

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 well-being 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.

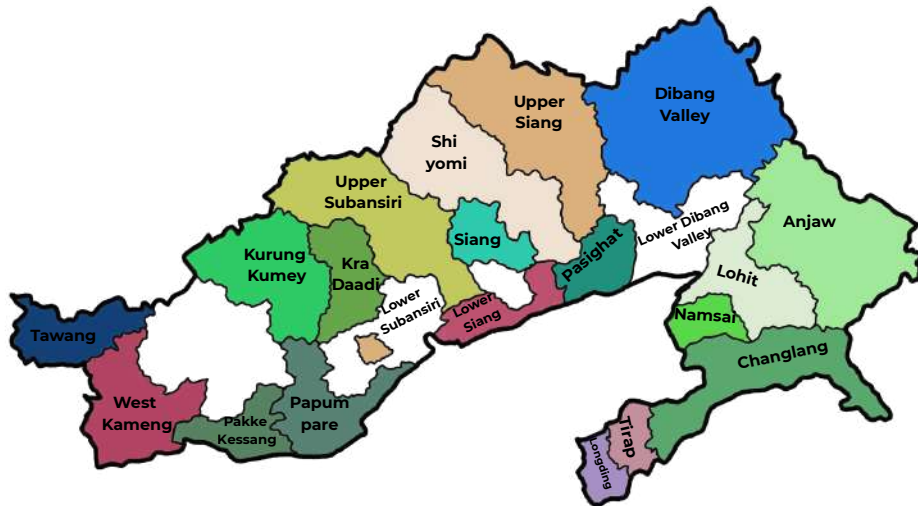


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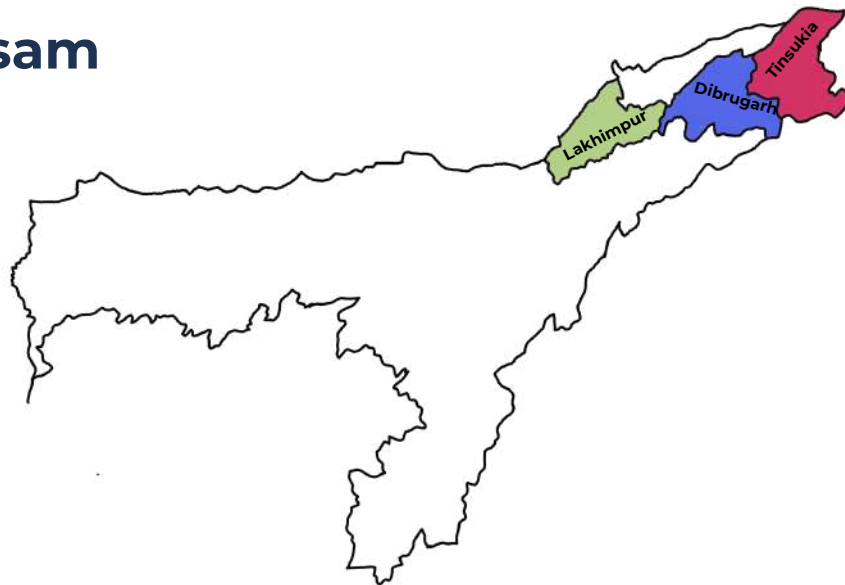
We act with commitment and responsibility, honoring routines and timetables as a core obligation for all staff and students.

Our Outreach

Arunachal Pradesh



Assam



2 States



24 Districts



49 Blocks



205 Villages



236 SHGs



7710 HH



**6431
women**



1279 Men

Our Area of Work



Livelihood

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



Environment

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



Education

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

Members of Advisory Council



Mamoni Tikhak
Govt. Employee



Lochumlo Yanthan Rera
Entrepreneur



Suraj Dutta
Social Activist



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Nutritionist



Rohit Manjhi
GST Practitioner

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Lukam Jangloo Rera
Govt. Employee



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Professor



Bornali Mohan
Psy. Practitioner
(Clinical)/Community
Psychologist & Educator



Rajiv Sonar
Teacher

Message from CEO



Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the Annual Report for Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) for the financial year 2024-2025. This past year has been a testament to our collective strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to empowering marginalized communities in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

