-Vaggyakul Tonkabati Road* and *Panbazaar- Chokhyng Tripura Para (Kolar Jhiri Road)*, LARAEC of Bandarban Hill District also sits on meeting on 11 December 2017 at Office of the BHDC Chairman Mr. Kya Shoi Hla. Taungya representatives Mr. Reetesh Roy, Mr. Palash Khisa, District Officer Bandarban, Mr. Rupayan Chakma, Mr. Takank Chakma DPO, Khagrachari and DFO, Mr. Atanu Dewan were present.

CHTRDP II Project (*land acquisition and resettlement part*) has been being implemented by Taungya since August 2013 after signing LoA on 20 August 2013 with Ministry of CHT Affairs. However, 92.5% fund of the project is provided by ADB and 7.5% from Bangladesh government. It is mentionable that 17 sub-projects are being implemented in three hill districts since then. 6 in Rangamati district, 8 in Bandarban district and 3 in Khagrachari district. The project is very important for developing rural infrastructures especially in case of road communication in the remote Chittagong Hill Tracts which is the sequence of previously implemented CHTRDP I Project.

Consultation Meeting Arranged at Muslim Para of Alikodom, Bandarban



Consultation meeting at Kolar Jhiri Village

Taungya project team of CHTRDP-II, successfully organizes two consultation meetings under the sub-project of *Panbazaar-Chokhyng Tripura Para (Kolar Jhiri) Road* in Bandarban district. The first meeting was arranged at Yunus Member Para and the second one was at Kolar Jhiri Para. The meetings were facilitated by Project Manager, Mr. Reetesh Roy. Mr. Roy shares about land acquisition process, ADB *Safe Guard Policy* and other necessary information that is related to the land acquisition process. Besides upazila LGED representative, concerned UP members, community leaders, karbari, local elites and affected persons were present in the meetings.

After the meetings the team conducts a socio-economic survey at three villages on the same day.



PM, Reetesh Roy facilitating meeting at Yunus Member Para



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According to Project Manager, Mr. Reetesh Roy, "The road construction will solve communication problems that the locals of 11 villages have been suffering from a long time besides creating easy access to carry agricultural products to the nearest markets and safe communication for the school goers."

CASE STUDY

Frustration Covered the Sky of Hope of Day Labour Aung sui Prue

56 years old day labour Aung sui Prue Marma is one of the detained persons for compensation allotment from Kalamaishya Mukh Para village of Raikhali Union under Kaptai upazila in Rangamati district. For the construction of the sub-project-*Raikhali GC Ferry Ghat-Rajsthal HQ via Mitingachari Road (Part-I)* he lost his 5.17 dcml. land, house and shop structure but still after two years he didn't received any compensation against his homestead land that has been identified as customary land. "I was born here and our family has been living here since the British period. I inherited the land from my father. Now I have nothing and I was compelled to close my main income source grocery shop too." says Aung sui Prue. The problem is not very complex and it is for there is a gap of official coordination or understanding among the concerned offices. As per *Land Acquisition Law 1958* there are no rules to provide compensation for customary land on the contrary it must be provided to the affected persons of customary land as per contact with ADB and Bangladesh government. So, frustrated dilemma strikes the fate of the day labour like Aung sui Prue. "As I have no other income sources or land, I must live on day labour now and have to feed six family members including me. My shop was helping me to earn minimum profit but it was a great help for me. I don't know what is going to happen to us if we loose the land and get no compensation from the government." says upset Aung sui Prue. "His problem must be solved as he has no chance to improve his life. He is getting old and after some years he will have to live on begging no doubt." said- Mong Prue Marma, karbari of their village.



Seriously affected person Aung sui Prue Marma



Aung sui Prue Marma before his closed shop by the road under construction



Fragile poverty stricken hut of Aung sui Prue Marma