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Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the community for continuously giving us the privilege of being part of their journey. As we endeavor to bring transformative change to the communities we partner with, this year has witnessed the launch of several new and impactful initiatives. Notably, we have reinvigorated our intensive engagement with a young cultural group to promote traditional dance and music, with 800 youths actively participating in the programme. Additionally, we have seamlessly integrated livelihood initiatives with nutrition promotion for children and women. Horticulture has been introduced to farmers as an additional source of income, and we have made significant strides in handloom and sericulture by incorporating new designs, efficient warping techniques, and the ability to weave intricate patterns.

As an organization, we have also developed a five-year strategic plan that delineates our roadmap for the future. A major development within our organization this year has been the evolution of IDeA, one of the ant's pioneering initiatives created to support and facilitate other organizations. IDeA has now emerged as a separate legal entity named "Roots to Branches Foundation". We are delighted to announce that Roots to Branches Foundation will continue to provide robust support and facilitation to NGOs and individuals.

On a challenging note, we have been compelled to downsize our education programme, including interventions in government schools and after-school remedial classes, due to constrained funding. This difficult decision also led to the unfortunate departure of 140 staff members during the year, due to inability to access FCRA funds. Nevertheless, we have been able to sustain the core work of the organization, thanks to the unwavering support of our friends, who stood by us in these difficult times. The solidarity and support we received from donors, friends, collaborators, and the community during this period have strengthened our commitment to continue our mission.

We are also thrilled to announce that we are entering our Silver Jubilee year, a momentous occasion celebrating 25 years of milestones and resilience. We eagerly anticipate sharing our 25-year journey with you in our forthcoming Silver Jubilee publication.

It is with immense joy that we present our Annual Report for 2023-2024, which highlights the significant achievements and events of the past year. We remain steadfast in our commitment to continuing our work alongside the communities we serve.

With best regards,

Netaji Basumatary



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# Children and Youth Development

## LEAP

### Transforming lives of children through education in the forest learning centers

Our initiatives to enhance learning outcomes of children is transforming education in some of the most underserved areas of the Chirang district, specifically within forest villages bordering Bhutan. These 74 forest villages, which are home to communities often labeled as 'forest encroachers,' have historically lacked access to government schools, leaving generations of children with limited educational opportunities. The Learning Ecosystem Augmentation Project's (LEAP) commitment to these children through the establishment of 18 Forest Learning Centers (FLCs) and 2 Model Learning Centers (MLCs) has not only provided basic education but has also laid the foundation for a better future.

The significance of our initiatives is evident through the lives of 838 children (53% boys and 47% girls), who now have regular access to quality education. With an impressive average attendance rate of 75%, these children are not only showing up—they are engaged in learning. The results of the Annual ASER Test January, 2024 underscore the effectiveness of the initiatives: 59% students in grades 3 to 5 can now read complete sentences, 69% can write dictated sentences, 61% perform basic arithmetic operations, with a significant percentage of 33% even mastering division.

## Keys to LEAP's Success: ✨

### • Empowering Educators

**Purposeful Training:** 20 educators were empowered through targeted training sessions that covered vital subjects like Mathematics, Language instruction, and classroom management techniques.

**Innovative Tools:** Teachers were equipped with skills to craft Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) and implement Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) weekly. This has equipped them to observe students needing extra support, ensuring no child is left behind.



**Personalised Learning:** The Multi-Grade Multi-Level (MGML) strategy has transformed education by tailoring learning experiences to each child's proficiency, allowing them to progress at their own pace.



### • Creating Conducive Learning Environments

**Infrastructure Boost:** Nine centres now enjoy enhanced learning environments thanks to the provision of tin sheets, ensuring that education continues regardless of weather conditions.

**Supporting the Educators:** The distribution of 18 backpacks filled with TLM, library books, sports kits, and registers has transformed the way teachers deliver education, blending academics with physical and creative activities.

## • Fostering Holistic Growth

**Beyond the Classroom:** LEAP has enriched the educational journey with clustered holiday camps and Social Talk sessions. These activities have allowed children to engage in competitive games, reflect on moral values, and explore critical issues like health and hygiene, fostering a well-rounded sense of community and self-awareness.



## • Community-Led Sustainability

**Inspiring Ownership:** Local communities in three villages (No.2 Beherbari, Koraibari MLC, and Sitonaguri FLC) have stepped up to fund teachers' salaries, demonstrating a strong communal commitment to education. This local involvement is a beacon of hope for the centres' sustainability, ensuring they thrive even after the project's conclusion.



# Colouring the Rainbow

## Story of Change

### Breaking Boundaries: Anjuma Begum's Transformative Journey through Frisbee

*In the small town of Basugaon, 18-year-old Anjuma Begum has defied social norms and personal insecurities to emerge as a confident leader, all thanks to her involvement in Ultimate Frisbee. Anjuma's journey, which began with apprehension and self-doubt, has evolved into a story of empowerment and unity, breaking barriers of gender, caste, and community.*

*Initially, when Anjuma considered joining the Bahubali Frisbee team, her hesitation was palpable. The idea of playing a sport alongside boys was intimidating, not just for her but also due to the anticipated disapproval from her family and community. She also grappled with deep-seated discomfort interacting with people from different castes and communities, leading to feelings of shyness and isolation.*

*Anjuma's active participation in Frisbee tournaments, coupled with life skills programs, marked a significant shift in her perspective. These programs equipped her with the tools to balance her academic responsibilities along with her passion for sports. She also began to appreciate the values of fairness and justice inherent in the sport.*

*As she gradually overcome her initial fears, the sport provided her a platform to connect with individuals from various backgrounds, helping her forge strong friendships across different communities. Through these interactions and spirit sessions, she realized that the perceived differences that once kept her at a distance were superficial. Anjuma now cherishes the diversity within her circle of friends, understanding that commonalities far outweigh differences.*

*The sport has not only empowered her personally but also broadened her understanding of gender equality. Today, Anjuma is not just a skilled Frisbee player; she is a beacon of change, determined to bring the positive transformations she has experienced into her family and society.*

The "Colouring the Rainbow" program, has been a beacon of hope and transformation for many young people like Anjuma, particularly those from marginalised and resource-poor settings. Through sports primarily Ultimate Frisbee, the program is able to break barriers, promoting inclusivity, and fostering personal and social transformation

In the past one year, the program has made significant strides in creating sustainable change despite facing regulatory hurdles and community resistance.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Coaches in Training (CIT) Program

We have introduced Coaches in Training (CIT) Program. These trainings enabled existing coaches to train peers, expanding the reach of the program and forming additional teams in various villages. Activities were rescheduled to Sundays and school holidays, ensuring that student coaches could participate without compromising their academic responsibilities.