The heart of our mission lies in creating pathways to sustainable development and dignity for all. This year, we have made significant strides in our core thematic areas of **Livelihood, Education, and Environment**. Through our Livelihood Development programs, we have equipped hundreds of rural women and youth with practical skills in sewing, beauty therapy, embroidery, and unarmed security guarding. It is incredibly rewarding to witness these individuals not only secure employment but also establish their own enterprises, contributing to the economic growth of their communities. The success of our projects, like the Sewing Machine Operator program in Alubari and the Beauty Therapist program in Tinsukia, demonstrates the tangible impact of our efforts. The **GI** registration of Tangsa Textiles is a particular highlight, preserving a rich cultural heritage while boosting economic opportunities.

Our commitment to education continues to shine through our ANM Nursing School and initiatives for school dropouts. We are dedicated to creating a brighter future for young minds by providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed. Furthermore, our efforts in environmental sustainability, including the exposure visit on natural farming practices, reflect our holistic approach to community well-being.

None of this would be possible without the invaluable support of our partners—**NABARD, SIDBI, ArSRLM, SeSTA, CMS Foundation, SANJOG, Line Departments, The District Administrations**—and the trust of the communities we serve. I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly on the ground, embodying our core values of Respect, Honesty, Unity, Trust, and Discipline. Their passion and commitment are the driving force behind every success story.

As we look to the future, we are more energized than ever to continue our journey. We remain committed to our vision of a fair and harmonious world where there is hope, happiness, and dignity for all. We invite you to join us in this noble cause, as we work together to build a more resilient and equitable society.

With sincere appreciation,

Chandan Prasad
Founder & CEO
Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust

BLCCT SDG Impact Highlights (2024-2025)

The activities of Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) align directly with the global agenda for sustainable development, focusing on **Education, Livelihood Enhancement, and Environment**.

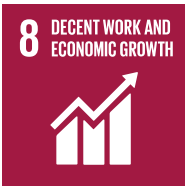
Sustainable Development Goals	BLCCT Program Focus	Key Impact Metrics
	Livelihood Promotion & Microenterprise Development	Fostering microenterprises and creating sustainable income opportunities for marginalized communities.
	Health Education & Mental Wellness	Programme on Mental Health & Wellbeing of Children & Adolescents. <i>Historical Impact:</i> Trained 220 frontline health workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Skill Development & Formal Education	Committed to advancing its mission in Quality Education. Implemented Skill Development Programmes (GDA, Food Processing, Handloom Weaving) to industry standards (NSQF curriculum).
	Women's Economic Empowerment	Successfully completed a Skill Development Programme on Sewing Machine Operator for 30 rural women . Programme was part of efforts to strengthen SHGs and women's livelihood promotion.
	Skill Development, Placements, and International Opportunities	Secured immediate placements for 10 trainees at Shahi Exports Pvt. Ltd.. Included a focus on International Placements to expand economic opportunities.
	Environmental Stewardship & Climate-Resilient Livelihoods	Implemented a Climate resilient project on Integrated Floriculture & Bee Keeping. Active programs focused on Promoting Climate-Resilient Livelihood .
	Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration	Successfully implemented programs in collaboration with government and institutional partners, including NABARD and ArSRLM .

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Skill Development Programmes

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.



Empowering Women Through Successful Trainee Placements



As part of the placement drive, Shri Abhijit Majumdar, General Manager/Officer in Charge of Reserve Bank of India, Itanagar, flagged off the vehicle transporting the trainees, who will be travelling by train from Tinsukia to Bangalore. Officials from various banks were present during the occasion.

10 trainees have secured placements at "Shahi Exports" in Bangalore, Karnataka.



Project Placement and Enterprise Outcomes:

- 10 SHG women placed at Shahi Exports, Bangalore, earning Rs. 14,000/month with EPF and ESI benefits.
- 13 SHG women started micro-enterprises under MSME, earning an additional Rs. 5,000–12,000/month.
- 76.67% of project participants are now successfully settled through employment or entrepreneurship, demonstrating the project's impact in promoting sustainable livelihoods and economic empowerment.

Beauty & Wellness

BLCCT, with sponsorship from NABARD Guwahati and in collaboration with ASRLM, 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 are now qualified to work in salons/wellness centres 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.



