



# GRAMYA BARTA

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## Dwimu Professionals 1 year individual progress review

A joint one-year progress review meeting was conducted with DWIMU professionals from the Goreswar and Nagrijuli projects to assess **individual performance, achievements, and contributions under the DWIMU initiative.**

During the meeting, all volunteers presented their annual progress through PPTs, highlighting major interventions, achievements, challenges, and outcomes. The session also focused on identifying strengths, gaps, and areas for future improvement to ensure more effective project implementation.



## Participatory Learning Approach (PLA) Session under Project ENRICH

Project ENRICH, implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha with the support of BMZ and in collaboration with Childaid Network, organized a **Participatory Learning Approach (PLA)** session with children from one of its intervention areas. The session included **issue-listing exercises** and interactive activities to **encourage children to discuss challenges faced in their communities** and schools while promoting teamwork and communication. Interns from Marian College and Dibrugarh University also participated and supported the facilitation process.



## Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDs) under JIVA Project

Under the JIVA Project implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha in the Nagrijuli block of Tamulpur district with support from NABARD, **Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDs)** has been introduced among lead farmers of Kalcheni and Khatarbari villages.

A total of **20 farmers are actively practicing this natural farming method**, which involves broadcasting a diverse mix of seeds before the onset of monsoon to maintain green cover and improve soil health during the Zaid season. The 45-day intervention supports moisture conservation, biomass addition, weed suppression, biodiversity promotion, and encourages low-cost, climate-resilient farming practices for sustainable agriculture and livelihoods.





## Watermelon Harvest and Livelihood Promotion by Sarathi Producer Group

Under the DWIMU Project, the Sarathi Producer Group formed by ASRLM from Goibari village under No. 1 Paschim Defeli VCDC, Nagrijuli block, Tamulpur, initiated watermelon harvesting during the reporting period. In the first phase, **around 4 tons (4,000 kg) of watermelons** were harvested and sold at ₹22 per kg. The group expects a total production of approximately 30-40 tons. The initiative contributed towards strengthening livelihoods and enhancing income generation among community members.



## Participation in RuTAG IIT Guwahati Discussion Session

Representatives from Gramya Vikash Mancha, Himangshu Das and Deraj Uddin Ahmed, attended the discussion session organized on the occasion of **20 years of RuTAG IIT Guwahati**. During the session, they shared insights on challenges faced by farmers and rural communities and explored possibilities for collaboration with RuTAG for sustainable and technology-driven solutions.



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**Rangia gamocha made by Gramya Bikash Manch captures market**

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**RANGIA, April 13:** The local artisans of the Gramya Vikas Manch, a leading voluntary organization in the state, have set a record by producing about 5,000 gamochas during the Bihu season. The artisans working under Gramya Bikash Manch are producing gamochas, bihuwans, erit chadars, dokhas (traditional Dress of Bodo women), mekhela-chadors (traditional dress of Assamese women), etc., with financial assistance from the State Bank of India (SBI). These products have captured the local markets during the Bihu season. The artisans are also aiming for foreign markets by participating in textile fairs held outside Assam.

**বহিঃৰাজ্যৰ গামোচাক  
প্রত্যাহান ৰঙিয়া গ্ৰাম্য বিকাশ মঞ্চৰ**

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## Pre-Rongali Bihu Celebration and Cultural Awareness Programme

Under the Child Development Project implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha in Rangia Development Block, Kamrup district, a **pre-Rongali Bihu celebration** was organized on 11/04/2026 at the Gyan Kendra of Napara locality, Balisatra village.

The programme **promoted traditional Assamese culture** through demonstrations, exhibitions of Bihu-related items, and an **exhibition of 101 varieties of leafy vegetables** highlighting their nutritional value. Cultural performances including Bihu dance and songs by children were also conducted.



## Promotion of Natural Farming through Vermibed Distribution

Under the SuATI initiative, Gramya Vikash Mancha **distributed vermibeds** to farmers Shri Govinda Das, Shri Ganga Das, and Shri Dilip Das at Niz Juluki, Barama, to promote natural farming practices. The initiative encouraged farmers to adopt vermicompost preparation for **sustainable agriculture** and income generation through market linkages. Increased farmer participation reflected the growing impact of the SuATI initiative in the community.



## Coordination Meeting with District Veterinary Office, Udalguri

Under the SBI Gram Seva Project implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha in Udalguri, Team Shalihotra Express held a **coordination meeting with the District Veterinary Office** on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

During the meeting, the team presented project updates from five villages in Khawrang, submitted a consolidated report, and conducted a live demonstration in the presence of Dr. Rupam Boro (DVO) and Dr. Ritam Hazarika. Discussions focused on strengthening collaboration in **animal health camps, vaccine accessibility**, government initiatives, and community awareness programmes.





## World Immunization Week 2026 Awareness Initiative by Team CRY of GVM in Barpeta

On the first day of **World Immunization Week 2026**, Team CRY of GVM conducted an awareness programme with mothers and caregivers across CRY intervention areas in Barpeta district. The session highlighted the **importance of timely immunization** in ensuring a healthier and safer future for every child.



## Ginger Cultivation through Multicropping Initiative

Under the Holistic Rural Development Programme implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha, Development Partner Anjali Boro from Jopadong village of Baksa district initiated ginger cultivation across 1.5 bigha of land using a **multicropping approach** within an existing betel nut plantation.

The initiative promoted **sustainable farming** practices, efficient land utilization, and diversified income generation while strengthening livelihood resilience in the community.



## Capacity Building of Anganwadi Workers under EFL ASiA Project in Chenga and Goreswar Education Blocks

Under the initiative of Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM) and with the support of **Tata Trusts**, a series of ten days refresher training programmes for Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) was organized under the EFL ASiA Project from 20th April to 30th April 2026.

The training programmes aimed to strengthen ongoing government initiatives on **Early Childhood Education (ECE)** and covered 150 Anganwadi Workers and 150 Helpers under four ICDS Projects in the Tamulpur and Barpeta districts.





## Strengthening Child Safeguarding Practices

Representatives of Gramya Vikash Mancha, Champak Sarma and Chandan Chakravorty, participated in a two-day residential workshop on “**From Policy to Practice: Strengthening Child Safeguarding in Everyday Operations**” held on 28-29 April 2026.

The workshop, organized by Mantra in collaboration with ChildAid Network, focused on **strengthening child protection systems**, improving safeguarding practices, and enhancing community-based protection mechanisms.



## Condolence Visit to Late Bholanath Talukdar's Family

Gramya Vikash Mancha expressed deep condolences on the demise of folk culture practitioner and Assamese teacher Bholanath Talukdar.

President Prithibhusan Deka, Secretary Dibakar Deka, and GVM volunteers visited the bereaved family and paid tribute to his valuable contributions to society and Assamese culture.



## Participation in DWIMU Annual Work Plan Workshop

Gramya Vikash Mancha participated in the **Annual Work Plan (AWP) Workshop for FY 2026-27** under the DWIMU Project, organized by Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation on 24-25 April 2026.

The workshop focused on reviewing project progress, planning future strategies, and strengthening coordination among CSOs and government departments for effective implementation of rural development initiatives and flagship schemes.



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