



Ajagar Social Circle

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SuATI Project

Support of Agroecological Transformation Processes in India (SuATI)

Implementing Agency: Ajagar Social Circle (ASC)

Supported by: GIZ India | BMZ | NABARD | MoA&FW | MoRD

Project Duration: 1st December, 2023 - 30th November, 2025

Overview

The SuATI Project in Goalpara, Assam aimed to transform local agriculture through natural farming, community participation, and sustainable market linkages.

Implemented across the Hatigaon and Chutki clusters, the project strengthened farmer capacity through training, demonstrations, and convergence with local institutions.

Initiatives such as the Bio-Input Resource Centre, community seed nurseries, and the "Gaolia Haat" market showcase SuATI's commitment to building a self-reliant, eco-friendly rural economy.



+450

**FARMERS PRACTICING
NATURAL FARMING**

+30

**TRAINING PROGRAMMES
COVERING 520 FARMERS**

+₹8,455

**VALUE OF PRODUCE SOLD
AT FIRST "GAOLIA HAAT"**

"Before SuATI, I struggled with declining soil fertility and high input costs. Now, with natural farming techniques, I grow diverse crops, earn steady income, and share knowledge with my community. I am proud to see other farmers adopting these practices — it is not just farming, it is a way to protect our soil and our future."

- Mr. ArupRabha, Hatigaon Village, Goalpara



Bio-Input Resource Centre Inauguration (10 August 2025)

The Agriculture Department set up a BRC at Hatigaon with Rs. 1,00,000 support. Inaugurated on 10 August 2025, it produces Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Neemastra, and Bamboo Biochar to promote sustainable farming.



Stakeholder Meet (25-27 August 2025)

A two-day meet at Hatigaon and Agia united DC Goalpara, NABARD, KVK, ASRLM, and GIZ, strengthening convergence and planning eco-tourism, SHG-led markets, and technical support from KVK.



“Gaolia Haat” Market Launch (27 September 2025)

The first Natural Farming market opened at Green Café, Solmari with Forest Department support. Farmers sold Rs. 8,455 worth of produce like papaya, pumpkin, and millets, fostering community-led entrepreneurship.

Shipini Samridhi Project

Implementing Agency: Ajagar Social Circle (ASC)
Supported by: Ashraya Hastha Trust (AHT)
Project Duration: 1st April, 2024 - 31st March, 2026

Overview

The project aims to revive traditional weaving practices among the Rabha, Garo, and OBC communities of Goalpara, Assam. Launched in April 2024 for two years, it focuses on six pillars — capacity building, design development, enterprise development, business development, market linkage, and credit linkage — to strengthen women weavers' livelihoods. Over 500 weavers have received skill training, and 480 artisans have received loom upgrades, leading to the formation of Kopahi Ajagar Shipini Samabay Somiti Ltd., a cooperative fostering sustainable, community-led handloom entrepreneurship.



+190

WEAVERS JOINED IN REGISTERED COOPERATIVE

+15

WEAVERS TRAINED IN NATURAL DYEING

+120

WEAVERS SUPPORTED WITH COTTON YARN

"I am Pramila Rabha. Through the Shipini Samridhi Project supported by Ashraya Hastha Trust, I received weaving tools like red bobbin, maku, mahura, and a Jacquard machine. Earlier, I only worked on traditional handlooms, but through the project's training, I learned Jacquard weaving and now confidently work on the Jacquard loom."

- Pramila Rabha

Key Metrics (July - September 2025)

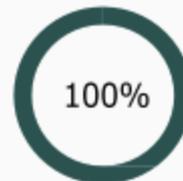
◆ Natural Dye Training (29-30 August 2025)

Held at Ajagar Valley Academy for 16 weavers, enhancing skills in eco-friendly Eri yarn dyeing using onion leaf, Sal bark, and tea leaf, and boosting their capacity to create market-ready sustainable fabrics.

◆ Cooperative Formation (Kopahi Ajagar Shipini Samabay Somiti Ltd.)

Registered under the Assam Cooperative Societies Act, 1949 with 194 members (15 executives), strengthening collective production, marketing, and resource sharing among rural weavers.

