

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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# Integrated Tribal Development Project Shantipur (ITDPS)



## Village awareness meeting on Plantation & Financial literacy

An awareness meeting on wadi project and financial literacy was held at Salguri and No 2 Kusungdvisa under Shantipur VCDC, organised under the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDPS) TDF NABARD. The meeting was by the DDM NABARD, Executive director of the ant, Lead Development Manager (LDM) Chirang, Manager of Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB).



## Vermi Compost Training

A vermicomposting training was organized on July 15, 2024, at Kaola Bazar under Shantipur VCDC. Mr. Poran Kishore, Subject Matter Specialist in Soil Conservation from KVK, was the trainer. A total of 16 farmers participated in the training.

## Awareness program on Rural self employment Training Institute(RSETI)

An awareness meeting was held on August 23 & 24, 2024, at 1 No. Odalguri and 3 No. Odalguri. More than 45 farmers attended the program at 1 No. Odalguri, and over 35 farmers participated at 3 No. Odalguri. The primary objective of the awareness meeting was to inform farmers about the various skill development training programs offered by RSETI.





# MENTAL ILLNESS TREATMENT ALLIANCE (MITA)



In July 2024, MITA organized an awareness program on suicide prevention. Four programs were held at Amteka, Nangalbhanga, Patabari, and Basugaon on the 12th, 19th, 26th, and 29th, respectively. This initiative was in response to the increasing cases of suicide among local youths, highlighting a pressing need for intervention and support within the community. The awareness programs engaged around 150 participants in total, aiming to provide them with essential knowledge to address mental health issues. The sessions covered several key topics: warning signs of suicide, risk factors, protective factors, what to do if someone is showing warning signs, and where to seek help.



# Against Violence At Home-Act Now(AVAHAN)



## **Empowering Young Leaders Workshop (Student Union & Village Youth Club)**

From July to August 2024, “the ant – AVAHAN” organized a 3.5-day workshop for student union representatives and a 2.5-day session for Village Youth Clubs at Udangshree Dera. With 240 participants from seven clusters - Rowmari, Amguri, Ulubari, Basugaon, Patabari, Kuklung and Deosiri. As the Initiatives of change(IoFC) and the ant’s both strives to build a more just, peaceful, and equitable world through building local leaders and their institutions. The workshop were designed with the principle of personal transformation, the key to societal change. The ant and IoFC facilitators have co-created the workshop design.

## **International Safe Abortion Day Celebration**

The International safe abortion day was celebrated on 28th September, 2024 at Patabari CLF office, Patabari. The objective of that programme was- To raise awareness and promote discussion on safe abortion practices, laws, and women's reproductive rights. Dr. Injamul Habib of Ouguri PHC and Advocate Azgar Ali were invited to the programme as resource person. A total of 100 women had participated in the programme.



## **International Day Of Peace Celebrated With The Student Union & Youth Club**



On September 21, 2024, the ant celebrated the International Day of Peace at Kashikatra, Kuklung, and Rowmari with the Student Union and Youth Club. A poster-making activity was also organized as part of the celebrations.





## WORKSHOP ON EMPOWERING GRASSROOT WOMEN LEADERS

Two-day residential Workshop on Empowering Grassroot Women Leaders - Village Organising members were organized from 24th & 25th September, 2024 at 'the ant campus' Rowmari, Chirang. A total of 26 participants were present from different VOs of the Project AVAHAN from the 6 clusters –Rowmari, Amguri, Kuklung, Patabari, Ulubari and Deosiri. The participants were President, Secretary and Active Members of the VO. This workshop focused on empowering grassroots women by enhancing their leadership skills, providing insights into gender-related laws and offering training on basic counselling methods. In addition to the workshop sessions, participants visited Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and One-Stop Centre (OSC), a government initiative that provides integrated support and assistance to women and child.



## AN AWARENESS PROGRAM ON GENDER INEQUALITIES AND ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN'S HEALTH WITH ASHA WORKERS

An awareness program for ASHA workers of Chirang district was held on September 28 and 30, 2024, covering 107 participants across seven clusters. Dr.Sunil Kaul addressed women's health issues, highlighting prevalent concerns like anemia, thyroid disorders, and domestic violence. The program aimed to equip ASHA workers with knowledge to promote gender equality and improve women's health, fostering a safer environment for women and marginalized groups to live free from violence.