A total of 30 unemployed women were trained, achieving a 72% placement and settlement rate. The average remuneration for the placed candidates ranged between Rs. 8,500 and Rs. 10,000. Out of the trained participants, 15 were successfully employed in various beauty and spa centres, parlours, and wellness centres, while 7 participants initiated self-employment ventures from home.

Strengthening Handloom cluster under REC/CFC Model

On November 14, 2024, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched a Skill Development Programme (SDP) on Computerized Embroidery for **50 artisans** in Nongtham, Kharsang, Changlang District. This initiative, a collaboration with the Nongtham Handloom Cluster Producers Co. Ltd., aims to empower rural women and uplift the local handloom sector.

The program, which includes the establishment of a Rural Experience Centre (REC) equipped with six computerized embroidery machines, provides vital training and capacity building.

The inauguration, attended by Shri Kamlung Mosang, Hon'ble MLA, and officials from SIDBI, NABARD, and ArSRLM, highlighted the importance of such initiatives for sustainable rural development. The NABARD District Development Manager also emphasized the significance of Geographical Indication (GI) status for Arunachal Pradesh's products, which will help artisans secure better prices and protect authenticity. As part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, attendees also took an "Integrity Pledge." This comprehensive program marks a significant stride toward promoting skill development and economic empowerment in the region.



Empowering Handloom Cluster under Project - "Hastavem"

The HASTAVEM project, launched on February 7, 2025, in Nongtham, Changlang District, represents a significant convergence of efforts to empower rural women. This initiative builds on the foundation laid by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which sponsored a **Rural Experience Centre (REC)** equipped with **06** computerized embroidery machines and training.

HASTAVEM, supported by SeSTA and ArSRLM, expands this skill-building by providing comprehensive training in both handloom weaving and computerized embroidery to 25 women. The convergence of SIDBI's initial machinery support with HASTAVEM's upskilling efforts has successfully arrested the entire textile embroidery business into the community, which was earlier outflowing to neighbouring states. This collaboration marks a major step forward for the Nongtham Handloom Cluster.



A significant Output in Handloom Cluster

The women trained in computerized machine embroidery have begun making their own products, which they are selling in local markets, within their communities, and at SHG melas. With support and collaboration from ArSRLM, the Nongtham Handloom Cluster is now producing handloom and embroidery products within the cluster itself, reducing reliance on outside service providers. This has allowed women to earn directly from their work while preserving traditional Tangsa handloom designs. A total of 75 SHG women received training and capacity-building support in handloom weaving with computerized embroidery under SIDBI and SeSTA initiatives. About 70% of the trained women now earn an additional Rs. 5,000 to 7,000 per month, contributing significantly to their livelihoods.



BLCCT facilitated the participation of the Nongtham Handloom Cluster at the International Pangsau Pass Festival (PPIF) 2025, where Tangsa textiles were showcased. This exposure not only highlighted the rich cultural heritage of the community but also opened new avenues for market linkages and the promotion of local handloom products. Furthermore, with the Tangsa handloom textile receiving Geographical Indication (GI) status, the traditional craft has gained a stronger identity in regional and national markets, enhancing its recognition and value.



Trained 75 SHG Women, got capacity building support in Handloom Weaving with Computerised Machine Embroidery under SIDBI & SeSTA support, 70% trained women earns Rs.5000 to 7000 per month as an additional income for their livelihood.

Capacity Building Workshop on E-Commerce & ONDC Onboarding

With NABARD's support, a 2-day training programme (8th–10th April) was organized in Namsai for SHGs, JLGs, Producer Organizations (POs), and microentrepreneurs. BLCCT in collaboration with Interim Technologies Pvt. Ltd., the 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. 25 micro enterprises got support to onboard their handloom, handicraft and other off farm products in E-Commerce platform.



Handloom Cluster Success Story

Celebrating Excellence in Weaving: Nyano Chithan

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, Nampchai 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 BLCCT, 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.



Women Achievers Award: Nyano Chithan

Itanagar, March 8, 2025 – On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Women and Child Development Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, honoured 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.

From Training to Employment: Empowering Rural Youth as Security Guards



Under the Skill Development Programme (SDP) on “Unarmed Security Guard” sponsored by NABARD 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.



