# **Annual Report 2024-2025**





Bethel Life Care
Charitable Trust (BLCCT)

## **About Us**



Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), established in 2014, is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering marginalized communities in Arunachal Pradesh. Over the years, the Trust has worked across skill development, women's healthcare, and livelihood promotion—strengthening SHGs, fostering microenterprises, and creating sustainable income opportunities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BLCCT trained 220 frontline health workers who played a vital role in community health support. Moving forward, BLCCT remains committed to advancing its mission in Education, Livelihood, and Environment, building pathways to resilience and growth.

#### **Vision**

A fair and harmonious world where there is hope, happiness and dignity for all.

#### **Mission**

To work for sustainable development and wellbeing of marginalized communities in rural areas of Northeast India by focusing on quality education, livelihood enhancement and environment in collaboration with government, local communities and other stakeholders

#### **Core values**



#### Respect

We value kindness, dignity, and mutual respect—towards our staff, participants, partners, and the environment we all share.



#### **Honesty**

We practice truth, transparency, and zero tolerance for corruption, sharing records openly and offering hospitality only as a gesture of respect.



#### Unity

We work as one team, supporting each other with a shared purpose rooted in our Vision and Mission.



#### Trust

We honor trust by keeping our commitments, doing what is right, and building strong, reliable relationships with our community, partners, and team.



#### **Discipline**

We act with commitment and responsibility, honoring routines and timetables as a core obligation for all staff and students.



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# Thematic Area



#### Livelihood

We focus on empowering marginalized communities through skill development, helping them build sustainable sources of income and a better future.



## **Education**

Through our ANM Nursing School and initiatives for school dropouts, we are creating pathways to learning, growth, and brighter opportunities for young minds.

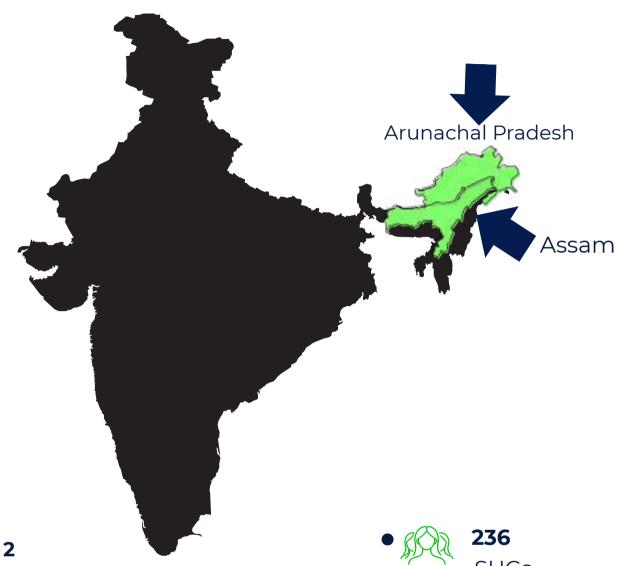


### **Environment**

We believe in protecting and preserving our environment, and our efforts are directed towards fostering a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable world.

## **Our Outreach**





- States
- Districts
- 49 Block
- 205 Villages



SHGs



**7710** Households



6431 Women



1279 Men



## Livelihood Development: Highlights of the Year



#### **Sewing Machine Operator**

BLCCT, in collaboration with NABARD and ArSRLM, successfully completed a 47-day Skill Development Programme on Sewing Machine Operator at Alubari, Chongkham. Over 30 rural women participated in the training, gaining hands-on skills aligned with the NSQF curriculum of NSDC.

At the valedictory function, trainees showcased their garments, received completion certificates, and top designs were awarded. As a result of the programme, 10 trainees secured placements at Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, while others established their own enterprises in the Alubari area.

To further strengthen their entrepreneurial journey, BLCCT supported SHGs and trainees in obtaining Udyam Registration Certificates under MSME, marking a vital step toward self-reliance and sustainable livelihood opportunities.



#### **Beauty Therapist**

Skill Development Programme: Beauty & Wellness

BLCCT, with sponsorship from NABARD Guwahati and in collaboration with ASRLM, successfully completed a 49-day Skill Development Programme on Beauty Therapist in Tinsukia.

- 30 unemployed women trained as professional beauty therapists.
- 390 hours of training: 15 days theory + 34 days practical.
- Certificates awarded at the valedictory ceremony on 25th June 2024 at Technology Park, Tinsukia.
- Supported by dignitaries from NABARD, RSETI, PNB, ASRLM, and industry experts.
- Trainees now qualified to work in salons/wellness centers or start their own enterprises.

This initiative has opened pathways for women to secure employment and self-reliance in the growing beauty and wellness sector.











#### **Orientation & Exposure**



As part of our continuous effort to strengthen agricultural knowledge and practices, an Orientation and Exposure Visit was organized to Surajmukhi Farmer Producer Co. Ltd., Sadiya Block, Tinsukia District. During the visit, our team interacted with local farmers and gathered valuable insights on natural farming methods, pest management practices, and other innovative agricultural interventions. The visit provided practical exposure and enhanced understanding of sustainable farming techniques, which can be replicated to benefit farmer communities in our project areas.







