



# Building Dreams



## the ant

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Image Description: Official poster of short film on education in the ant's forest learning centres in Chirang. Profuced by the ant community media unit. Directed by Kazi Sharowar Hussain.

Poster designed by Dipanjali Khakhlyar, CMU





Photo by: Michael Kerketta, F.a.B

### Friendly Tournament

For the first of its kind, youth players from the Ultimate frisbee programme of the ant organised a friendly tournament on their own with a little support from the ant at Bengtol Jangkrikhang field on 9th July, 2023. The match had both youth level and children level matches between RAINBOW team from Bengtol and SK UNITED from Basugaon. Representative from CRPF was present amongst an audience of parents who interacted with the youth. At the end of the matches, the players sat in spirit circle and selected five best players from both the team.



Photo credit: Hero Basumatary, Shiksha

### Multi-Level Multi Grade Demonstration

the ant Shiksha field staffs made live demonstration on Multi Grade Multi Level (MGML) in 43 Remedial Learning Centres (RLCs) at Udalguri and Kuklung, Chirang in the month of July, 2023. The demonstration showed the RLC teachers on managing classroom with children at different learning levels and grades.



Photo by: Ansart Basumatary, LEAP

### Summer Camp in Primary Schools

the ant LEAP team conducted summer camps in the month of July across eight Upper Primary and 92 Lower Primary government schools with each camp held for three days. The main objective of the camp was to develop children's confidence, social skills and leadership skills. During the entire month, 3376 students participated in the camps.





Photo by: Sobita Basumatary, Livelihood Kuklung

### Village Level Nutrition Training

the ant Sus-Farm Livelihood team conducted 21 sessions across 22 villages in the month of July, 2023 with parents and children raising awareness and training them on using Growth Chart to track the growth of the children. The team demonstrated on how to measure height and weight of the children's using Growth Chart to be able to identify malnutrition and under-nutrition. Awareness on how course correct underweight and under-nutrition of the children was given during the training.



### New short films by the ant

the ant community media unit released two new videos **"How to Make Biopesticide at Home?"** and **"Building Dreams"** in the month of July. The former video follows the step by step process of biopesticide making by the farmers of Kuklung for educational purpose. The latter video is about the challenges and actions taken by the locals to provide quality education in the forest villages of Chirang district. Please click on the titles to watch the videos.



Photo by: Solomon Mardi F.a.B

### Memoirs of a Community Elder

On 29th July, 2023 youth gathered at the Youth Information Centre, Bengtol to listen to 101 years senior citizen Mr. Hemanto Mochahary reminiscing stories from the olden days of Bengtol. Mr. Hemanto, a resident of Bengtol shared his knowledge on administrative development of the place, and changes in the socio-cultural fabric and relations since the colonial days.



Photo by: Kastury Nayana Bora,  
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### Well-being Session at Kuklung

The human resource department and MITA conducted a well-being session for **the ant** staff members at Kuklung cluster office on 18th July, 2023. The participants engaged in a few activities such as mandala art, breathing exercises, and learned about managing their emotions.

## Stories of Change Leaders of Today: Little Star of Dolphin Club



***"Taking sessions in a mixed community helps in learning from each other and can bring peace in the community."***

- Swrjima,

When **the ant** first started taking Dolphin sessions with children in Banduguri L.P. School in Bengtol, they met a little young girl, Swrjima, studying in class 3. Swrjima was a shy person when the ant started those sessions. Gradually, she started engaging actively in the sessions. When F.a.B started forming children's clubs in Bengtol, Swrjima joined the Dolphin Club where her leadership shone over the period of time. Later she went on to take many leadership roles within the club. Now, at the age of just 12 years, she is the Library Manager of the Dolphin Club. Before she joined the club, she wouldn't mingle with children from other communities and was also not allowed to leave home alone. By being part of the club new worlds opened up to her. She also made friends from other communities when she joined the club. This has brought a significant shift in her view of intermingling with different community members.

Swrjima's leadership skills reflect in her active participation in club activities. She honed her skills during a leadership orientation training provided by **the ant**. She actively participates in club activities as well as public events. She mobilises other children to participate in the club sessions and facilitates sessions by translating the sessions from Hindi to Bodo for the club children. She became an active leader of the club where she started guiding members in maintaining discipline and set rules to achieve that.

Swrjima's aspiration is to evolve into an exemplary leader. She is a staunch proponent against violence and serves as an inspiration to her peers, urging them to embrace a similar path. Alongside various other needs for children, Swrjima champions the cause of putting up free book stalls. These stalls would cater to children whose parents are unable to reading materials, thereby fostering accessible education and knowledge dissemination.



## IDeAting for Change

### *"Intern Speaks: A Journey of Learning and Growth with IDeA"*

**Pratishtha Hazarika**

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"I was immensely grateful for this incredible experience with IDeA. Combining this internship with fieldwork proved to be highly encouraging for me and provided valuable insights into the community we reside in. Working with the community made me realize the abundance of things to learn and explore.

My field visits, particularly going to the villages for PROJECT ENRICH, provided me with the opportunity to learn new things and exploring new opportunities. Over the course of my internship, I found myself acquiring a diverse set of skills. Working with the mentors and fellow workers who accompanied me throughout the month proved to be a valuable learning experience as they were both exceptional, motivating and supportive. They provided me guidance and assistance throughout my internship period. Their encouragement inspired me to strive for continuous improvement.

During this internship, I acquired valuable insights into Child Rights, including a deep understanding of the four pillars underlying them and establishment of committees within villages dedicated to children's welfare. The experience afforded me extensive opportunities to explore diverse areas, ranging from delving into the complexities of Human Trafficking and Child Rights to observing the harmonious teamwork within a community striving for its betterment. Moreover, this journey enabled me to grasp the profound impact that dedicated social workers can have on society, fostering positive and transformative outcomes.

Undoubtedly, I achieved my goal of acquiring a wealth of new knowledge during this internship. Through this experience, I gained a comprehensive understanding of the inner workings of NGOs, which has significantly fuelled my motivation to contribute to the betterment of society."



Photo Courtesy: Pratishtha Hazarika



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