## Overcoming Resistance

We have successfully addressed initial community resistance to mixed-gender games by conducting community meetings and Frisbee sessions specifically for parents, which played a crucial role in gaining support and increasing participation.

## Cluster-Level Ultimate Frisbee training Camp

Cluster-Level Ultimate Frisbee residential training Camp led by Michael Brenner (a US-based Frisbee player), encouraged team spirit and fostered collaboration between 27 participants from 11 villages and skill development among both male and female players.



## Youth Frisbee Yatra

A four-day Youth Frisbee Yatra united youth from multiple clusters and introduced Ultimate Frisbee to forest villages where the sport had little to no presence. The yatra not only showcased Frisbee but also included educational sessions on suicide prevention, substance abuse, and activities at Forest Learning Centres, further embedding the program's impact within the community.

## Frisbee Tournaments

Frisbee Tournaments organised at both cluster and Rainbow levels served as platforms for participants to display their skills, foster team spirit, and build relationships. It involved 1,086 youths (55% boys, 45% girls) from various villages, with senior players taking on leadership roles, thereby ensuring the sustainability and continuity of the program.



## Key Achievement

### Coaches in Training (CIT) program

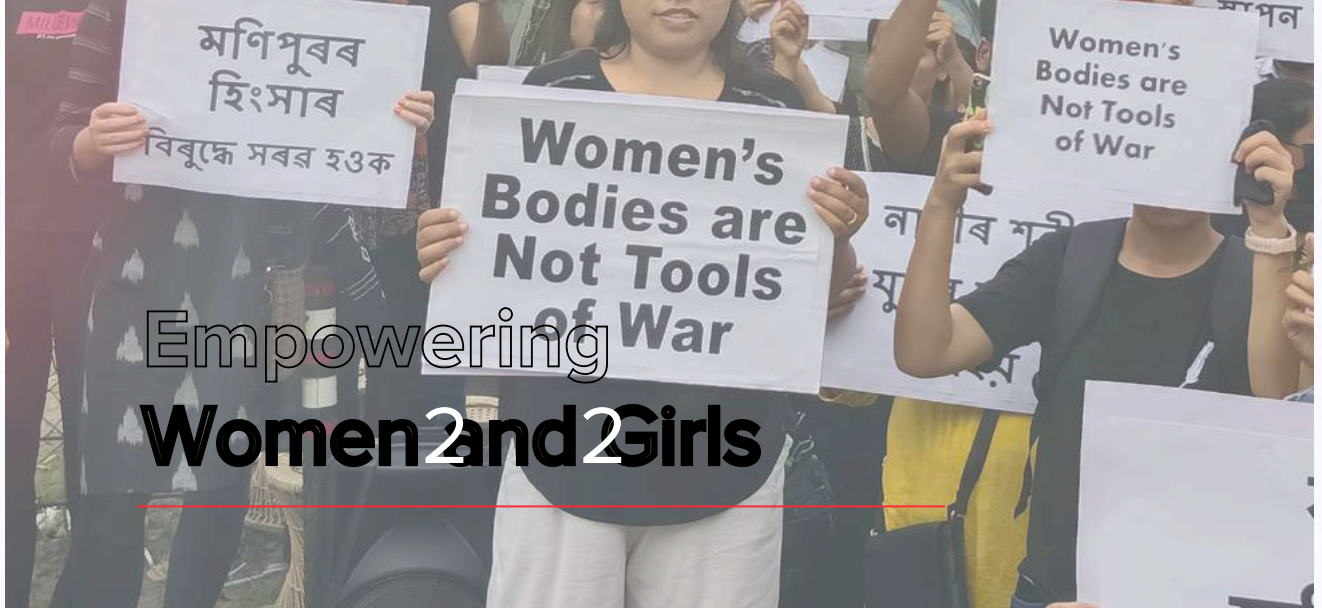
Through the Coaches in Training (CIT) program, 17 coaches (7 female, 10 male) have successfully trained approximately 150 peers, forming 15 new MRT (Manoranjan) teams across the region. This peer-to-peer model has significantly expanded the program's footprint and ensured its sustainability.

### Youth Leadership

Thirteen youth (5 female, 8 male) have demonstrated marked improvements in leadership skills, confidently organising events and expressing their opinions in various forums. For instance, they independently organized cluster MRT tournaments, made fair decisions, and took initiative in conducting spirit circles and leading the tournaments.

### Frisbee Sessions

Two coaches successfully organised a Frisbee demo session and effectively communicated the essence of Ultimate Frisbee to school teachers. They confidently shared their knowledge with over 100 students, demonstrating the program's impact on their communication and leadership abilities



## Against Violence at Home – Act Now (AVAHAN)

The initiative we started in 2017 with a deep commitment to combatting domestic violence, has blossomed into a movement over the years. AVAHAN (Against Violence at Home – Act Now) has created an impact in the lives of the domestic violence survivors by providing comprehensive support services. It has also created platform to the community support groups that stood against violence in all its forms.

## Story of Change

### The Power of Community Action

*The Katribari Response Group, formed in 2020, stands as a testament to the power of community-driven action. Despite initial resistance, this group has successfully mitigated domestic violence and child marriage in their village, setting a powerful example for others to follow. Their journey from scepticism to leadership has transformed their village into a sanctuary where violence is not tolerated, and every individual is respected.*

*Similarly, the Kashi Bari Response Group's story is one of rekindled hope. Once estranged from the program due to suspicion and mistrust, the community of Kashi Bari reconnected with the ant in 2020. Trained and supported by the ant, the group has tackled issues ranging from child trafficking to alcohol abuse. Their efforts have led to a remarkable decline in child marriage cases, and the group's resolve has established a new norm: violence is not welcome here.*

*"We have ensured that not a single child gets married as long as we are here," says Joigun Nesa, a proud member of the Kashibari Response Group. The group's unwavering commitment has not only protected their village but also set a precedent for others. "Whenever any new families come to settle in this village, we inform them that we will not tolerate any violence at home or anywhere," adds Anura Khatun, another dedicated member.*

*The future of these groups, and indeed the entire community, looks bright. The foundation laid by the ant has empowered these groups to continue their work, even if the program were to end. As Joigun Nesa puts it, "Now it has become like our habit, part of our culture that whenever any violence occurs, we will go forth and stop it."*

## Support Services: A Lifeline for Survivors

Understanding that every survivor's situation is unique, a dedicated team worked tirelessly to provide crucial support to survivors of domestic violence.