# **Empowering Livelihoods through Financial Inclusion & Handloom Development**

BLCCT continued its mission to strengthen rural communities through training, financial literacy, and livelihood interventions.

We conducted a Financial Inclusion training in collaboration with SBI Kharsang at TBCA Nongtham Village, Changlang District. The session, led by Mr. Niraj from SBI, enabled artisans, SHG members, and local leaders to better understand financial access and management, paving the way for stronger economic participation.

To further enhance livelihood opportunities, SIDBI officials visited BLCCT, NAVI Rural Mart, and the Nongtham Weaving Centre for due diligence and field assessment. This visit strengthened partnerships for expanding rural enterprise development.

On 14th November 2024, the Skill Development Programme (SDP) on Embroidery was launched at Nongtham, Kharsang, supported by SIDBI. The event was graced by Shri Kamlung Mosang, Hon'ble MLA and Advisor to the Chief Minister, along with key stakeholders from NABARD, ArSRLM, and local handloom groups. The programme equipped women artisans with embroidery skills, enabling them to enhance livelihoods and preserve indigenous craft traditions.











#### **Computerized Machine Embroidery Training**

A Computerized Machine Embroidery Training was also conducted at Nongtham and Changlang, empowering 61 beneficiaries with hands-on learning of advanced embroidery techniques such as satin stitch, logo design, and custom embroidery. Sponsored by SIDBI, this training enhanced participants' employability and opened up new opportunities for entrepreneurship.

BLCCT also facilitated the participation of the Nongtham Handloom Cluster at the International Pangsau Pass Festival (PPIF) 2025, where Tangsa textiles were showcased. The cluster had recently achieved Geographical Indication (GI) registration, giving the traditional Tangsa handloom a stronger identity in regional and national markets.

In addition, the "HASTAVEM" project was launched on 7th February 2025 at Nongtham, empowering 25 rural women from SHGs in handloom weaving and computerized embroidery. Supported by SeSTA and NABARD, and implemented in collaboration with ArSRLM, the project combined traditional artistry with modern skills to create sustainable livelihoods. As part of this initiative, participants also received weaving kits and exposure on financial inclusion.













#### SDP on "Unarmed Security Guard" - Namsai



The Skill Development Programme (SDP) on "Unarmed Security Guard" concluded in Namsai on 11th June 2024, sponsored by NABARD and implemented by BLCCT in collaboration with the District Administration and ArSRLM.

Over 30 youth were trained through 6 days of theory and 24 days of practical sessions, including inputs on first aid, firefighting, and traffic management. Trainees are now equipped to work as security guards in cities such as Guwahati, Chennai, and Hyderabad.

#### SDP on "Unarmed Security Guard" - Tirap





In Tirap, the programme concluded in Khonsa on 5th July 2024, training another 30 rural youth in unarmed security guard skills. Sponsored by NABARD and implemented by BLCCT in partnership with the District Administration Tirap and the local NGO Seva Samithy, the month-long training combined theory with hands-on practice in fire safety, traffic control, and first aid.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by Ms. Ira Singhal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Tirap, as Chief Guest. The event also saw the presence of Shri S. Singpho, Superintendent of Police; Dr. Neeba Lowang, District Medical Officer; Shri Kamal Roy, DDM NABARD; Shri Chandan Prasad, Founder & CEO of BLCCT; and Shri Jaawang Lowangcha, Secretary of Seva Samithy, alongside all trainees.

The programme prepared participants to take up employment as unarmed security guards in Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities across India, marking an important step toward youth empowerment and livelihood generation in Tirap.



#### **NABARD Supported E-Commerce & ONDC Workshop**

With NABARD's support, a 2-day training programme (8th-10th April) was organized in Namsai for SHGs. JLGs. Producer Organizations (POs). and microentrepreneurs. Implemented bv Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with Intenim Technologies Pvt. Ltd., the programme focused on onboarding and marketing products through e-commerce, social media, and ONDC platforms. Participants received training in digital literacy, branding, packaging, compliance, digital payments, and logistics, enhancing their skills to access digital marketplaces, diversify income streams, and achieve economic empowerment.









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#### **Organization Development Programs**

#### NoDe MIS Workshop, Guwahati

From 19th–21st June 2024, BLCCT's CEO, Program Manager, and Project Coordinator attended a three-day Workshop on Management Information System (MIS) at Guwahati, organized by SESTA with 13 other CSOs. The workshop enhanced our understanding of MIS as a vital tool for decision-making, coordination, analysis, and information management. We extend our sincere gratitude to the SESTA team for their patient guidance and support throughout the training.



#### NoDe in-person support to BLCCT

On July 8-9, 2024, Ms. Neha Saikia, Trainer from NODE-SeSTA, visited BLCCT H.O. for an observation visit. She reviewed compliance status and past workshops on Financial Management, Leadership & Governance, Livelihood Practices, and MIS & MEL, while also discussing action plans and organizational needs. On July 9, she undertook a field visit to Chowkham block (Aspirational District Namsai), interacting with SHG members and beneficiaries of the NABARD-ArSRLM machine supported sewina operator implemented by BLCCT. She also engaged with villagelevel entrepreneurs promoted under the Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Program. The visit was joined by BLCCT staff, ArSRLM representatives, and a TISS intern.





