

## **LAKHIMPUR ANCHALIK MEEN MAHAL SAMITY (LAMMS)**

Lakhimpur Anchalik Meen Mahal Samity (LAMMS) is basically a well organized community base organization of greater Lakhimpur area of Darrang dist. The LAMMS was constituted by the people of the area in 1979 for renovation of historically famous Lakhimpur tank. The LAMMS was constituted by the families of Lakhimpur village and parts of four adjacent villages to renovate the historic Lakhimpur tank with a total area of 26 ha which was lying unutilized and unattended. The length and breadth of the tank are 648.60 meter and 427.07 meter. Probably the historic tank was excavated in 17<sup>th</sup> century by the renowned Darrangi Raja Maharaj Dharmanarayana.

The people of the area under the banner and guidance of the LAMMS cleaned the historic tank with the help of Fishery Deptt. and initiated organized pisciculture. Seeing the income potentiality from fish farming, the people of the area slowly initiated adopting pisciculture as an income generating activity. The profit made by the society is utilized for various socio-economic development purposes of the area.

LAMMS is a non political and non religious voluntary organization registered under Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 on 17-06-1983 vide registration no. 259 of 1983-84.

Though LAMMS was constituted in 1979 mainly for renovation of the historic Lakhimpur tank but it could not be done up to 1990 because of financial hardship. The tank was renovated in 1990 with financial support from Deptt. Of Fisheries, GOA in co-operation of all families of Lakhimpur village and parts of four adjacent village. Those families of this particular area are primary members of LAMMS and this particular area is base area. The LAMMS has been working for socio economic development of this area since inception.

LAMMS seeks to achieve integrated development through empowerment of people by organizing them into work base organization, cluster, SHG, JLG and individuals enabling them to utilize their resources.

The organization set up of LAMMS is 1<sup>st</sup> step (i.e general body); 2<sup>nd</sup> step (i.e Executive body); 3<sup>rd</sup> step (Executive officials and staff) ; 4<sup>th</sup> step (Office and Finance management, Fish culture management, Community development). All staff are well trained from reputed state and national level institutions having well experienced in production and development. LAMMS has well monitoring and evaluation system such as Monthly executive meeting; Weekly staff meeting; Regular field visit; Discussion with target group; Annual general meeting etc.

Integrated concept for development activities is being followed by LAMMS to facilitate sustainable natural resource management, promoting and supporting innovative and sustainable income generation programmes using local resources providing access to knowledge, information and capacity building of the rural community. The Rural resource development Centre (RRDC) has been initiated by the LAMMS to facilitate local resource management projects including innovative approaches to fishery, Soil and water conservation, rice cluster, homestead horticulture, backyard poultry, dairy cattle rearing, handloom and alternative resource management, woman empowerment, community mobilization, promotion of SHG-JLG etc. The RRDC is actually main socio economic development wing and knowledge centre of socio economic development society of LAMMS.

The fish culture management is comprises of (a) Fish culture in Lakhimpur tank.(b) Production and supplying quality fish seed from their own hatchery (c) Dry fish and fish pickle preparation in hygienic method.(d) Fishery cluster management (e) Training , workshop, Demonstration and exposure visit.

LAMMS was conferred with citation in “Matshya Mahutsav” organized by Deptt. of Fisheries in 2009 and 2010 in Guwahati. LAMMS also conferred with CM best community action award in 2008 for outstanding community development. The Rotary International awarded vocational Excellence award in 2013-14 to LAMMS.