In Khonsa **30 rural youth** were trained with skills on unarmed security guard. Sponsored by NABARD 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.

Placement Drive Outcomes: 10 Participants Secured Employment

On 4th February 2025, **10 newly selected security guards** from Tirap and Namsai successfully completed intensive training under the Unarmed Security Guard Program, supported by NABARD in collaboration with Seva Samithy, Khonsa. Following their training, the candidates have been placed in JEI Security, Guwahati.



Trained 60 unemployed youths from Namsai and Tirap, with 10 successfully placed in JEI Security, Guwahati and 23 youths get engaged locally.

Tribal Jewellery Cluster Development

Cultural Preservation & Livelihood Generation in Longding

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) in collaboration with Tribal Fashion Jewellery and ArSRLM, Longding.



The training program was successfully conducted, with **50 participants** actively engaged in learning the art of bead making. The participants demonstrated remarkable dedication and commitment throughout the program. This initiative not only fostered economic empowerment among the participants but also contributed to the preservation and promotion of traditional tribal culture.



Valedictory programme on Tribal Jewellery Making

A 15-day Skill Development Training on Tribal Jewellery Making was successfully concluded at Longding from December 4–18, 2024,



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 and showcasing of jewellery crafted by trainees.



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.



Strengthening Rural Livelihoods: The Diyun Rural Haat Initiative

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. It was discussed that the project will be implemented by 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.



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. The project was 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.



A Boost to Rural Tourism

During the Pangsau Pass International Festival, BLCCT, in collaboration with ArSRLM Nampong, 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 was organized by BLCCT after finalization of shortlisted beneficiaries.



CSR Initiative: Empowering Women through Traditional Craftsmanship

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.



Gram Samriddhi - A BLCCT's programme initiative

Gram Samriddhi

“Gram Samriddhi”, meaning “village prosperity,” is a BLCCT initiative focused on holistic rural development. In collaboration with ArSRLM, selected villages are adopted based on community needs and government priorities. Through participatory assessments and multi-sectoral convergence - covering livelihoods, education, health, and capacity building - BLCCT implements or facilitates interventions to ensure sustained, inclusive village prosperity.

Meeting with BMMU ArSRLM on SHG Potential & Lakhpati Didi Identification under Gram Samriddhi

Following the launch of the Gram Samriddhi initiative, the BLCCT team continued its field engagement to understand and support rural livelihoods. On Thursday, September 18, 2025, the team met with Mr. Ashen Chaitom and Mr. Ronald Dkhar Bagwar, Block Mission Managers (BMMs) from ArSRLM's Lekang and Namsai Blocks, to assess the specific livelihood needs and opportunities in their regions. The discussions provided valuable insights into baseline conditions, areas requiring targeted interventions, and the support needed to strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and identify potential Lakhpati Didis. Based on the BMMs' recommendations, BLCCT plans to adopt 2–3 villages per block under the Gram Samriddhi initiative.



Through this program, rural women and farmers will be provided with maximum opportunities via diverse activities, capacity-building programs, and hands-on mentoring. A key focus of the initiative is close convergence with line departments and ArSRLM, ensuring sustained guidance, handholding, and impactful development in the adopted villages.



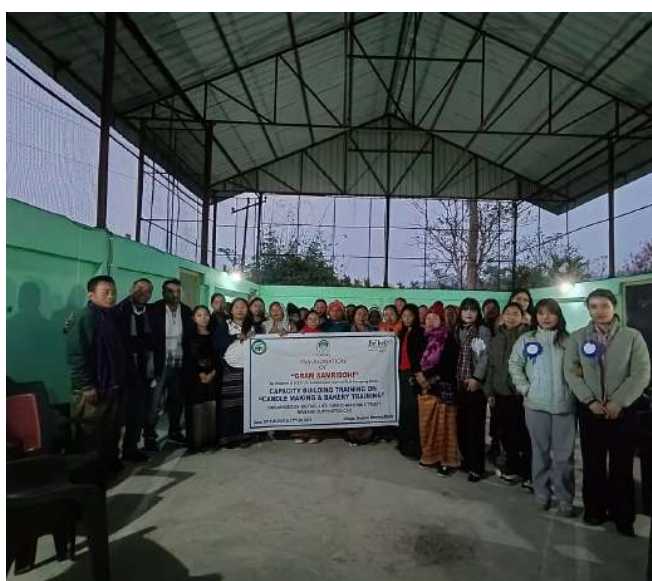
Following the field engagements under the Gram Samriddhi initiative, on 30th October 2024, BLCCT participated in a meeting with key stakeholders to review activities under BMMU, Maio Block. The meeting was attended by BMM officials from Maio and Vijaynagar, the Block Coordinator, and the BLCCT leadership team. The session facilitated a constructive exchange of information, with the BMMs and Block Coordinator sharing updates on ongoing initiatives. The discussions provided valuable insights, helping BLCCT better understand local priorities and challenges, and guiding the planning of its future interventions in the Maio Block.