#### Northeast RCRC Partners Meet, Guwahati

Our Project Coordinator attended the two-day Northeast RCRC Partners Meet in Guwahati, chaired and inaugurated by Sri Loken Das, CGM NABARD. The event brought together 50 CSOs from six northeastern states, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. Key attendees included M.J. Arvind (Dhwani Foundation), Thomas Pullenkav & Chongnei Moi (Selco Foundation), Kabita Devi (Manipur SRLM), and Srajesh Gupta (C-Gem). The meet served as a platform to share ideas and strengthen collective efforts for advancing development in the Northeast.





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# Orientation Program on Organization Development for Non-profits of Arunachal Pradesh at Namsai

On 12–13 September 2024, the Northeast Together Network, in collaboration with Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), organized a two-day "Orientation Program on Organization Development for Non-profits of Arunachal Pradesh" at Namsai. The program marked the formation of the Arunachal Pradesh NGO State Alliance, with seven NGOs from Namsai, Changlang, Lower Dibang Valley, Khonsa, and Itanagar coming together to strengthen the social sector in the state.

The orientation covered eight key parameters of organizational development—NPO compliances, governance, finance & accounts, MIS, program management, HRM, media & communications, and leadership. Sessions were facilitated by senior members of Northeast Together Network: Dimgong Rongmai (RNBA), Piyush Saurabh Sharma (SANJOG), and Liinai Margaret (MOSONiE Socio-Economic Foundation).

This alliance aims to nurture young social sector professionals and uphold best standards for non-profits in Arunachal Pradesh, with continued support from the Northeast Together Network.











### Northeast Organizational Development for Empowerment (NoDe) - OD Workshop

Our Accounts Assistant participated in a two-day Accounts and Finance training organized by SeSTA under NODE. The sessions provided valuable insights and practical knowledge, enhancing participants' skills in accounting and financial management.

BLCCT staff attended a two-day training on Proposal Writing organized by NODE SeSTA. The workshop, facilitated by Mr. Shivaji, provided a clear structure and practical guidance to strengthen proposal development skills.

On 15–16 October, the CEO, Program Manager, and Project Coordinator attended a two-day Organizational Development (OD) workshop organized by NODE SeSTA. The workshop provided valuable insights to strengthen BLCCT's organizational capacity and enhance its impact.

Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) participated in a peer learning assessment organized by SeSTA and Axis Bank Foundation under the NODE Program, along with partner organizations PRDA and Aman Foundation. The team visited SANJOG (Nalbari) and Rongmei Baptist Association (Nagaland), gaining valuable insights into livestock rearing, integrated farming, and innovative mushroom cultivation techniques. This exposure has equipped BLCCT with practical knowledge to strengthen its farm-based initiatives and enhance community impact.







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#### **NoDe Peer Learning Visit- RAS & PESCH**





On October 20–21, under the NODE Program SeSTA and Axis organized by Foundation, a peer learning visit and assessment were conducted at BLCCT by People Endeavour for Social Change (PESH) and Rural Aid Service (RAS). The evaluation BLCCT's internal and external covered systems, along with field visits to BLCCTsupported handloom and carpet weaving centers and the NABARD-sponsored Rural Mart. The visit provided valuable insights into BLCCT's community development initiatives and support for local artisans.

#### **Future Ready Leaders Fellowship**

We are proud to share that Mr. Chandan Prasad, CEO of BLCCT, has been selected as one of the 20 fellows for the Future Ready Leaders Fellowship (FRL), supported by the Royal Enfield Social Mission and implemented by Roots to Branches. This fellowship marks an important step in strengthening leadership for creating impactful change.





The CEO of BLCCT participated in a four-day Future Ready Leaders Fellowship (FRL) program under Roots to Branches at the Centre for Development Initiative, Mirza, Guwahati. The program focused on Understanding Sustainable Development and Leadership.





#### **ArSRLM Meeting**

Team BLCCT held a meeting with Mr. Ashen Chaitom (BMM, ArSRLM Lekang Block) and Mr. Ronald Dkhar Bagwar (BMM, ArSRLM Namsai Block) to discuss SHG potential and identify Lakhpati Didis. The discussion provided valuable insights on baseline data, intervention needs, and support required to strengthen SHGs.





2024. On 30th October **BLCCT** participated in a meeting with key stakeholders to review activities under BMMU. Maio Block. Attendees included BMM officials from Maio and Vijaynagar, the Block Coordinator, and the BLCCT leadership team. The constructive meeting enabled а exchange of information, with BMM Block Coordinator sharing ongoing initiatives. This collaboration provided valuable insights to guide BLCCT's future interventions in the Maio Block.





#### NABARD Seminar on Credit Outreach Program, Itanagar

BLCCT participated in the two-day Credit Outreach Programme held at Itanagar and Namsai, graced by Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, along with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, and other dignitaries.

