

# the ant

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Rohila Islary, a teacher in the No. 980 Salhari L.P. school in Bengtol participating enthusiastically at a training organised by the ant's F.a.B team on how to teach English. Photo by: IDeA





Photo by: Zulfikar Aslam, AVAHAN

### Awareness Session on Gender-Based Violence with Law Students

The AVAHAN project team organised an interactive session on gender-based violence, and the rights of children and women with the students of Bongaigaon Law College on 18th May, 2023. We also invited Advocate Asgar Ali from the District Court, Chirang, shared his experiences working with different forms of gender-based violence, and legal provisions to address the issue.



Photo by: Tanushree, Communications Associate

### Teachers' Training by Vikramshila

In a collaborative effort, Vikramshila, a renowned education resource institution from Kolkata, joined hands with the ant to organize a week-long training programme from May 15th to May 20th, 2023. The training was thoughtfully divided for three distinct groups of participants: Upper primary Maths and Science teachers, Education Executives and LP Education Facilitators, and CRCCs with a focus on language, Maths, and Multi-grade multi-level training.



Photo by: Akhrang Basumatary, CMU

### PRA Conducted in Kuklung for a new livelihood project

The Livelihood programme team conducted a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) on May 31st, 2023, at Kuklung for a new livelihood project. The exercise was facilitated by Jarin and Rwmwi Rwmwi, senior staff members of the ant. Community members drew village maps highlighting socio-economic profiles, resources, and issues to plan effective solutions.





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### LEAP Review Meeting with SSA Officials

The LEAP education programme of ~~the ant~~ showcased its project activities, accomplishments, and future plans to the District Programme Officers from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and seven CRCCs on May 17th, 2023, at ~~the ant's~~ Rowmari campus. The primary objective of the meeting was to enhance collaboration between ~~the ant~~ and SSA for the implementation of Child Friendly teaching methods and the integration of CCE (Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation) in Government Schools.



Photo by: Bring the Change



Photo by: Rabindra Murmu

### BTC Exposure Trip to i-Saksham

The Bring the Change (BTC) team had a valuable opportunity to visit i-Saksham, a prominent organization in Bihar focused on empowering young girls and women through leadership development. During their visit, team members interacted with enthusiastic young girls enrolled in the edu-leader fellowship programme. They also had the chance to observe edu-leaders in action during insightful field visits.

### Awareness on TB Eradication

In collaboration with MOULD project team of ~~the ant~~, the district TB department organised a one-day joint orientation programme on 23rd May, 2023 at Deosiri cluster. The programme raised awareness of the available government support for TB eradication, and appealed to community leaders in identifying and supporting the TB patients in fighting the disease.





Photo by: Zabi, DKA-kfb

### the ant participated in a two-days Digital Safety workshop

Two of the ant staff members attended a Digital Safety workshop organised by DKA-kfb on 24th and 25th May, 2023, in Guwahati. The workshop titled 'Digital Safety & Etiquette for Development Sector' was facilitated by Mr. Nitish Chandan, Data Privacy, Investigation & Technology Law specialist where online data privacy and policy to ensure the safety of the organisation and its stakeholders were discussed.

### BTR Officials Visit to Forest Area Schools

A team of Bodoland School Adoption Programme under the BTR administration paid a visit to the ant's intervention Government L.P. School at Moujabasti, Forest Learning Centre at No.1 Laimuti, and Model Learning Centre at Koraibari on 16th May, 2023. During the visit, the team observed the classroom transaction process, and the Officer on Special Duty, Nilatpal Kashyap interacted with the students, teachers and community members. The team also attended an Ultimate Disk session organised by the CTR team at Deosiri FV playground.

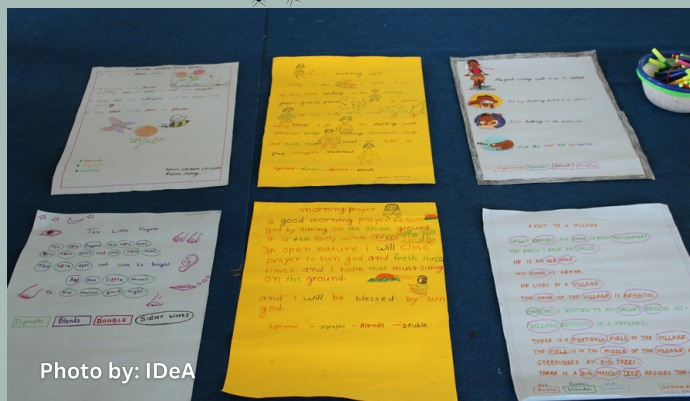


Photo by: IDeA

### English Language Pedagogy Training for LP School Teachers

F.a.B, the ant, organised an English Language Pedagogy workshop for L.P. and venture schools at Bengtol VCDC hall from 23rd to 25th May, 2023. The workshop was conducted by Parishmita Gogoi and Prarthna Das from North East Education Trust (NEET) and facilitated by IDeA, the ant.



Photo by: LEAP

### IDeAting for Change

#### IDeA's Strategic Planning Reflection-Retreat

The IDeA team held a crucial strategic planning Reflection-Retreat 16th to 18th May, 2023. It was an intensive three days with the team reviewing their journey - programmatic as well as organisational, including in-depth discussions on the vision, mission, processes and structure. This intensive off-site was needed to chart a clear path forward for IDeA's future endeavors.



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## Stories of Change

### Youth Finds Purpose in Ultimate Disk

(Collected and documented by Abinash, Nizra and Michael, F.a.B)



Essau (on right) demonstrating footwork to a new player at an Ultimate Disk Camp.  
Photo by: Dipanjali Khakhlary, CMU

***“I feel respected by my peers,  
which in turn inspires me to  
respect them too.”***

**-Essau Basumatary**

Essau Basumatary sees a huge difference between his present self and his past self of 5-6 years ago. He remembers himself as a rebellious teen who frequently got into fights with his peers, and under peer pressure, was slowly turning to alcohol. He feels that regular practice sessions for Ultimate Disk brought him out of the addiction, and also sees significant changes in his behaviour with his peers. Although he initially was uncomfortable with the sport because boys has to play with girls, slowly he grew to respect the principles of the game. Today, he finds it more humane than other sports which interest him, such as football. He sees the potential of increasing social cohesion among different communities, and decreasing gender-based discrimination.

Essau is now a dedicated member of the Ultimate Disk family. His performance at the recently organised national level tournament by the Ultimate Players Association of India (UPAI) was appreciated. He is also one of the coaches at the *Coach Forum* that trains coaches for new teams in the project area. He is now dedicated to the promotion of the sport among the youth in his neighbourhood, and is working towards government recognition of the sport by organizing them for a tournament. He feels that the sport should be introduced to parents so that they encourage their children for participation.

#### Upcoming Activities

- Live demonstration on classroom management and multigrade-multilevel system by Shiksha team
- Refresher training for the CTR staff members
- Well-being session for the ant staff by MITA

#### New Family Members

We welcome our new ants Hanna and Rosemary to our family.



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