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Health and Counselling Camps Conducted under HRIDAY Project

Under the HRIDAY Project, Gramya Vikash Mancha successfully conducted the first phase of **Health and Counselling Camps** in six villages—Demcherra, Battala, North Mainama, Gainama, Chichingcherra, and SK Para—under Manu RD Block, Dhalai District, Tripura. The camps aimed to provide basic health services, counselling support, and awareness on health-related issues to community members. Four additional camps are planned and will be conducted in the next phase to ensure wider outreach and coverage.



Monitoring Visit on Subjee Cooler Initiative

A follow-up field visit was conducted on 28-29 April 2026 under the **Subjee Cooler initiative** in Gainama, Mainama, North Mainama, and SK Para villages of Dhalai, Tripura. Ms. Sharayu Sunil Kulkarni, Co-Founder of Rukart Technologies, interacted with beneficiary farmers and collected feedback on the use of the 25 Subjee Cooler units distributed earlier by Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM). Farmers reported reduced post-harvest losses and improved vegetable storage, while the visit also helped identify areas for further improvement of the technology.



World Athletics Day celebration

On 7 May 2026, Project ENRICH celebrated **World Athletics Day** across various project villages in Nalbari district. The programme included group discussions, extempore speeches, quizzes, and other child-led activities to promote awareness about athletics and the importance of sports for a healthy and active lifestyle among children.



Awareness on Preventable Diseases

Awareness programmes on **preventable diseases** were conducted by GVM volunteers with **Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)** in the CRY intervention area of Barpeta. The sessions focused on disease prevention, healthy practices, and promoting community awareness for improved health outcomes.



Establishment of Reading Corners

Under the EFL-ASiA Project, supported by TATA Trusts and implemented in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha Axom, Gramya Vikash Mancha established **reading corners** in lower primary schools of Chenga Education Block, Barpeta, Assam. The initiative aims to create a child-friendly reading environment and promote reading habits among students. Despite challenges such as limited space and learner distractions, the reading corners have become active learning hubs, supporting children's literacy development and fostering a resilient learning environment.



Anaemia Awareness Programme for Adolescent Girls

Awareness programmes were conducted at the school level with adolescent girls in the CRY intervention area. The sessions focused on the importance of **Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS)** and the consumption of locally available nutritious foods to prevent and reduce anaemia among adolescents.



Coordination Meeting with Education Department

A coordination meeting was held with the ADC (Education)-cum-DMC, Barpeta, to discuss the **ongoing education projects being implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM) in the district**. The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration and ensuring effective implementation of project activities.



Exposure Visit on Agricultural Production Cluster (APC)

An exposure visit on **Agricultural Production Cluster (APC)** was organised by SESTA in collaboration with BRLF in Odisha from 11-14 May 2026. Mr. Titus Beck from Gramya Vikash Mancha participated in the programme. The visit focused on **convergence of government schemes, cluster-based farming approaches, adoption of bio-inputs and low-cost farming models, pilot-based demonstrations, and strengthening market linkages and value chain development from APCs to Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs)**.



Stakeholder Coordination Meeting for EFL-ASiA Project

On 16 May 2026, the EFL-ASiA Project team visited the District Centre, Baksa, to share updates on project activities being implemented in schools under the Goreswar Education Block and **discuss future plans with Samagra Shiksha officials**. The team met Mr. Pranab Kalita, District Programme Officer – Teacher Training, and Mr. Md. Jeherul Islam, AES-I, Inspector of Schools-cum-DEEO. Both officials appreciated the initiative, expressed their support, and encouraged the team to continue strengthening foundational learning among children through effective project interventions.



Promotion of IPM Practices in Horticulture

Farmers of Khatarbari village under Nagrijuli Block, Tamulpur district, adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices by **using marigold as a companion crop in horticulture and vegetable fields**. Through convergence with the Agriculture Department, around 1,500 marigold saplings per farmer were distributed in March. The initiative, facilitated by Gramya Vikash Mancha under the JIVA Project (supported by NABARD) and DWIMU Project (supported by BRLF), is promoting eco-friendly farming, natural pest management, and improved crop health.



Teacher Training on Quality & Creative Education

On 16th May 2026, Gramya Vikash Mancha organised a **teacher training camp on Quality and Creative Education** at 604 No. Mokhaniya Barghati Primary School under Hajo Development Block, Kamrup district. Conducted under the “Child Empowerment” project supported by Child Rights and You, the programme brought together teachers, School Management Committee members, and community participants to discuss joyful and effective learning methods, especially in foundational literacy and numeracy. Resource persons shared practical approaches to make learning more engaging and child-friendly.