During the event, BLCCT was entrusted with initiatives to uplift rural marginalised communities through:

- Rural Haat for artisans and farmers in Changlang
- Integrated Floriculture & Beekeeping for 40 marginalised farmers in Namsai
- Skill Development Programme on Tribal Jewellery Making (Wancho craft) in Longding
- Capacity building through installation of computer embroidery machines in CFC/Cluster/OFPO in Nongtham & Changlang









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# Tribal Jewellery Longding - SIDBI

A skill training program on Tribal Jewellery Making was inaugurated at Longding on 25th October. The program was sponsored by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust in collaboration with Tribal Fashion Jewellery and ArSRLM, Longding.







The Tribal Jewellery Making training program at Longding is progressing successfully, with 50 beneficiaries actively engaged in learning the art of bead making. The participants have shown remarkable dedication and commitment. This initiative not only fosters economic empowerment but also contributes to the preservation of traditional culture.



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#### Skill Development in Tribal Jewellery Making

A 15-day Skill Development Training on Tribal Jewellery Making was successfully conducted at Longding from December 4–18, 2024, sponsored by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with Tribal Fashion Jewellery and ArSRLM, Longding.





The valedictory ceremony, held at the Circuit House, Longding, was graced by Mirpe Tato (ADC, Longding), Mibin Dirchi (Promotion Officer, Handicraft), Kaling Taling (Textile & Handicraft Department), along with representatives from CRISIL Foundation and the BLCCT team, including Founder & CEO Chandan Prasad, Program Manager Lucky Chutia, and Project Coordinator Shrabana Sharma.

The training, attended by 50 local beneficiaries, focused on imparting skills in Wancho tribal jewellery design, material selection, and production techniques. The initiative not only promoted economic empowerment and self-reliance but also contributed to the preservation of traditional culture.

During the program, a financial literacy awareness session by the CRISIL Foundation emphasized savings, financial planning, and government schemes such as the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY). The event concluded with certificate distribution, showcasing of jewellery crafted by trainees, and a vote of thanks by Soigen Pansa, Director of Tribal Fashion Jewellery.





## Rural Haat Project – Diyun, Changlang District

The Rural Haat Management Committee (RHMC) meeting for the newly sanctioned Rural Haat in Diyun, Changlang District, sponsored by NABARD, was convened under the chairmanship of BLCCT. The project will be implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with Krishisparsh Agro Producers Co. Ltd., a local Farmers' Producer Company.

The upcoming Rural Haat is designed to provide improved market infrastructure, including a market shed with raised platform, storage room with office space, sanitation facilities with water supply, solar lighting, and a compost pit for solid waste disposal. This initiative aims to strengthen market linkages and enhance livelihood opportunities for the farming community.



#### Field Visit – Balinong, Changlang District

A field visit was conducted to Balinong, Changlang District, along with Shri Wangman Ronrang (Gaon Bura of Balinong), Shri Chandan Prasad (CEO, BLCCT), and members of the Rera Welfare Society (RWS). The team inspected the proposed site for a Rural Haat and held discussions on its feasibility. Additionally, the RWS office was visited to review their ongoing activities and explore opportunities for collaborative development initiatives.









# Foundation Stone Laying – Diyun Rural Haat

The foundation stone for the Diyun Rural Haat in Changlang District was laid as part of a NABARD-funded initiative, to be implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT). The project is designed to provide a structured and permanent marketplace for local farmers and agri-producers.

With improved infrastructure and organized facilities, the Rural Haat will enhance market access, strengthen rural livelihoods, and promote sustainable agricultural practices. This initiative is expected to make a significant positive impact on the farming community of the region.













## **Village Adoption Initiative**

#### **Honkap Village**

On 28th November 2024, a meeting was conducted in Honkap Village under the Village Adoption Initiative. The discussions focused on:

- Conducting a baseline survey for SHG profiling
- Planning demand-based capacity building initiatives
- Exploring income-generating livelihood opportunities
- Providing handholding support to SHGs

Two SHGs, Manchan SHG and Phanman SHG, participated enthusiastically in the meeting. The initiative aims to create sustainable livelihood opportunities, foster community development, and promote economic growth in rural areas.







#### Village Resource Mapping - Tengmo Village

On 2nd February 2025, BLCCT conducted a Village Resource Mapping exercise in Tengmo Village, Nampong Block under the Village Adoption Program. Using PLA tools, the activity engaged SHG members and villagers in assessing resources and challenges. Findings from a baseline survey of 30 SHG members were also shared, highlighting priority areas for development and the need for livelihood interventions.











#### "Gram Samriddhi" Capacity Building Training – Tengmo Village

On 18th February 2025, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), with support from NABARD and in collaboration with ArSRLM Nampong Block, launched a capacity building training program on candle making and bakery in Tengmo Village, Changlang District. The initiative, part of BLCCT's "Gram Samriddhi" program, aims to promote village prosperity through livelihood generation. A total of 30 SHG members are participating in the training. The inauguration was attended by officials from ArSRLM, community leaders, and representatives from BLCCT, who encouraged participants to engage actively. The program will equip beneficiaries with practical skills to generate income and contribute to local economic development.