# SUSTAINABLE FARMING (SUS-FARM)

## Implementation of Biodegradable Waste Management Units for Farmers

Biodegradable waste management units have been established with four farmers, each equipped with three designated bags: one for plastic waste, one for bottles and metal, and one for biodegradable materials.



## Village-Level LANN Sessions and Health Follow-Up

Village-level sessions on LANN were organized in eight villages, involving 36 children 35 parents. Trained local resource persons led the sessions with support from staff. Additionally, follow-up care for women with low hemoglobin levels was conducted, reaching 80 women, of whom 39 were provided with iron tablets.

## Counselling and Support Program for Women



## Veterinary Health Awareness Camp Held at No. Thaisoguri

An awareness camp on veterinary health was organized at No. 2 Thaisoguri, attended by 11 farmers. The camp was conducted with the assistance of Dr. Shahanur Rahaman, a veterinary doctor from Borobazar Veterinary Dispensary.

In seven villages, 47 women identified with anemia received counselling & were provided with iron tablets for one month.



# COLORING THE RAINBOW

## Empowering Rural Youth: Capacity Building Training at the ant Campus

The Capacity Building training held from June 20th to 22nd, 2024, at the ant campus in Rowmari, was a collaborative effort between the SBI Foundation and the CTR (Coloring the Rainbow) project, aimed at empowering rural youth with essential skills. The program, featuring speakers Rahul Samrawat (SBI Youth for India fellow), Xavier Narzary, and Noni Bhagat (the ant NGO staff), provided 20 participants—comprising 15 males and 5 females—from diverse communities with comprehensive training in digital literacy, basic computer use, report writing, documentation, communication, public speaking, leadership, team building, and financial awareness.



## THE MRT ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT

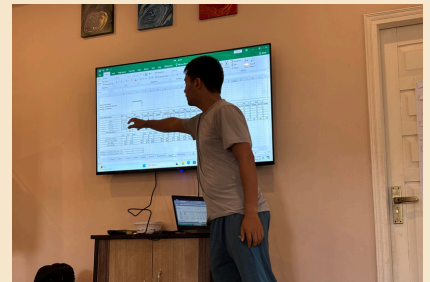


The Manoranjan Tournament Ultimate Frisbee Tournament was successfully conducted on the 29th of September, 2024, at the Ulubari ME School Playground, Basugaon Cluster. This exciting event brought together participants from various villages within the Basugaon Cluster, showcasing their skills, team spirit, and passion for the sport. The tournament was led and conducted by dedicated coaches who ensured the event ran smoothly. The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from a total of 137 players, which included 78 male and 59 female participants.



# MONITORING, LEARNING & EVALUATION WORKSHOP

Monitoring Learning and Evaluation (MLE) workshop was organized for staff on 27th to 29th August, 2024 in Meghalaya. The objective of the workshop was to build perspective on why MEL is important in order to achieve any result. Maitrayee Paul and Abhijit Ghosh from Roots to Branches Foundation facilitated the workshop. Participants learned about the importance of routine collection and analysis of information to track progress against set plans, identify trends and patterns, adapt strategies and inform decision-making for project/programme management.

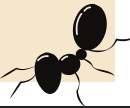




## SUMMER CAMP, 2024



The Summer camp is organised once in a year in Forest Learning Center and Model Learning Center to give cross learning of student and teachers from each other. This year the summer camp was organized on 19th & 20th August, 2024 in 16 Forest Learning Centres & 2 Model Learning Centers with an objective of enable children to develop social skill, confidence building, leadership role in team work, creativity & physical activity.



## STAFF MEETING

Some glimpses of the ant's 6-month staff meeting held on 30th & 31st August, 2024.



### We welcome our new staff members

Anjali Goyari, Smita Daimary, Rohit Boro, Mukto Mochahary, Manoj Pradhan, Anjima Daimary, Kwrwmdaw Basumatary, Ashak Basumatary, Fwilao Basumatary, Fungja Narzary, Mamoni Das, Monika Tudu, Mahibul Iaslam, Abed Hembrom, Bipul Marak, Anima Tudu, Ranismita Majumdar, Neha Thapa.





# SIFUNG

A Music & dance workshop organized by Sifung Harimu Afad from 1st July to 28th July in Danserang ME school with a number of 37 participation, Bhabanipur ME school with the number of 29 participation & Kuklung ME school with the number of 159 participation.