Village Resource Mapping – Tengmo Village

As part of the Gram Samriddhi initiative, BLCCT, in collaboration with ArSRLM Nampong Block, has been implementing a series of activities in Tengmo Village, Changlang District, aimed at promoting sustainable livelihoods and village prosperity.

On 2nd February 2025, the team conducted a Village Resource Mapping exercise under the Village Adoption Program. Using Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) tools, SHG members and villagers were actively engaged in assessing local resources, challenges, and development needs. Findings from a baseline survey of 30 SHG members highlighted priority areas for intervention, underscoring the need for targeted livelihood programs.



Capacity Building Training – Gram Samriddhi Tengmo Village

On 18th February 2025, BLCCT, with support from NABARD and IIE, and in collaboration with ArSRLM Nampong Block, launched a capacity-building training program on candle making and bakery in Tengmo Village, Changlang District.

A total of 30 SHG members are participating in the training. The inauguration was attended by ArSRLM officials, community leaders, and BLCCT representatives, who encouraged active engagement and learning. Through hands-on training, beneficiaries are being equipped with practical skills to generate income, strengthen local livelihoods, and contribute to the economic development of their community.



Bakery Intervention – Gram Samriddhi, Tengmo Village

25 rural women from Tengmo Village, Changlang District, participated in a capacity-building training in bakery skills. Organized jointly by BLCCT and ArSRLM Nampong Block, the program equipped SHG members with practical entrepreneurial skills. By learning bakery techniques, participants gained opportunities for sustainable income generation, enhanced self-reliance, and meaningful contribution to the local economy.



Candle-Making Training – Gram Samriddhi, Tengmo Village

Another initiative saw BLCCT, in collaboration with ArSRLM Nampong Block, organize a capacity-building training on candle making for members of the Tengmo SHG. The training was conducted by Ms. Pinki Sonuwal (CRPEP, UMANG CLF, Namsai Block), a successful micro-entrepreneur from “JUNAK,” who shared her expertise in soy and paraffin wax crafting.

Supported by NABARD, the program aimed to strengthen women’s entrepreneurial skills and promote sustainable livelihood opportunities. By mastering candle making, participants took a significant step toward self-reliance and economic empowerment, opening avenues for income generation and local enterprise development.



Candle Making Success Story

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 BLCCT, 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.



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 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.



Village Adoption Initiative Meeting in 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.



Baseline Survey & Resource Mapping – Balinong

As part of the Village Adoption Initiative, 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.



Organization Development Activities with NoDe SeSTA

BLCCT Shortlisted for Village Innovation Pitch by SeSTA

BLCCT was shortlisted for the Village Innovation Pitch organized by Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA), in recognition of its innovative approach and commitment to fostering sustainable grassroots development.



MIS Workshop, Guwahati

From 19th–21st June 2024, BLCCT's CEO, Program Manager, and Project Coordinator participated in a three-day Workshop on Management Information System (MIS) in Guwahati, organized by SeSTA along with 13 other CSOs. The workshop enhanced their capacity to use MIS as a tool for decision-making, coordination, analysis, and effective information management. They gained practical insights from other CSOs on tracking project progress, data-driven reporting, and program monitoring. The knowledge acquired will be applied to strengthen BLCCT's internal systems, improve program efficiency, and support evidence-based decision-making across all initiatives.



Training on Accounting and Financial Management

Our Accounts Assistant participated in a two-day Accounts and Finance training organized by SeSTA under the NODE program. The sessions provided valuable insights and practical knowledge, enhancing participants' skills in accounting and financial management. The training has strengthened our ability to manage finances effectively and will be used to improve day-to-day financial operations and reporting at BLCCT.