#### Bakery Intervention – Gram Samriddhi, Tengmo Village

Under the "Gram Samriddhi" initiative, 25 rural women from Tengmo Village, Changlang District are gaining capacity in bakery skills. This joint effort of BLCCT and ArSRLM Nampong Block is creating livelihood opportunities for SHG members, supporting sustainable income generation.











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# Candle-Making Training – Gram Samriddhi, Tengmo Village

Under the "Gram Samriddhi" initiative, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), in association with ArSRLM Nampong Block, organized a capacity-building training on candle making for members of Tengmo SHG. The training was conducted by Ms. Pinki Sonuwal (CRPEP, UMANG CLF, Namsai Block), a successful microentrepreneur of "JUNAK", who shared her expertise in soy and paraffin wax crafting. This initiative, supported by NABARD, is designed to strengthen women's entrepreneurial capacity and promote sustainable livelihood opportunities. By learning candle making, participants are taking a step toward self-reliance and economic empowerment.











#### **Promotion of Rural Homestay - Nampong**

In view of the upcoming Pangsau Pass International Festival, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), in collaboration with ArSRLM Nampong, has initiated efforts to create and promote Rural Homestays in the Nampong area.

The first phase of homestay registration and consultation meeting was held on 1st December 2024 at the Inspection Bungalow, Nampong. The meeting was led by Rani Linggi (BMM, ArSRLM), along with Rahul Tikhak (Secretary, PPIF), and representatives from BLCCT and ArSRLM. A total of 56 SHG households registered for the opportunity.

During the session, the importance of rural homestays in promoting sustainable tourism and boosting the local economy was highlighted. Focus group discussions were also conducted with beneficiaries, and the process of homestay creation was explained. Hospitality and Management training will be organized by BLCCT after finalization of shortlisted beneficiaries.







#### **Baseline Survey & Resource Mapping - Balinong**

As part of the Village Adoption Initiative, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), with support from NABARD and in partnership with the Rëra Welfare Society and Balinong Youth Association, conducted a Baseline Survey, Social & Resource Mapping program in Balinong Village. The exercise introduced participatory tools such as PRA and RRA, encouraging the community to actively envision its development path.

The program was enriched by the presence of Shri Saurabh Sharma (ED, SANJOG & NET Convener), who engaged participants with the question: "What Balinong do you envision in the next ten years?" His insights on agriculture, livelihood diversification, and financial growth inspired meaningful dialogue.

With active participation from Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Gaon Burha, Panchayat members, youth, public leaders, and government officials, the program established a strong foundation of collaboration. Key opportunities identified include leveraging government entitlements, promoting tourism, strengthening farming practices, supporting SHGs through exposure tours, and revitalizing handloom and weaving.







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#### **Rural Mart Visit – Miao and Jairampur**

On his official visit, Shri Kamal Roy, DDM NABARD, inspected the Rural Marts in Miao and Jairampur – namely Karumwan..EE Rural Mart (Miao), Navi Rural Mart (Miao), and Aaram Aara Rural Mart (Jairampur). These marts are supported by NABARD and facilitated by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) to strengthen local economies and enhance livelihood opportunities.



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# 1st Annual General Meeting – Khun-Ta-Nau Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society

1The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Khun-Ta-Nau Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society was successfully held on 18th February 2025 at Piyong, Namsai. The event was attended by officials from the Circle Office, Piyong, ArSRLM (DMM and BMMU team), representatives from BLCCT, Sanjog NGO, Kudumbashree NRO, community leaders, and SHG members.

Promoted by ArSRLM, the society has transitioned from the Khun-Ta-Nau Cluster Level Federation (CLF) and is now registered under the Cooperative Societies Act. This milestone reflects the Government of India's vision of "Sahkar se Samriddhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation), strengthening the cooperative movement at the grassroots level.

The AGM featured the presentation of the progress report, future action plans, and strategic initiatives, reaffirming the society's commitment to rural development and livelihood enhancement through collective cooperation.









# CMS Foundation CSR Initiative: Empowering Women through Traditional Craftsmanship

Under Gram Samriddhi 3.0, a Baseline and Resource Mapping program was conducted in Alubari (Chowkham) and Jona (Namsai). Supported by the CSR initiative of CMS Foundation in convergence with ArSRLM, the program focuses on capacity building in Sewing Machine Operation and Candle Making.

A total of 100 rural women from SHGs were identified for the Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP), fostering skills, self-reliance, and livelihood opportunities.







#### **Case Studies**

## Celebrating Excellence in Weaving: Honoring Nyano Chithan on National Handloom Day

On National Handloom Day (7th August 2024), we proudly celebrated Nyano Chithan, who was awarded the prestigious title of State Best Weaver.

Hailing from the serene village of Neirong, Namphai Circle, Nyano emerged as a beacon of dedication and artistry in the weaving community. Since 2016, she had been serving as a Master Trainer at Navi Weaving Centre, Nongtham, under the Nongtham Handloom Cluster Production Company Limited, where she worked tirelessly to preserve and promote traditional weaving techniques.