Through psychosocial and family counselling, **204** survivors found a safe space to heal and rebuild.



Monthly follow-ups ensured that these survivors were never alone on their journey to recovery. In addition, **52** legal aid camps were held at the ant campus, offering a lifeline to **65** survivors.



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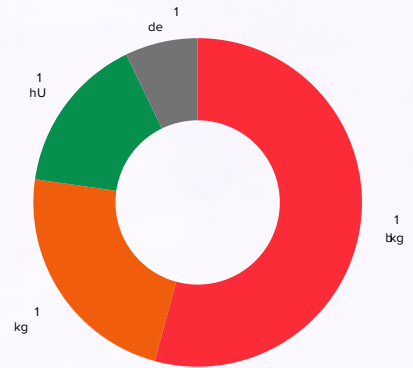
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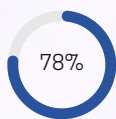
- **High-Risk Cases:** 174 families receive intensive follow-up visits due to a high risk of violence.
- **Moderate-Risk Cases:** 74 families, where violence has stopped for 2-3 months, receive follow-up visits every two months.
- **Low-Risk Cases:** 50 families have been violence-free for six months, with follow-up visits every 4-6 months.
- **Unreachable Cases:** 23 survivors have lost contact after filing their cases.



Overall, the ant has supported **321** Domestic Violence cases through counselling and mutual reconciliation.

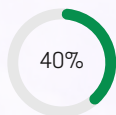


### Key milestones achieved:



#### Women

In 16 Village Organizations, 78% of women now stood armed with knowledge about domestic violence and the protection measures.



#### Response Groups

Response groups, once fledgling efforts, had grown into formidable forces, with 40% managing cases independently, even during the pandemic.



#### Youth

Youth engagement soared, with 334 young people educated on their rights and issues related to DV. Through campaigns and street plays, they participate actively to raise awareness.

## International Safe Abortion Day: Breaking the Stigma



On September 28, 2023, the Mwinaguri Community Hall became a space where whispers of fear and misinformation were replaced with knowledge and empowerment. Celebrating International Safe Abortion Day, 179 women gathered to break the silence around abortion. With the guidance of medical professionals and legal advocates, these women learned about their rights and the importance of accessing safe, legal services. The event was a milestone in challenging harmful norms and encouraging women to take control of their reproductive health.

## 16 Days of Activism: A Stand Against Silence

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, held in Chirang district, Assam, from November 25th to December 10th, 2023, was a significant event. Women's groups led impactful events across nine locations, using meetings, candle marches, slogans, drawing competitions, and marshal rallies to advocate for women's safety. The campaign gained special significance as it highlighted a tragic domestic violence incident, leading to candlelight vigils and solidarity marches. Over 1,000 participants marched, spreading a powerful message against gender-based violence.



## One Billion Rising: Raising for Freedom

February 14, 2024, was a day of revolution. The One Billion Rising campaign, themed “RISE FOR FREEDOM - BE THE NEW WORLD,” resonated through the schools of Chirang district. Sixteen students performed flash mobs, captivating over 1,400 individuals with their powerful messages against gender inequality and violence. The performances were not just a spectacle - they were a call to action, inspiring students, teachers, and parents to stand against practices like child marriage and to envision a world of equal opportunities.



## Overcoming Barriers



The journey was not without its challenges. Deep-rooted taboos and the fear of shifting power dynamics created barriers that seemed insurmountable at times. Communities, wary of change, often rejected the program’s efforts.

Yet, with persistence and sensitivity, the program found allies in community leaders. Regular meetings and open dialogues helped build trust, while tailored strategies addressed the specific fears of each community. Gradually, the walls of resistance began to crumble, replaced by a growing acceptance of the program’s mission.

# Sifung Harimu Afad

## Reviving Rhythms: Empowering Bodo Youth Through Music, Dance, and Tradition

With Sifung, the ant has embarked on a remarkable journey to revive and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Bodo community. Through traditional music, dance, and craft, we are not only preserving a way of life but also opening new pathways for economic empowerment for local artistes, musicians, and dancers.

One of the most impactful aspects of Sifung is its ability to challenge traditional gender roles. By empowering girls to learn Bodo musical instruments—skills historically dominated by men—we are witnessing a significant shift in cultural norms. At the same time, boys are stepping into the world of folk dance, traditionally considered a feminine activity. This inclusive approach promotes gender equality, offering both boys and girls equal opportunities to engage in every aspect of cultural preservation and artistic expression.

Our partnership with the youth-led cultural group, "Sifung Harimu Afad," highlights the transformative power of art and tradition. Through this initiative, young musicians and dancers are reconnecting with their roots, creating cultural troupes, and bringing Bodo culture to life in meaningful ways. This project not only fosters community pride but also builds a bridge between tradition and the modern and also aims to create avenues for sustainable livelihoods through cultural practice.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



## Reviving Folk Music and Dance in Schools

We introduced Bodo folk music and dance in two government schools—Bhabanipur and Danswring ME School, Chirang District. A total of 126 students (58 boys and 68 girls) were trained to play traditional instruments like the Kham, Sifung, and Serja, while also learning Bodo folk dance forms. These weekly sessions have sparked enthusiasm among the students to embrace and carry forward their cultural heritage.

## Formation and Training of Youth-Led Cultural Troupes

Instrument-Making Workshop: In December 2023, we organized a six-day workshop focused on crafting traditional Bodo instruments such as the Serja and Sifung. Eight trainers from six different villages participated, creating 10 Serjas by the end of the workshop. This workshop not only revived the craft of instrument-making but also provided youth with valuable skills to sustain this cultural knowledge.



## Cultural Revival and Engagement

A total of 317 youth (82 males and 235 females) from four cultural troupes were trained in Bodo folk music and dance. These troupes now serve as cultural ambassadors, performing regularly and engaging their communities in cultural preservation.