Proposal Writing Training

BLCCT staff attended a two-day training on Proposal Writing organized by NODE SeSTA, facilitated by Mr. Shivaji. The workshop gave them practical guidance on structuring proposals, setting objectives, budgeting, and demonstrating project impact. Staff found the sessions very useful for understanding how to clearly present project ideas and gained confidence in preparing proposals for donors and partner organizations. The knowledge acquired will be applied in upcoming project proposals, helping BLCCT secure support and improve planning and reporting for its initiatives.



Organizational Development Workshop

On 15-16 October, the CEO, Program Manager, and Project Coordinator took part in a two-day Organizational Development (OD) workshop organized by NODE SeSTA. The sessions focused on improving internal processes, team coordination, and project management practices. The participants gained practical tips to make BLCCT's operations smoother and more organized. These insights will help the organization work more efficiently and deliver better results in its programs.



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 supported sewing machine operator training implemented by BLCCT. She also engaged with village-level entrepreneurs promoted under the Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Program. The visit was joined by BLCCT staff, ArSRLM representatives, and a TISS intern.



Peer Learning Assessment

BLCCT participated in a peer learning assessment organized by Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA) and Axis Bank Foundation under the NODE Program, along with partner organizations PRDA and Aman Foundation. During the visit to SANJOG, Nalbari, and Rongmei Baptist Association, Nagaland, the team gained practical insights into livestock rearing, integrated farming, and innovative sawdust mushroom cultivation techniques. The experience also provided an opportunity to observe how partner organizations manage community engagement, training, and farm-based enterprises effectively. This exposure has equipped BLCCT with valuable knowledge and skills that will be applied to strengthen farm-based initiatives, improve program planning, and enhance the overall impact of our interventions in the communities we serve.



NoDe Peer Learning Visit at BLCCT

On October 20th and 21st, as part of the NODE Program organized by Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA) and Axis Bank Foundation, a peer learning visit and assessment were conducted by People Endeavour for Social Change (PESH) and Rural Aid Service (RAS) at Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT). During the visit, the partner organizations conducted a detailed evaluation of BLCCT's internal and external systems. They also observed BLCCT-supported handloom and weaving centres, including carpet weaving initiatives, and visited the NABARD-sponsored Rural Mart. The visit provided valuable insights into BLCCT's community development projects, support for local artisans, and the overall functioning of its livelihood programs.



CSO Alliance & Fellowship

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 north-eastern 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.



Building Ecosystem for Arunachal Civil Society Organization

Northeast Together Network conducted a two-day “Orientation Program on Organization Development for Non-Profit Organizations of Arunachal Pradesh” at Namsai on 12th and 13th September 2024. The program also marked the formation of the “Arunachal Pradesh NGO State Alliance”, bringing together seven prominent NGOs from across the state to strengthen the social sector and build an ecosystem where CSOs understand the importance of legal compliance and organizational development.

After attending several organizational development workshops, BLCCT collaborated with Northeast Together Network to organize this program, giving local NGOs a chance to learn from shared experiences and capacity-building exercises. NGOs from Namsai, Changlang, Lower Dibang Valley, Khonsa, and Itanagar participated.

The orientation helped participants understand eight key areas for organizational development: NPO compliance, governance, finance and accounts, MIS, program management, human resource management, media and communications, and leadership. Sessions were conducted by senior members of Northeast Together Network, including Dimgong Rongmai, ED of RNBA; Piyush Saurabh Sharma, ED of SANJOG and Convenor of Northeast Together Network; and Liinai Margaret, ED of MOSONiE Socio Economic Foundation. Their presence encouraged discussion and practical exchange of knowledge among participants.



Future Ready Leaders Fellowship Selection

Mr. Chandan Prasad, CEO of BLCCT, was 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 has been an important step in strengthening leadership for creating impactful change.



As part of the fellowship, BLCCT participated in a four-day residential program at the Centre for Development Initiative, Mirza, Guwahati. The program provided in-depth learning on sustainable development and leadership, enhancing BLCCT's capacity to contribute more effectively to community transformation.