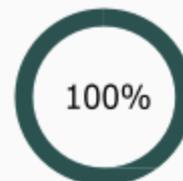
- Name of the Society: Kopahi Ajagar Shipini Samabay Somiti Ltd.
- Registration No: G-07/2025-26
- President: Banita Rabha
- Secretary: Rishmita Roy
- Total Executive Member: 15
- Total Member: 194



Market Study Tour

◆ Cotton Yarn Support

Distributed to 120 weavers to ensure steady weaving activity and improve access to quality raw materials, enabling consistent production and income stability.



Product Catalogue

◆ Eri Yarn Support

Provided to 20 weavers, to promote eco-friendly weaving and product diversification.

◆ Solar Light Support Proposal

Submitted to SELCO Foundation for 62 weavers, aiming to improve working hours and productivity through reliable solar lighting.

Activities in Progress

- ▶ MSME Udyam Registration
- ▶ Yarn Distribution
- ▶ PAN and bank account Setup for the cooperative Society
- ▶ Facilitating new memberships for the cooperative Society
- ▶ Other Key Activities under the Approved Budget

Samridhi - Ek PrayaSh Project

Reporting Period: July - September 2025
Supported by: Azim Premji Foundation
Implemented by: Ajar Social Circle

Overview

The Samridhi - Ek Prayash Project continues to empower rural farming communities across Goalpara district by promoting sustainable agriculture, integrated farming systems, livestock development, and capacity building.

During this quarter, the project focused on farmer training, livestock vaccination, fertilizer distribution, and awareness initiatives. These activities collectively strengthened community livelihoods, built self-reliance, and advanced the vision of a chemical-free and economically resilient rural ecosystem.



+455

**FARMERS TRAINED IN
NATURAL, INTEGRATED &
POST-HARVEST PRACTICES**

+125

**FARMERS SUPPORTED WITH
FERTILIZER INPUTS**

+4750

**POULTRY CHICKS
VACCINATED ACROSS
5 VILLAGES**

"Through the Samridhi - Ek Prayash Project, I learned new and practical methods of natural and integrated farming. Earlier, we used chemical fertilizers, but now I'm confident in preparing organic compost and managing my own farm sustainably. These trainings have really helped us increase our income."

— Ajibor Ali, Farmer, Pandoba Village

Key Achievements



◆ Practical Training on Natural Farming (2 July 2025 - Pandoba Garopara)

Practical training on raised bed preparation, zero tillage, and composting was conducted for local farmers and 4 interns from Girijananda Choudhury University, promoting hands-on learning and adoption of natural, sustainable farming methods.

◆ Poultry Vaccination Drive (July 2025 - Markula GP)

Poultry vaccination drive held in Markula GP for 95 farmers covered three vaccine doses. Farmers were trained by CRPs and later vaccinated independently — building capacity and ensuring livestock health.

◆ Internship Program Launched (7 July 2025)

24 interns from Goalpara, Dudhnoi, and Girijananda Choudhury Universities joined the project, attending a field visit to learn about project goals, piggery units, and integrated farming practices.

◆ Training on Integrated Farming System (10 July 2025 - Kongkaipar Village)

45 participants (25 farmers, 20 interns, and the Gaon Pradhan) attended theory and field sessions on integrated farming, showcasing crop-livestock synergy for better income and resource use.

◆ NABARD Foundation Day Event (18 July 2025)

60+ farmers joined NABARD's 44th Foundation Day, exploring bio-village, organic, and solar farming. DDM NABARD visited a model integrated farm showcasing climate-smart practices.

◆ Post-Harvest Management Training (1) (19 July 2025 - Pandoba)

Over 50 farmers and 4 interns from Dudhnoi College attended training on winter paddy transplanting and post-harvest practices. Focused on yield improvement and crop management to minimize losses and enhance income.

◆ Piggery Livelihood Support (25 July 2025)

Distributed 60 piglets to 30 farmers across Pandoba Rabha Para and Garopara villages to promote income diversification. The initiative aims to boost rural livelihoods and strengthen economic stability among smallholder households.



◆ **NODE Livelihood Workshop Participation (22-24 July 2025)**

Two ASC Community Resource Persons attended a three-day NODE Program Workshop organized by SESTA NGO. Sessions on thematic livelihoods enhanced their technical understanding of enterprise models and capacity building.

◆ **Fertilizer Distribution for Winter Paddy (29 July 2025)**

125 farmers from Pandoba, Kongkaipar, and Markula villages received Urea (36 kg), SSP (26 kg), and MOP (16 kg) each for 2 bighas, boosting soil fertility and productivity as per Assam Agricultural University guidelines.