## School Engagement

Through weekly sessions, traditional music and dance have been introduced to 63 students (24 boys and 39 girls) in two schools, fostering cultural pride in the younger generation.





## Infrastructure Development

We successfully established a dedicated Sifung office in Taijwoguri, Chirang District, complete with essential facilities such as an office room, toilet, bathroom, and a tube well, providing a stable base for ongoing cultural activities.

# Story of Change

*One such inspiring story is that of 16-year-old Sudem Brahma from Bikrampur village, Bengtol. Sudem, passionate about Bodo folk music, had limited knowledge of traditional instrument-making. When we organized an instrument-making workshop in Rowmari, Sudem eagerly joined. Through perseverance and guidance from our trainers, he learned how to craft a Serja, a traditional Bodo musical instrument. After several attempts at home, Sudem successfully crafted his own playable Serja. His determination and love for his culture highlight how this project is not only preserving traditions but also igniting a sense of ownership and pride among the youth.*

## Impact and Future Vision

Our efforts have reached 87 villages and 9 VDCs (Village Council Development Committees). Through our cultural revival initiatives, 63 school children and 317 youth are now deeply connected to their Bodo heritage. These young artists, musicians, and dancers are keeping their traditions alive while inspiring others to appreciate the beauty of Bodo culture.

Looking ahead, we aim to expand our efforts to reach even more youth, ensuring that the next generation carries forward these cultural treasures, turning them into viable economic opportunities for future musicians, dancers, and artisans.

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# MOULD

## Moulding Lives: Empowering Marginalised Households for Sustainable Livelihoods

In the year 2021-22, we embarked on an ambitious journey to transform the lives of 2,000 marginalized households in the Indo-Bhutan border region of Chirang District, Assam through the project MOULD (Making Opportunities to Uplift Lives in Deosiri). With a focus on women's empowerment, livelihood enhancement, and economic resilience, this project has been a beacon of hope for vulnerable families, offering them the skills and resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

Through MOULD, we envisioned to empower communities, by creating sustainable income pathways, and promoting leadership among women. Our focus on forming and training Self Help Groups (SHGs), facilitating skill development, and fostering entrepreneurship has been at the heart of this change.

The FCRA suspension in May 2023, significantly impacted the project momentum. Despite this, we continued supporting 89 women engaged in Income Generation Activities (IGA) through revolving funds and secured funding from NABARD for a four-year horticulture development initiative. This ensured we could sustain key project components and continue empowering small farmers in Deosiri.



## KEY MILESTONES



### Training & Empowerment of SHGs:



- 70 SHGs received comprehensive training on record-keeping and financial literacy, equipping them to manage their resources efficiently.
- 21 SHGs were trained in leadership, group management, and dynamics, enabling them to take charge of their development and actively participate in decision-making processes.
- As a result, SHGs like Aronai VO have taken the lead, smoothly managing their groups, initiating income-generating activities (IGA), and efficiently handling revolving funds. To date, 29 women have benefitted from redistributed loans from repaid amounts.



### Family Livelihood Plans & Skill Development:

- 500 families were supported in creating personalized Family Livelihood Plans, helping them envision and strategize their economic growth.
- Among these, 219 individuals received skill development training in piggery, goat rearing, and mushroom cultivation—three critical livelihood areas in the region.
- 80 families were given revolving grants to kickstart income-generating activities, ensuring they had the necessary financial support to implement their livelihood plans.



### Connecting SHGs to Institutions:

- SHGs have begun independently engaging with the Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM) and local banks, further strengthening their economic activities.
- This newfound independence has allowed them to navigate the financial landscape, seek opportunities, and continue expanding their IGAs.

# Stories of Change

## Kamita Narzary: A Story of Determination and Growth

*Kamita Narzary, a 29-year-old mother of two children from South Dowaguri village under Hatisar VCDC in Chriang district, always dreamed of expanding her small-scale goat farming operation. Her husband Mr. Daimalu Narzary works as a casual labour. They own 5 bighas of homestead land. Kamita serves as the secretary of the Bitorai Self Help Group, which is under the Aronai VO.*

*Before MOULD's intervention, Kamita had just two mother goats. After receiving goat farming training and a revolving fund loan of Rs. 10,000 through the MOULD project, Kamita's dream took shape. She built a new goat shed, acquired another goat, and now works toward establishing a sustainable goat farming business. Kamita's determination and newfound skills have not only improved her family's income but also inspired other women in her SHG to take up similar initiatives.*

## Babita Upadhaya: A Catalyst for Change in Deosiri

*Babita Upadhaya, an IGA woman from Deosri FV, is the secretary of Om Shanti SHG and president of Jagadatri VO. She has been associated with the Mould project since its inception and is an inspiring woman farmer from Deosri village in Sidli block.*

*Babita's journey in goat rearing began eight years ago when she started with just two female goats. However, in the early years, she faced challenges due to a lack of knowledge about proper rearing methods. Determined to succeed, she sought training from the ant Mould Project in 2023, which proved to be a turning point for her.*

*During the training, Babita learned valuable skills such as shed construction, disease management, and food management. In May 2023, she received a loan of Rs. 10,000 from the ant Mould Project for goat farming purposes.*

*She increased her goat stock to eight and began arranging timely vaccinations for various diseases. Babita implemented everything she learned, and her efforts have inspired others in her community to build sheds and follow vaccination schedules.*

*The impact of Babita's work in goat farming is remarkable. The community has witnessed improvements in goat health, decreased morbidity and mortality, and significant weight gain. Babita's personal success story is equally inspiring—she now earns around Rs. 22,000 annually from goat rearing. Additionally, by selling vegetables from her home and village to Bhutan, Babita has achieved financial independence and serves as a shining example of what dedication and knowledge can achieve.*

# Sus-FARM

## Sowing Seeds of Change: Transforming Lives Through Sustainable Farming

At the heart of the Sus-FARM (Sustainable Livelihoods for Smallholder Farmers) project lies a vision to empower smallholder farmers by promoting sustainable agricultural practices, ensuring food security, and enhancing the marketability of their produce. Through a combination of innovative farming techniques and strong community engagement, we are witnessing transformative changes in the lives of our farmers and their families.



The past year has been filled with milestones—522 families embracing kitchen gardening, 162 farmers adopting eco-friendly pest management, and community members stepping up as resource persons, guiding their peers toward greener, more sustainable farming methods. These numbers represent lives being uplifted and farms being transformed.