Her journey reflected the strength of collaboration—mentored and supported by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust, facilitated by the Tangsa Baptist Churches Association, and empowered through a program grant from the Department of Skill Development (Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh), Entrepreneurship, and NABARD. The Nongtham Handloom Cluster Production Company further nurtured her path to success.







#### Pinki Sonowal - From Learner to Entrepreneur

Pinki Sonowal, Master Trainer and CRPEP under UMANG CLF, Namsai Block, stands as a shining example of BLCCT's NABARD-supported capacity-building initiatives. Through the MEDP Candle Making Training, sponsored by NABARD and facilitated by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust, Pinki transformed her skills into a thriving micro-enterprise, "JUNAK."

From crafting soy and paraffin wax candles to running a successful business, Pinki's journey reflects the true impact of skill development. Over the last three years, her growth has not only provided for her family but also inspired fellow SHG members to pursue entrepreneurship.



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## **Empowering Women, Transforming Lives:**A BLCCT Success Story

Through our NABARD-sponsored Skill Development Program, 10 rural women from Alubari village, Chowkham block were trained as Sewing Machine Operators and placed at Shahi Exports, Bangalore.

All participants have now completed six months of continuous employment with a zero-percent dropout rate. Each woman earns ₹14,000 per month, along with EPF and ESI benefits, ensuring both income security and social protection.

This initiative demonstrates how targeted skill training and strategic placement can drive financial independence, uplift rural women, and contribute to regional economic growth. We extend our sincere gratitude to NABARD and Shahi Exports for their invaluable support.





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## Lighting the Path to Self-Reliance: Junmoni's "Roshni" Candle Venture

From a remote village in Arunachal Pradesh, Junmoni turned a spark of opportunity into a thriving enterprise—"Roshni" candles. What began with a simple training program sponsored by NABARD and facilitated by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust grew into a powerful story of resilience and entrepreneurship.

Through structured training and ongoing mentorship, Junmoni not only mastered the art of candle making but also built a sustainable business that supports her family and inspires her community. Her journey demonstrates the transformative power of skill development, institutional support, and women's entrepreneurship in strengthening livelihoods and fostering self-reliance.

#### Roshni: A light in the Hills

In the quiet hills of Arunachal Pradesh, darkness once held sway. But then, a single spark ignited. Imagine a woman, Junmoni, her hands calloused, her spirit strong, learning to craft light from wax. She wasn't just making candles; she was building a future. Like many in her village, she dreamt of a better life.

NABARD and Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust saw that dream, offering training and tools. Suddenly, "Roshni" was born - a business, a symbol of hope. See the glow of her candles in local shops, a testament to her success. It's not just income; it's pride, it's her family thriving. This light can spread. You can fuel this change. Share Junmoni's story, donate to support more women like her, or volunteer your time.

Let's make more "Roshn!" happen.







# NABARD-Supported Training Opens Doors to Livelihood Opportunities

On 04th Feb 2025, we extended our heartfelt congratulations to 10 newly selected Security Guards from Tirap & Namsai. After completing intensive training under the Unarmed Security Guard Program, supported by NABARD and implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust in collaboration with Seva Samithy, Khonsa, these candidates are now set to join JEI Security, Guwahati.

This initiative has not only empowered unemployed youth but also opened new avenues for sustainable livelihoods. A special thanks to the District Administration for their valuable support in making this possible.











# PLACEMENT DRIVE TO GUWAHATI, JEI SECURITY

FOR

"UNARMED SECURITY GUARD" SDP TRAINEES
(FROM TIRAP & NAMSAI DISTRICT)

SPONSORED BY: NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD)

IMPLEMENTED BY: BETHEL LIFE CARE CHARITABLE TRUST (BLCCT)

DATE: 04-02-2025



# Mrs. Nyano Chithan Mungrey Honored with Women Achievers Award for Preserving Indigenous Art

Itanagar, March 8, 2025 – On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Women and Child Development Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, honored Mrs. Nyano Chithan Mungrey with the prestigious Women Achievers Award in the category of Preservation of Indigenous Art.

A dedicated weaving instructor at the Navi Weaving Training Centre, spearheaded by Nongtham Handloom Cluster Producer Company Ltd. and promoted by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust, Mrs. Mungrey has been at the forefront of safeguarding Arunachal Pradesh's rich weaving heritage. Her relentless efforts in promoting and preserving traditional weaving practices have not only empowered local artisans but also ensured the continuity of indigenous craftsmanship in modern times.

By imparting skills to aspiring weavers and nurturing sustainable livelihoods, Mrs. Mungrey has become a beacon of inspiration, reinforcing the vital role of traditional art in sustaining cultural identity. This recognition underscores both her personal dedication and the government's commitment to celebrating women who are making remarkable contributions to cultural preservation and community empowerment.





### **Achievement**

### BLCCT Shortlisted for Village Innovation Pitch by SeSTA

Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) has been shortlisted for the Village Innovation Pitch organized bv Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA). This recognition highlights the organization's innovative approach and commitment to fostering sustainable development at the grassroots level.