◆ **Pig Vaccination Camp (1 September 2025 - Pandoba & Rava Para)**

125 farmers from Pandoba, Kongkaipar, and Markula villages received Urea (36 kg), SSP (26 kg), and MOP (16 kg) per 2 bighas, enhancing soil health and yield as per AAU guidelines.

◆ **Post-Harvest Management Training (2) (11 September 2025 - Kongkaipar Village)**

20 farmers trained on improved drying and storage techniques to minimize paddy losses and enhance grain quality.

◆ **Awareness Camp on GAIS (Insurance Scheme for Fish Farmers) (September 2025 - Pandoba Garopara)**

An awareness camp on GAIS was held for fish farmers, offering coverage up to ₹5 lakh for accidents. Documents were collected for Fishery Department enrollment to ensure risk protection.



Ajagar Valley Academy

Ajagar Valley Academy, established in August 2007 at Agia, Goalpara, is an educational institution under the Ajagar Social Circle. The school follows the AHSEC curriculum with English and Assamese as mediums of instruction.

With over 1000 students, the academy emphasizes holistic development—academics, cultural learning, values, and sports—supported by well-equipped labs, library, and co-curricular programs. The school is committed to nurturing confident and responsible learners.

Event Highlights

1. Independence Day Celebration

The school celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm.

The program included:

- Flag hoisting ceremony
- Address by Principal and Head Mistress.
- Parade by students
- Cultural performances (dance)
- Sports & recreational activities

The event fostered a sense of patriotism, unity, and discipline among students.

2. Srimanta Sankardev Commemoration Day

To honor the contributions of Srimanta Sankardev, the academy organized:

- Speech competition
- Art competition
- Essay writing competition

This event aimed to instill cultural awareness and promote creative expression among students.

3. Teacher's Day Celebration

The school observed Teacher's Day with heartfelt activities to appreciate the dedication of educators. Highlights include:

- Speeches by the Principal and Head Mistress
- Cultural performances by students

The event strengthened the bond between students and teachers while acknowledging the role of educators in shaping the future.

4. International Literacy Day

In observance of International Literacy Day, the school conducted enriching literary activities such as:

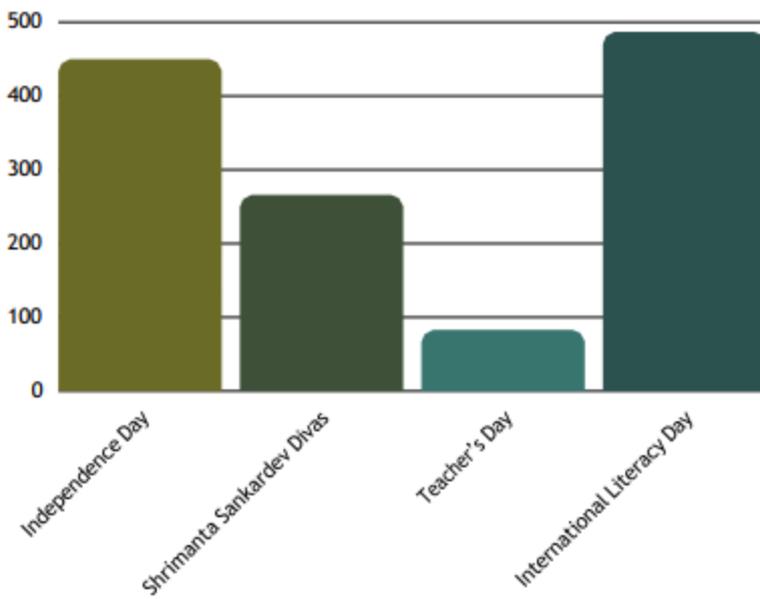
- Speeches
- Poetry recitation
- Storytelling sessions
- Debate competitions

These activities encouraged reading habits, confidence, and communication skills among learners.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS (AUG-SEP 2025)



Student Participation in Events



**IMPACT
SNAPSHOT**



As we wrap up this edition, we celebrate the people and partnerships that make progress possible. Every gathering, every training, every initiative adds to a shared journey of resilience and hope. With community voices at the heart of our work, we look ahead to building stronger, sustainable futures together.

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