But beyond the statistics there are stories of change that inspire us all, there are highlights and journeys of those whose lives have been touched by the Sus-FARM initiative.

# Story of Change

## Ame Brahma's Journey to Agricultural Transformation

*Ame Brahma, a 45-year-old woman from Fwrmaisali village under K/Batabari VCDC, had lived much of her life as an illiterate housewife. Despite her lack of formal education—she managed to learn how to write her name and address. Ame and her husband worked hard on their 5 bighas of farmland, relying heavily on chemical fertilizers and pesticides. While they could produce crops, the high cost of these chemicals left them with little savings. Additionally, Ame tried her hand at livestock rearing, raising cows, goats, pigs, and poultry, but her limited knowledge led to frequent losses due to disease.*

*Everything began to change when Ame met the ant team during a baseline survey for the Sus-Farm project. During their interaction, Ame expressed a strong desire to learn more about agriculture, horticulture, and livestock farming. Sensing her eagerness, the ant team encouraged her to participate in various training sessions. Ame seized the opportunity and attended every training she could, starting with bio-pesticide preparation, vermicomposting, livestock healthcare, kitchen gardening, and integrated farming.*



*Armed with this new knowledge, Ame embarked on a mission to transform her farming practices. She began by preparing her own bio-pesticides, farm manure, and vermicompost, which allowed her to significantly reduce her reliance on costly chemical fertilisers and pesticides. She applied these sustainable methods to her horticultural activities and kitchen garden, which resulted in both cost savings and healthier crops. Ame also improved her livestock rearing practices, ensuring that her cows, goats, pigs, and poultry were well cared for, leading to healthier animals and increased income.*

*Today, Ame consistently uses bio-pesticides, farm manure, and vermicompost in her agricultural and horticultural farming. She has established a small fruit garden with areca nut, jackfruit, lemon, banana, papaya, and pineapple trees. Her diversified kitchen garden flourishes with paddy and mustard plants, all nourished by the organic inputs she prepares herself. As a result of her efforts, Ame now earns a respectable income from selling cow milk, goats, pigs, and poultry.*

## KEY MILESTONES



- A total of 522 families are now engaged in kitchen gardening, contributing to food security and sustainability.
- Furthermore, 162 farmers are lowering their farming costs by using bio-pesticides made from locally sourced herbs and ingredients.
- 90 farmers have established biodegradable waste management units, promoting composting of kitchen waste for their gardens.

- A survey of kitchen garden samples from 144 farmers revealed that 49% (71 farmers) are cultivating vegetables for both household consumption and sale, while the remaining 51% (75 farmers) are growing vegetables exclusively for their consumption.

- Women and children in the target communities have become more aware of health and nutrition issues.
- They are actively participating in awareness camps, training sessions, and health screening tests, contributing to improved family well-being.

- A group of 13 Community Resource Persons (CRPs), comprising 8 women and 5 men, have been trained in livestock management and natural farming.
- These CRPs have conducted training sessions on natural farming and veterinary care across 22 villages.

- 522 women whose families received seeds for kitchen gardens were tested for hemoglobin levels.
- The Hb tests were conducted with ASHA workers and efforts are underway to ensure that the women receive iron and folic acid supplements to address anemia.

# DWIMU

## Empowering Women Weavers: A Journey of Transformation with Project DWIMU

Project DWIMU (Diversification with Integrated Management for Upliftment of People's Lives) is an initiative of the ant since 2023. It aims to uplift the lives of women weavers and sericulture practitioners in Udalguri and Mazbat Block of BTR Assam. This project, conceptualized by the Bodoland Territorial Council and supported by the Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation, focuses on empowering women through collective action.

Through skilling, asset creation, and market linkages, we have been able to support 500 women in enhancing their handloom and sericulture practices. But our vision doesn't stop here. By 2025, we aim to bring this initiative to 1,000 women, creating self-sustaining collectives that can grow into Producer Groups. This initiative challenges the traditional view of women's work as household chores and reposition these women as leaders and contributors to local economies and capable of driving positive change in their communities.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



## Formation of Collectives:

So far, we have formed 20 collectives of sericulture practitioners and 30 collectives of weavers, fostering strong community collaboration.

## Training and Skill Development

32 weavers were trained on innovative design techniques, while 254 were trained on using the warping drum, increasing productivity significantly. Additionally, 31 women were trained under our Entrepreneurship Development Program, equipping them with the skills needed to scale their businesses.



## Asset Creation

To address the scarcity of silk feed, 160 women farmers planted Kesseru, boosting the larvae-rearing cycle and enhancing sericulture sustainability.

## Convergence with Government Schemes

The project has facilitated a household planning survey for individual development plans, which will be submitted to line departments to ensure convergence with government schemes.



# Stories of Change

## Anita's Journey from Tradition to Transformation

*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.*

# (Community Media Unit)

## Bridging Knowledge Through Stories and Technology

In late 2021, the Community Media Unit (CMU) of the ant embarked on a transformative journey. Our vision was simple yet powerful; to harness the power of storytelling through audio-visual media and capture the local issues. What began as an idea has blossomed into a vibrant platform that preserves traditional knowledge, addresses socio-economic challenges, and bridges generational gaps. A vision planning workshop facilitated by Pinky Brahma Choudhury, co-founder of the Media Unit at Samaj Pragati Sahayog (SPS), set the foundation.



The magic unfolds when a small team with big dreams uses media to bring to light the unheard stories of resilience, hope, and change. From documenting the resilience of a mid-day meal cook fetching water for schoolchildren to showcasing women farmers battling climate change with their indigenous wisdom, CMU has turned everyday moments into powerful narratives. Through collaboration with other ant projects, CMU 've created a space where media not only informs but inspires action. These stories, rooted in our communities, do more than highlight issues—they call for solutions, ensuring we document today, preserve the past, and shape the future.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Film on Water Scarcity in Schools

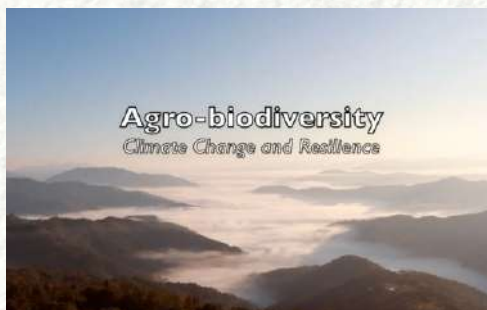
Khagrabari LP School, nestled near the Bhutan border in Chirang District, stands as a symbol of resilience and hope for its 63 students (earlier more than 100 students). However, this modest school faces a significant challenge: the absence of a water facility on its premises.