ECCE Awareness & Discussion Programme Balisatra, Kamrup

A discussion meeting on ECCE, child empowerment, and the roles and responsibilities of Anganwadi workers was organised on 19th May 2026 at Balisatra village under Rangia Development Block of Kamrup district by Gramya Vikash Mancha as part of the “**Child Empowerment**” project supported by Child Rights and You. The programme aimed to discuss the rules and regulations for Anganwadi workers, their responsibilities, and possible solutions to the challenges they face while working at the grassroots level. Resource persons present during the session included ICDP Officer Yanki Pachani, Chief Sevika Aziza Ahmed, and Beauty Shalai. Along with Anganwadi workers, a total of 36 participants attended the programme.



ECCE Day Observed in Anganwadi Centres

On 19 May 2026, **ECCE Day** was observed in 30 Anganwadi Centres under the EFL-ASiA Project in collaboration with the Chenga, Sarukhetri, Gomafulbari, and Goreswar ICDS Projects in Barpeta and Tamulpur districts. The programme was organized around the theme “**Taking Care of Children**” and involved parents and community members in discussions on their roles and responsibilities in ensuring a safe, nurturing environment for the holistic growth and development of children.



Progress of Gambari Weaving Centre

The **Gambari Weaving Centre** under Bhawanipur Development Block, Barpeta district, supported by HDFC Bank under the HRDP Project and implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha, has made significant progress in promoting women's livelihoods. With initial support in the form of raw materials, the women weavers produced Assamese and Bodo Gamosas and earned Rs. 35,000. They further reinvested Rs. 30,000 received under the MMUA scheme in looms and raw materials, enabling them to earn an additional Rs. 50,000 through the sale of various handloom products. The centre has emerged as a successful model of women's economic empowerment and was recently visited by the Deputy Commissioner of Barpeta in recognition of its achievements.



HRIDAY project field review visit

On 21st May 2026, the **HRIDAY Project** team conducted a field visit across intervention areas of Manu RD Block, Tripura, to review ongoing activities and assess preparations for the upcoming visit of the Board Members of LIC Housing Finance Limited. The visit covered **education, healthcare, infrastructure, and sustainable development initiatives, including Value Addition Classes, renovated healthcare facilities, and a solar-powered veterinary vaccine cold storage system.** The review highlighted the project's contribution to inclusive and sustainable rural development.



Discussion on ECCE and Child Development at Mokhaniya Anganwadi Centre

On 22 May 2026, Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM), under the CRY-supported Child Empowerment Project, organized a discussion meeting at Mokhaniya Anganwadi Centre under Hajo Development Block, Kamrup district. The session focused on **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), child growth and development, and the roles and responsibilities of Anganwadi workers.** Chief Anganwadi Supervisor Safina Yasmin attended as the resource person and highlighted the importance of the first six years of a child's life in shaping their **physical, mental, and intellectual** development.





Cross-Block Monitoring Visit under DWIMU

A two-day cross-block monitoring visit was organized by SPMU, BRLF, during which the Kabil team visited randomly selected IBS schemes under the **DWIMU Project** in Nagrijuli Block, the intervention area of Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM). The visit promoted peer learning, field-level assessment, and strengthened convergence among stakeholders. It also provided an opportunity to share field insights, enhance monitoring systems, and improve the effectiveness of project implementation at the grassroots level.



Livestock Vaccination Drive under DWIMU

Under the DWIMU Project, Gramya Vikash Mancha conducted a **livestock vaccination** drive in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department and ASRLM across various villages of Nagrijuli Block. During the programme, cattle were vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), pigs against Classical Swine Fever (CSF), and goats against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) to improve livestock health and prevent disease outbreaks.



Orientation Programme for VCDC Members

A **two-day orientation programme** on VB-GRAMG and DWIMU was organized on 19–20 May 2026 in collaboration with DRDA Tamulpur, BRLF, NERSWN, and Gramya Vikash Mancha. The programme was attended by 18 VCDC Chairpersons and their members. The sessions included group activities and discussions that encouraged active participation and knowledge sharing. Officials from DRDA, BRLF, and GVM interacted with participants and emphasized the importance of close coordination with the DWIMU team for effective programme implementation.