Transforming a Village!









### **Education**

#### **Internship**

As part of our commitment to fostering learning and knowledge-sharing, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust, Jairampur, Arunachal Pradesh, welcomed four Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students from Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong, for a two-month internship program.





The BSW students from Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong, who undertook a two-month internship at BLCCT from April 1st to May 28th, have successfully completed their tenure. The BLCCT team extends its best wishes for their continued success and looks forward to seeing them contribute meaningfully to the field of social work.







#### **Exposure to Namsai**

Martha Nursing Training School conducted an educational visit for its students to the Water Treatment Plant, Marua, the Old Age Home, Golden Pagoda, and the De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre. These visits provided students with the opportunity to learn outside the classroom, gain practical exposure, and develop new skills and interests, complementing their academic training while enhancing their understanding of community services.







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#### **Clinical Exposure to Dibrugarh**

Our ANM final-year students have embarked on a six-month clinical exposure program at Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh. This comprehensive initiative provides them with hands-on experience in a dynamic medical environment, exposing them to a wide range of medical cases. The program is designed to consolidate their theoretical knowledge and equip them with the practical skills essential for their future careers. Through active participation in patient care and observation of diverse medical procedures, students will develop the confidence and competence required to excel in the healthcare field. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality practical education and preparing skilled healthcare professionals.









#### **NCPCR Survey**

As part of our ongoing initiatives, we have diligently conducted the NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights) Survey within the designated area. Throughout this process, we engaged extensively with educators, community members, and parents to gather their perspectives on matters concerning children's rights. The survey aims to provide valuable insights to strengthen child protection mechanisms and inform evidence-based interventions.











### **Celebrating International Nurses Day**

Martha Nursing Training School celebrated International Nurses Day at its premises, honoring the dedication and professionalism of nurses. Recognizing those who consistently put their patients' needs above their own, the celebration highlighted the vital role nurses play in providing compassionate care and improving the health and well-being of communities. This event served as a reminder of the tireless efforts of healthcare professionals who work, often behind the scenes, to ensure quality care for all.











#### **Independence Day Celebration**

Martha Nursing Training School (MNTS) commemorated Independence Day with activities that inspired students and staff to reflect on the values of freedom, unity, and national pride.



#### **Teacher's Day Celebration**

Martha Nursing Training School (MNTS), Jairampur, celebrated Teacher's Day to honor the dedication and impact of educators in shaping students' lives. The event included activities recognizing the contributions of teachers and highlighted the important role they play in guiding and inspiring future healthcare professionals.





#### Farewell of the 6th ANM Batch

Martha Nursing Training School (MNTS), Jairampur, organized a farewell for the 6th ANM batch, celebrating their successful completion of the program. The event marked the beginning of a new journey for the students, wishing them success and fulfillment as they step into their professional careers in healthcare.





# Awareness and Counseling on Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children & Adolescents

On September 10, 2024, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust organized a program on "Awareness and Counseling on Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children & Adolescents" at Dikom High School, Dibrugarh district, Assam, coinciding with World Suicide Prevention Day. Recognizing the critical importance of mental health during adolescence, the program aimed to equip students with knowledge to identify signs of distress and adopt healthy coping mechanisms.

Ms. Washima Rahman, Technical Consultant for Education, BCP-UNICEF, delivered the keynote address, focusing on life skills strategies to manage stress, build resilience, and maintain mental wellness. Her session included practical and recreational activities to enhance concentration and mental clarity. The program was attended by Sh. Palash Jyoti Sharma, Principal of Dirial TE Model High School; Mr. Chandan Prasad, Founder and CEO of BLCCT; the Program Manager of BLCCT; Umesh Pator, President of AATSA Dikom; school teachers; and over 250 students of Dikom High School. The event was hosted by Bornali Mohan, Assistant Teacher at Dikom High School and Student Counselor of BLCCT.







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# Fresher's Day 2024-2025 at Martha Nursing Training School

Martha Nursing Training School celebrated Fresher's Day 2024-2025 on 16th November 2024 with a grand event attended by teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as students. The celebration was graced by distinguished guests, including Shri Kamal Roy, DDM, NABARD (Chief Guest); Dr. Bhupen Saikia and Ms. Bornali Mohan, Governing Body Members, BLCCT (Guests of Honor); Shri Anupam Duwarah (Special Guest); and Shri Chandan Prasad, Chairman, MNTS.





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### **Livelihood & Environment**

### Project Site Visit for Integrated Floriculture and Bee-Keeping Project

POn 13th November 2024, technical partners from SANJOG, Mr. Abhinash Mazumdar (Master in Agriculture, specialist in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry) and Mr. Dipankar Haloi (Master in Agriculture, specialized in Plant Protection), conducted a project site visit to Alubari, Chowkham (Namsai). The visit focused on a baseline survey and community interactions for the Integrated Floriculture and Bee-Keeping Project, sponsored by NABARD and to be implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT).