Despite the absence of a water facility on the school premises, the Mid-Day Meal cook, who has served the children for 18 years, walks a kilometer each day to fetch water. When power outages occur, she seeks water from distant markets or personal contacts. This film documents her struggle and highlights the broader issue of water accessibility in rural schools. Through this documentary, CMU hopes to spark change and initiate a wider conversation about the urgent need for water solutions in rural education.



## Agrobiodiversity, Climate Change, and Resilience

CMU produced a voiceover for a powerful film documenting the experiences of women farmers in Chizami, Nagaland. The original Video was produced by the NEN, Chizami, Nagaland. These women illustrate how traditional farming practices rooted in agrobiodiversity have enabled them to withstand climate change. The film underscores the importance of preserving local indigenous seeds and cultivating sustainable food systems, especially during crises like the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Reviving Tradition and Culture

CMU proudly supported Sifung Harimu Afad (SHA), an initiative dedicated to preserving Bodo culture in Chirang District. Since its inception in 2014, SHA has trained 827 young people, providing them with skills and opportunities to showcase their cultural heritage at national and state-level events. Through CMU's partnership, these youth are empowered to contribute to the vibrancy of Bodo traditions, keeping cultural legacies alive.



## Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Seeds

With growing concerns over agricultural control laws, CMU produced a film that champions traditional seed-saving practices. Unlike commercial seeds, which must be purchased seasonally, traditional seeds have been adapted to the local environment for generations. By continuing these practices, local farmers can preserve biodiversity, improve crop resilience, and ensure sustainable food production.

## Action for Change

A film produced with Dusty Food Production, supported by CMU, captures the ant's unwavering commitment to rural development in Northeast India. For nearly 25 years, the organization has been driving change in education, child protection, women's empowerment, peacebuilding, and mental health. This film shares a glimpse of the future as the ant aims to impact 30,000+ people across 1,000 village hamlets, deepening its work and expanding its reach.



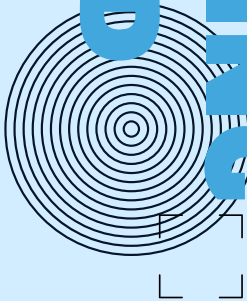
## KEY MILESTONES



Despite challenges, CMU achieved significant milestones over the past year:



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Despite currently operating with just one dedicated staff member, the Community Media Unit (CMU) is focused on empowering the next generation. Recognizing that many young people in the region lack the technical skills for media production and editing, CMU has made it a priority to equip them with essential skills in mobile photography, videography, and editing. Through hands-on training and mentorship, CMU is committed to nurturing local youth to become storytellers of their own communities.

By fostering teamwork and collaboration, we are building a dynamic, inclusive media environment where young people can not only amplify the voices of their communities but also preserve their rich cultural

heritage for future generations. This initiative is more than just skill-building—it's about creating future media leaders who will continue to document, share, and protect the knowledge and stories that matter most.

# (Mental Illness Treatment Alliance)

MITA (Mental Illness Treatment Alliance) was initiated by the ant, in 2007 as a monthly camp-based primary care initiative, offering outreach services to people with mental illness. Over time, it has expanded into a self-sustaining, scalable, and replicable model addressing various aspects of mental health and neurodiversity. MITA now operates across 27 sites in Assam and beyond, collaborating with registered partner NGOs to ensure the recovery and rehabilitation of people living with mental disabilities.

This project responds to the urgent need for mental health intervention, as the National Mental Health Survey (2015-2016) reported that 1.2 million people in Assam require mental health treatment. In a context where India faces a national psychiatrist deficit of 77%, rising to 89.1% in Assam, MITA aims to fill this gap by focusing on both clinical and community-level mental health support. The program also addresses the emotional, financial, and social burden on families and caregivers, integrating pharmacological and therapeutic interventions to improve the quality of life for patients and their caregivers.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Expanded Outreach

MITA expanded its operations to 27 locations across Assam and beyond, with 13 active partner organisations supporting service delivery. This growth has significantly increased its reach, providing mental health services to underserved communities.

## Increased Patient Reach

The program now serves approximately 5,000 active patients monthly, offering a range of mental health services, including treatment for Severe Mental Disorders, Epilepsy, Common Mental Disorders, and developmental disorders.

## Self-Sustaining Model

MITA successfully transitioned to a sustainable model through patient contributions at many locations. This has ensured the continuity of services while lessening dependence on external funding.

## Capacity Building for Partner NGOs

Partner organisations like Astha Trust (Jhargaon), Ayang Trust (Majuli), Diya Foundation (Mirza), and others received targeted capacity-building support to strengthen local implementation. This has enabled more effective care and expanded community engagement.

## Innovative Use of Technology

The Health Management Information System (HMIS) was introduced for efficient patient tracking and data collection, although there are ongoing challenges related to digital literacy and infrastructure in remote areas.

## Community Empowerment

MITA's efforts at the grassroots level included building awareness about mental health in communities and empowering families through psychoeducation, reducing stigma and improving community support for those affected by mental illness.

## KEY MILESTONES



- **Completion of 16 Years of Service:**

MITA marked its 16th year of operation, demonstrating a proven, replicable model for sustainable mental healthcare delivery in both rural and semi-urban areas of Assam.

- **Collaborations with 13 Partner Organisations**

Collaboration with 13 NGOs has been critical in ensuring a decentralised, community-driven approach to mental health. These partnerships allowed MITA to effectively scale its impact while maintaining a focus on local needs.

- **Support for 5,000+ Patients Monthly**

The program has grown to serve over 5,000 patients per month, addressing a critical gap in mental health services, particularly for those with limited access to healthcare.



- **Sustainability through Patient Contributions**

MITA has established a patient contribution system in several areas, making the program financially sustainable while continuing to deliver essential services

- **Strengthened Community Networks**

By focusing on psychoeducation and local partnerships, MITA has contributed to reducing the stigma associated with mental health and fostered community resilience in dealing with mental illness.

- **Community Engagement & Awareness Campaigns**

A 10% increase in community participation in awareness campaigns about mental health and neurodiversity was observed. These campaigns played an important part in reducing stigma and improving early diagnosis.