Empowering Farmers Through Spice Cultivation Training

Under the NABARD-supported Spice Cluster Promotion Project, Gramya Vikash Mancha, in collaboration with DWIMU, successfully organized a training programme on Spice Crop Cultivation at CMTC, Bhauraguri, Nagrijuli. The programme **benefited 50 farmers** from Baltipar and Bhauraguri villages, equipping them with practical knowledge and skills to promote **sustainable agriculture, improve productivity, and enhance livelihood opportunities** through spice cultivation.



Promotion of Scientific Pig Farming

Under the SBI Gram Seva Project, Gramya Vikash Mancha distributed 40 Ghungroo pigs to 20 households in Udalguri under the Animal Husbandry Initiative to promote **scientific pig farming and sustainable livelihoods**. Beneficiaries were provided with support for pig sty construction, veterinary services, pig insurance, CSF vaccination, deworming, and mineral supplementation. The initiative aims to improve livestock management practices, enhance household income, and establish sustainable piggy enterprises.



EFL-ASiA Staff Review and Planning Meeting

A two-day staff meeting of the EFL-ASiA Project was held on 23–24 May 2026 at the EDC Hall, GVM Head Office, with the objective of strengthening team coordination and aligning project activities with key performance indicators (KPIs). The meeting included **library demonstration sessions, Google Classroom orientation, self-evaluation presentations, project re-orientation, and discussions on future strategies**. A total of 33 project personnel, including Education Facilitators, Library Academic Coordinators, District Coordinators, and the Project Manager, participated from Barpeta and Tamulpur districts.



Distribution of Irrigation Technologies to Marginal Farmers

Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM) distributed 25 units each of **Treadle Pumps, Jalkunds, and Drip Irrigation Kits** to marginal farmers of Mainama and Gainama villages in Dhalai district under the project “**High Tech at the Door-Step of Marginalized**.” The initiative, conducted by IIT Bombay and funded by NEIST under the STINER programme of MDoNER, aims to promote efficient irrigation practices and enhance agricultural productivity among marginal farmers in the North Eastern Region.



Tribes and JIVA Review Meeting

On 25 May 2026, the **Tribes and JIVA Review Meeting** was held at NABARD Regional Office, Guwahati, in the presence of the Chief General Manager and other NABARD officials. During the meeting, project teams presented their quarterly progress, achievements, challenges, and future plans. The review facilitated knowledge sharing, development of action plans for the upcoming period, and learning from innovative practices adopted across different projects.



Agniveer Selection of YTC Trainees

Under the SBI Gram Seva Project, implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM), two trainees from the Bir Lachit Borphukan Youth Training Center, Shri Iswar Chetry and Shri Bhuvan Chetry, were successfully selected under the **Agniveer scheme of the Indian Army**. The trainees were felicitated in recognition of their achievement. Their success reflects the impact of the centre's physical and theoretical training programme and serves as an inspiration for aspiring rural youth pursuing careers in defence services.



Participation in IAG Meeting on DRR and Humanitarian Preparedness

Participated in the two-day residential **Inter-Agency Group (IAG) Meeting** on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Humanitarian Preparedness, held on 29–30 May 2026 in Guwahati and organized by UNICEF and Roots To Branches. The meeting focused on strengthening disaster preparedness and response systems, including early warning mechanisms, community feedback systems, anticipatory action, emergency response planning, inter-agency coordination, child-centered disaster management, and community resilience building.



Workshop on Positive Parenting and Community Mobilization

A five-day workshop on “**Perspective Building: Positive Parenting and Community Mobilization**” was held from 18–22 May 2026 at Grand Bhabendra Alay. The workshop focused on strengthening participants' understanding of positive parenting practices and enhancing skills in community mobilization. Through interactive sessions, group discussions, and practical exercises, participants explored strategies to promote **child-friendly environments** and encourage greater community participation in project activities.



World Anti-Tobacco Day observation

Project ENRICH, implemented by Gramya Vikash Mancha with support from BMZ and ChildAid Network, observed **World Anti-Tobacco Day** on 31st May 2026 across its intervention villages in Nalbari district. The programme included **awareness rallies, poster-making, drama, movie screenings, clay modelling, and other activities to educate children, youth, and community members about the harmful effects of tobacco**. The events witnessed active participation from community members, children, and local stakeholders.



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