### **Inauguration of Floriculture & Bee-Keeping Project**

Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust successfully conducted the inaugural session on Floriculture and Bee-Keeping with 43 selected farmers, introducing them to the project's objectives and methodology. The second ploughing with manure was completed by 23rd December 2024, followed by capacity-building sessions on production and culture from 24th to 26th December 2024. The sessions were attended by Chandan Prasad (Founder & CEO, BLCCT), Shrabana Sharma (Project Coordinator), Sanjoy Limbu (Field Coordinator), and the participating farmers, laying a strong foundation for sustainable livelihoods through floriculture and apiculture.





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### Floriculture and Beekeeping Training

A training programme on floriculture and beekeeping was conducted in Alubari on 24th December 2024, opening new livelihood opportunities for farmers. Funded by NABARD and implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with KVK, Namsai, the initiative introduced farmers to innovative flower cultivation and beekeeping techniques. Forty farmers received flower seeds and beehives, gaining practical experience in nurturing flowers and producing high-quality honey, promoting diverse farming practices and enhancing income.











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# On-Ground Training on Integrated Floriculture and Beekeeping

Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Namsai, conducted on-ground training on Integrated Floriculture and Beekeeping, sponsored by NABARD. The technical support for the program was provided by Sanjog, ensuring practical exposure and capacity building for participating farmers.









### Empowering Women through Eri and Muga Value Chain in Ghilamora Mohbol Gaon

On 27th December 2024, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), in partnership with SANJOG, conducted an awareness program in Ghilamora Mohbol Gaon, Lakhimpur, aimed at empowering women from local Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by introducing livelihood opportunities in the Eri and Muga value chain.

The program was attended by over 30 women from various SHGs, alongside key dignitaries, including Dr. Bhupen Saikia (Governing Body Member, BLCCT), Chandan Prasad (CEO, BLCCT), Shrabana Sharma (Project Coordinator, BLCCT), Mr. Prasenjit Gogoi, Dr. Bijeta Chetri, Mrs. Sabitri Gogoi, and Mr. Navakanta Kumbang. Presentations highlighted the importance of creating a sustainable cluster to ensure long-term success and explored diverse non-farm activities within traditional crafts.





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### **Distribution of Floriculture Inputs to Farmers**

As part of the Integrated Floriculture and Beekeeping project, 43 farmers received Marigold and Gladiolus seeds and corms, sponsored by NABARD and implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust. In collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra and technical partner Sanjog, the initiative empowered farmers to cultivate high-value flowers, enhancing their skills and improving livelihoods.









### **PMRC Meeting on Floriculture and Beekeeping Project**

A PMRC meeting was held at Alubari, Aspirational Block Chongkham, Namsai, for the ongoing Floriculture cum Beekeeping project, funded by NABARD and implemented by BLCCT in collaboration with ArSRLM and KVK. The meeting was attended by SMS (KVK), BMM (ArSRLM), trainers and directors from Sanjog, CEO of BLCCT, and project field staff, providing a platform to review progress, discuss challenges, and strengthen project implementation strategies.





# Awareness Program on Eri & Muga Value Chain in Mohbol Village

On 15th March 2025, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), in collaboration with SANJOG and supported by Resham Sutra, conducted an awareness program on the Eri and Muga value chain in Mohbol Village, Ghilamara Block, Lakhimpur District. The initiative aimed to promote livelihood opportunities for rural women and enhance cluster development.

The program was attended by Dr. Bhupen Saikia, Mrs. Sabitri Gogoi, Mr. Chandan Prasad (Founder & CEO, BLCCT), and other stakeholders. Ms. Lucky Chutia, Program Manager, BLCCT, welcomed participants and outlined the organization's objectives. Mr. Prasad highlighted the Gram Samriddhi 2.0 mission and the baseline survey conducted in December 2024, which informed the initiative.

Through technical support from SANJOG and partnership with Resham Sutra, a Memorandum of Understanding was established to alleviate spinning drudgery and expand the Eri and Muga cluster to 300 women over three months. Resham Sutra contributed by setting up a Rural Experience Centre (REC) and providing three Sonalika Muga Reeling Machines and three Abha Eri Spinning Machines.





### Integrated Floriculture and Bee-Keeping Project in Namsai

The Integrated Floriculture and Bee-Keeping project, supported by NABARD Online and implemented by BLCCT, successfully completed a ground visit in Chowkham block, Namsai district. The team reported 100% germination of Gladiolus flowers, which have begun blooming, marking a successful start to this innovative initiative in the aspirational district of Namsai. The intervention covered 42 households with the core objective of enhancing farmers' additional income through floriculture and beekeeping.









# Site Visit to Integrated Floriculture and Beekeeping Project

A site visit was conducted to the ongoing NABARD-funded FSPF project, "Integrated Floriculture cum Beekeeping," at Alubari, Chongkham, Namsai district, implemented by BLCCT. The Gladiolus flowers showed promising growth, indicating successful initial cultivation. In Phase II, Marigold and Gerbera flowers were planned for cultivation in 10 polyhouses, along with the distribution of beehives following farmer training, further supporting enhanced livelihoods through floriculture and apiculture.