## Akku's Story

Akku is a 25 years old orphan from Sundari, has been suffering from Epilepsy since his childhood days. The onset of the illness had been insidious and he couldn't remember how and since when this started, though he could give a rough estimation of the duration based on his memory. There were repeated convulsions and unconsciousness, followed by a deep sleep and lethargy for the next few hours. Initially, the frequency of these attacks was 2-3 times in a day, but there were subsequent exaggerations of the symptoms. He lost his parents at an early age and has an elder sister who got married at a distant place. There were no sources of income for his survival. Initially, he was supported by one aunt and taken to Bongaigaon and Goalpara for treatment. Unfortunately, he was not relieved of his symptoms, despite spending around Rs.30000. Gradually the support of his relatives was also weaned off.

One of his cousins was receiving treatment from MITA Basugaon Center. He visited the camp just to check if he could also get treated there. He was okay with the fees of treatment and was inducted to the program. In the first month, he was not relieved entirely of his symptoms. In the next 3 months, the frequency of fits reduced markedly and by 5-6 months he was completely free from his symptoms. He borrowed some money from neighbours and others for the treatment.

As the treatment continued, he faced a series of difficulties as he couldn't arrange a decent job for himself. He never expected that the treatment needed to be continued for years together and it required recurrent expenditures. After the initial three months, regular checkups were needed after 3 months only. At times medicines are allowed for 3-4 months together. This was not possible for him to pay for more than one month. So, though there were provisions for dispensing medicines for multiple months to reduce the cost of transportation, he couldn't avail of this. There were some adherence issues and he missed a couple of doses in between. This precipitated seizures again. But the resumption of treatment again led to control of fits.

He feels the recent hike in the treatment cost is a cause of concern for people like him and at times laments why one needs to continue medications for years together for these kinds of diseases.

Now he is doing some random jobs and earning enough to feed himself. He also worked in the local thana as a help to assist with the chores and earn some money. He has been allotted a house from the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and now looking forward to completing it very soon. He has a plan to go out of his village to earn more and then come back to settle down.

# Institute of Development Action

Institute of Development Action (IDeA) was started as an initiative to support civil society's efforts to hasten the pace of development in the Northeast region of India and build a vibrant voluntary sector in the region. IDeA has been working for 15 years on guiding and supporting other emerging voluntary organisations in the Northeast. With unwavering support of several local and international organisations, IDeA has developed a unique relationship with local and regional non profit organisations through trainings, incubation and technical support.



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## Capacity Building of Partners

During this year, IDeA supported 15 organisations across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland. This year also marked the end of the incubation support to four organisations, that have been a part of the journey for more than three years.

As part of the Incubation Grant program, IDeA conducted a series of capacity-building workshops from April 2023 to March 2024. These workshops covered key areas such as project development, children's libraries, livelihood planning, accounting, and monitoring. Participants from various organisations strengthened their skills in project management, financial systems, and organisational planning, ensuring improved efficiency and impact within their programs.





**Leadership Retreat:** To enhance leadership skills, IDeA organized a Leadership Retreat for 14 Incubation Partners from February 14-17, 2024, at Manas National Park. The retreat focused on self-awareness, management theories, strategy creation, and leadership journeys. Participants deepened their insights on strategic vision planning and organisational growth through interactive sessions with mentors, and group discussions on support needs. This retreat served as a reflective exercise that motivated the organisational leadership and potentially influencing the overall strengthening of the partner organisation.



**Mime workshop:** A 3-day workshop on Mime was conducted in Guwahati by Chris Yerlig, a reputed Mime artist from USA. The workshop was attended by participants from 3 partner organisations that work with children. The workshop consisted of sessions and practice of mime techniques, that can be applied to enhance existing children's activities and programmes. Chris also visited two of the partner's location and conducted shows for the children and community at those locations.

**Graduating event of four partner organisations:** On the 13th of October, IDeA organised a graduation ceremony to celebrate the achievements of our partners who have successfully completed their journey with us through the IDeA Incubation program. These partners shared their journey of incubation with IDeA in the presence of chief functionaries from 16 partner organisations. The event also aimed at having an informal interaction between the partners to build a sense of a stronger collective of Northeast India region.





## State Level Child Rights Convention

IDeA-the ant organised a state-level convention on child rights on April 25th and 26th, 2023. On the first day, leaders from 35 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) representing 15 districts of Assam gathered on a common platform to address pressing issues related to the rights of children. The second day of the program saw participation from a wider range of child rights stakeholders, including Dr. Madhulika Jonathan, the Chief of UNICEF Assam, government officials from the District Child Protection Unit and State Child Protection Society, representatives from the Education Department, CSO members, children, youth, Panchayat members, academic institutions, and community members.



The entire program was led by children themselves. Around 100 Children from four districts of the state delivered presentations on child rights issues and proposed ways to address them.



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COMPOSITE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<b>APPI (Azim Premji Foundation)</b>			<b>APPI (Azim Premji Foundation)</b>		
<b>To PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>By PROJECT GRANT RECEIVED</b>		
Azim Premji Foundation/Avahan Project Expenses	31,34,285.00		Azim Premji Foundation /Avahan Project Grant		31,34,285.00
Azim Premji Foundation /Transforming the lives of Boddoland Tribes and other vulnerable communities	26,99,380.00		Azim Premji Foundation /Transforming the lives of Boddoland Tribes and other vulnerable communities		26,99,380.00
Azim Premji Foundation/Avahan Project III	16,27,637.00		Azim Premji Foundation/Avahan Project III		16,27,637.00
<b>FAB (Friends Across Barriers)</b>			<b>FAB (Friends Across Barriers)</b>		
<b>To PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>By PROJECT GRANT RECEIVED</b>		
Terre Des Hommes (TDH)/ Strengthening Childrens & Womens Right Through peaceful conflict resolution, Conflict transformation & Peacebuilding In Assam & Manipur India Project Exp.	5,50,554.42		Terre Des Hommes (TDH)/ Strengthening Childrens & Womens Right Through peaceful conflict resolution, Conflict transformation & Peacebuilding In Assam & Manipur India		5,50,554.42
<b>FCRA</b>			<b>FCRA</b>		
<b>To PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>By PROJECT GRANT RECEIVED</b>		
Arpan Foundation [AF] Shiksha/Kuklung Project Expense [CF-FC] Project Expense CTR Third Party Expense	5,16,170.00 5,06,381.00 3,33,784.00		Arpan Foundation [AF] Shiksha/Kuklung Project Grant Received [CF-FC] Project Grant Received CTR Third Party Contribution		5,16,170.00 5,06,381.00 3,33,784.00
Child Aid Network [CAN]-BMZ/LEAP [ Learning Ecosystem & Augmentation] Project Exp.		13,56,335.00	Child Aid Network [CAN]-BMZ/LEAP [ Learning Ecosystem & Augmentation] Project Grant Received		13,56,335.00
Child Aid Network (CAN)/ Enrich Project Exp.		10,37,705.00	Child Aid Network (CAN)/ Enrich Project Grant Received		10,37,705.00
DKA/ Colouring The Rainbow Project Exp.		7,38,615.00	DKA/ Colouring The Rainbow Project Grant Received		7,38,615.00
Katholische Frauenbewegung Österreichs/		2,37,579.00	Katholische Frauenbewegung Österreichs		2,37,579.00