## New Branch Formation

Sifung formed its two new branches: Shantipur Branch Sifung Harimu Afad and Kuklung Branch Sifung Harimu Afad, inaugurated on 4th August and 11th August 2024, respectively.



## Workshop on instrument making

A workshop on Bodo Folk Instrument Making was organised by Sifung Harimu Afad at Rowmari from 20th to 23rd September, 2024 which was supported by Eicher Group Foundation. During this the youth was taught about making Serja & Sifung, a total number of 13 participants attended this workshop.







# COMMUNITY MEDIA UNIT(CMU)

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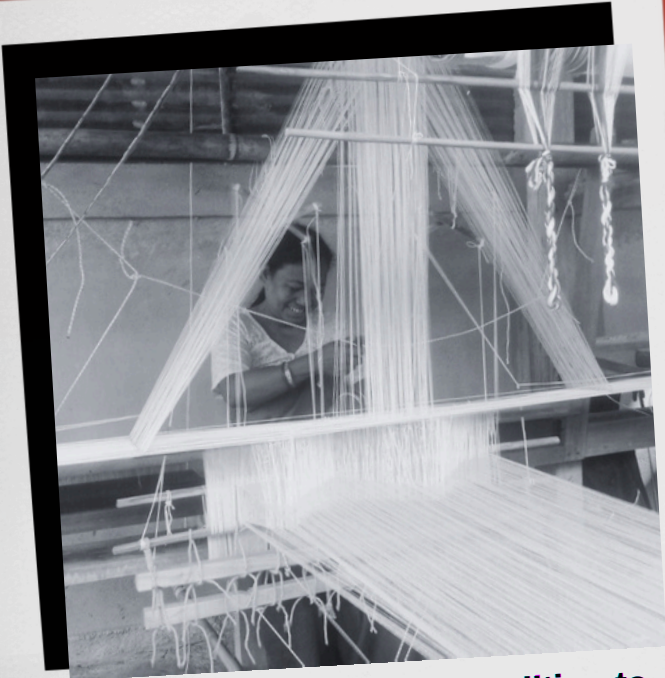
## Mobile Photography and videography Training



A training session on mobile photography and videography was organized by the Community Media Unit at the ant” campus from the 6th to 8th of September 2024. The total participates were 27, include 14 youth, 12 staff & a fellow. The 3 days training covered a range of essential topics aimed at enhancing the participants ability to capture and create content. By the end of the training, participants gained confidence in using their mobile device to capture high quality image and videos, empowering them to document and share important moments/ stories from their communities.







### **Anita's Journey from Tradition to Transformation**

# CHANGE STORY



*Anita, a weaver from Langdangchuburi Village, has been practicing her craft for as long as she can remember, using a traditional loom and techniques passed down through generations. However, lack of resources & technical expertise held her back.*

*But after the DWIMU project intervention, it brought significant changes to her weaving process. The project introduced her to new designs and provided training that made her work more versatile and marketable. Anita learned how to use the warping drum, a tool that improved her efficiency by speeding up the warping process, allowing her to focus more on actual weaving.*

*Additionally, the project supported her in mastering the jacquard loom. With these new skills she has been able to weave 99 eri shawls, a milestone she never imagined reaching before the intervention.*

*Financially, this change has been transformative. By weaving these shawls, Anita is expected to earn 1,40,000 INR, a significant boost to her previous earnings.*

*Furthermore, recognizing the potential of her new skills and tools, Anita has involved two other weavers in her work, providing employment and fostering a sense of community collaboration. Through the DWIMU project, Anita has not only improved her own livelihood but is also contributing to the economic empowerment of others in her village.*



# EVALUATION PROGRAM



In September, programme evaluation was organized to foster peer learning. Each team were assigned to assess different projects. This initiative not only facilitated the exchange of ideas but also aimed to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our projects for the future.



This year, we bid farewell to our SBI fellows—Pragya Mishra, Saagarika Das, Nehal Solanki, and Rahul Samrawat—who have completed their one-year fellowship with the ant. We thank them for their contributions and dedication.

We also warmly welcome our four new SBI fellows, Archita Jaiswal, Nisha Sahani, Annu Kumari & Amal Dev. We are happy to have you all as a part of the ant's family.

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