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Aktion Familienfastag (KFB)-BTC Project Exp.	1,05,292.00	(Aktion Familienfastag (KFB)-BTC Project Grant Received	1,05,292.00
Sir Horace Kadoorie Charitable Foundation/ Making Opportunities to Uplift Lives in Deosiri (MOULD) Project Expense	12,04,493.00	Sir Horace Kadoorie Charitable Foundation/ Making Opportunities to Uplift Lives in Deosiri (MOULD) Project Grant Received	12,04,493.00
American Friends Of Edelgive Foundation/Grow Fund Project Expense	12,46,519.00	American Friends Of Edelgive Foundation/Grow Fund Project Expense	12,46,519.00
<b>LOCAL</b>		<b>LOCAL</b>	
<b>To PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>By PROJECT GRANT RECEIVED</b>	
Caring Friends Project Expense	2,17,65,080.16	Caring Friends Donation Received	2,17,65,080.16
Mental Health Expense	59,25,661.00	Mental Health Patient Contribution Received	59,25,661.00
Aroon Raman/ Sifung Cultural Academy Expense	1,28,260.00	Aroon Raman/ Sifung Cultural Academy Received	1,28,260.00
Pervin Jehangir & Vispi Unvala	16,950.00	Pervin Jehangir & Vispi Unvala	16,950.00
Growin Fund Project	26,47,161.00	Growin Fund Project	26,47,161.00
Kailash Satyarthi Charitable Foundation	13,899.00	Kailash Satyarthi Charitable Foundation	13,899.00
Interglobe Foundation/SUS Farm Project	29,90,258.00	Interglobe Foundation/SUS Farm Project	29,90,258.00
<b>To BANK CHARGES</b>		<b>By Interest Income</b>	
Bank Charges (FCRA)	1,339.30	Bank Interest ( APPI )	1,08,589.00
Bank Charges (LOCAL)	11,504.45	Bank Interest (FCRA)	78,790.00
		Bank Interest (LOCAL)	1,61,793.10
		Fd Interest (LOCAL)	9,66,365.50
		Interest on IT Refund (LOCAL)	931.00
		Other Interest (LOCAL)	8,928.63
			13,25,397.23
<b>To Other Expense</b>		<b>By Other Receipts</b>	
Admin salary (FCRA)	1,93,894.00	Other Contribution (LOCAL)	43,325.00
Admin Salary (LOCAL)	4,53,336.00	Vehicle Income (LOCAL)	1,43,135.00
Vehicle Fuel & Power (LOCAL)	17,800.00	Legal Aid Fees (LOCAL)	2,550.00
Admin Expenses (LOCAL)	24,408.00	Rent Income (LOCAL)	6,47,225.00
Intern Training Expense (LOCAL)	1,810.00	Training Income (LOCAL)	4,07,434.00
Maintenance Expense (LOCAL)	69,149.00	Miscellaneous Income (LOCAL)	59,050.00
Rent Expense (LOCAL)	10,624.00		
Training Expense (LOCAL)	1,16,695.00		
Miscellaneous Expense (LOCAL)	1,10,703.30		
Miscellaneous Expense (FCRA)	15,548.00		
Professional Fees (LOCAL)	8,200.00		
Travel (FCRA)	11,749.00		
Travel (LOCAL)	69,609.00		



Trustees Travel (LOCAL)	30,350.00			
Trustee Meeting Expense (LOCAL)	4,930.00			
Annual Planning and Review Meeting (LOCAL)	40,420.00			
Electricity (FCRA)	39,447.00			
Electricity (LOCAL)	1,61,996.00			
Postage/Courier/Printing/Stationery (FCRA)	4,000.00			
Printing/ Stationery & Courier (LOCAL)	22,055.00			
Telephone E-Mail & Fax (LOCAL)	9,146.00			
Danamajo Online Charge (LOCAL)	21,467.35			
Staff Capacity Building (LOCAL)	1,800.00			
Insurance (LOCAL)	78,222.59			
Antodya Expense (LOCAL)	25,168.00			
Computer Maintenance (LOCAL)	3,680.00			
Subscription Fees (FCRA)	94,900.00			
Subscription Fees (LOCAL)	5,050.00			
Sbi Foundation Expense (LOCAL)		16,46,157.24		
Graam Expense (LOCAL)		27,149.00	By SBI Foundation (LOCAL)	2,79,383.00
		1,60,283.00	Graam (LOCAL)	18,250.00
To Surplus		10,79,316.24		
<b>Total :</b>		<b>5,03,51,412.81</b>	<b>Total :</b>	<b>5,03,51,412.81</b>

As per our Report of even date attached

For, Harish Kumar Agarwal & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No. 325104E



Harish Kumar Agarwala

Partner

Membership No. 061829

Place : Bongaigaon

Date : 29.09.2024

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**COMPOSITE BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024**

LIABILITIES	SCH.	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT
Fund Account	"A"	3,74,93,213.44	Fixed Assets	94,44,679.88
Current Liabilities & Provisions		63,18,943.94	Fixed Deposit	1,41,04,286.00
Project Liability		3,20,54,852.53	Current Assets & Loans Advances	24,51,723.63
Fixed Asset Fund Account		31,59,713.23	Cash and Bank	5,30,26,033.63
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,90,26,723.14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,90,26,723.14</b>

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S/d  
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