Building on this nine-month fellowship, BLCCT's future-ready leadership will guide strategic initiatives, foster innovation, and strengthen its impact in empowering communities. The experience has also equipped the team with skills in stakeholder engagement, project planning, and resource mobilization, which will help in designing programs that are more responsive to community needs. By applying these learnings, BLCCT will contribute to creating sustainable solutions and scaling up initiatives that benefit the most vulnerable sections of society.



Convergence Programs

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. .

This initiative is crucial as it addresses the core challenges of rural development. Many in these areas lack access to basic banking services like savings accounts, credit, and insurance, which are essential for building a resilient financial future. By equipping participants with the knowledge to open bank accounts, apply for small loans, and understand the benefits of digital transactions.



General Meeting of CLF - Khun-Ta-Nau Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society

The 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), DDM (NABARD), 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 Samridhi" (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.



Orientation & Exposure on Natural Farming Methods

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.



State Seminars

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



NABARD State Credit Seminar, Arunachal Pradesh

I was honoured to participate in the NABARD Arunachal Pradesh Regional Office's State Credit Seminar for FY 2025-26 held in Itanagar on February 11th. This important event, chaired by Chief Secretary Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, IAS, saw the release of the State Focus Paper for 2025-26, projecting a credit potential of ₹1689.90 crore for the priority sector. This paper will be instrumental in guiding banks' credit planning and the state government's development initiatives.

The seminar brought together key stakeholders including government officials, representatives from RGU, banks, NGOs, and civil society, all focused on boosting economic growth and rural development in Arunachal Pradesh. Discussions revolved around critical issues such as increasing credit flow, promoting financial inclusion, fostering skill development, and supporting sustainable agriculture. The emphasis was on empowering farmers, entrepreneurs, and self-help groups through enhanced credit access and innovative programs.

As Founder and CEO of BLCCT, I was privileged to share our organization's interventions for rural communities, highlighting the valuable support we receive from NABARD. It was inspiring to be part of such a collaborative effort aimed at driving positive change and sustainable progress in the state. The seminar underscored the importance of partnerships and strategic planning in achieving inclusive growth and empowering the people of Arunachal Pradesh. I believe that through continued collaboration and a focus on innovative solutions, we can unlock the immense potential of the state and its communities.



Visits

AGM, NABARD Visit to Proposed Rural Haat site - Balinong

A field visit was conducted to Balinong, Changlang District, along with AGM NABARD Shri Kamal Roy, 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.



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 BLCCT to strengthen local economies and enhance livelihood opportunities.



SIDBI Visit

Due Diligence and Field visit by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to BLCCT, H.O., NAVI Rural Mart sponsored by NABARD and Nongtham weaving centre.

Officials from SIDBI.

1.Shri Anuj Jain - DGM- SIDBI - Guwahati RO

2.Shri Tumu Vijay Kumar -Manager/ Branch In charge SIDBI-Itanagar

3.Shri Hibu Murchi-CSA, SIDBI Itanagar.

Handloom and Textile cluster under Khagam block of Changlang district has been creeping up since 6 years in a progressing manner, this support for asset creation (Computerised Embroidery Machines) from SIDBI will be an instrumental support to the cluster.





Environment



Climate resilient project on - Integrated Floriculture & Bee Keeping

FGD & Baseline with Community:

On November 13, 2024, SANJOG's technical partners, Abhinash Mazumdar (M.Sc. Agriculture, specialist in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry) and Dipankar Haloi (M.Sc. Agriculture, specialized in Plant Protection) visited Alubari, Chowkham, for the NABARD-supported Integrated Floriculture and Bee-Keeping Project. The team conducted a baseline survey and interacted with the community, gathering key insights to align scientific interventions with local needs.



Inauguration

BLCCT's project at Alubari, Chowkham, formally launched with 43 farmers participating in a floriculture and bee-keeping session. Following this, fields were prepared with manure by December 23, 2024. Capacity-building sessions on production and culture were held from December 24-26, 2024, with key BLCCT staff and farmers.



Training

Building on the inaugural sessions and field preparations, a training programme on floriculture and beekeeping was conducted in Alubari on 24th December 2024. The initiative, funded by NABARD in collaboration with KVK, Namsai, opened new livelihood opportunities for the farming community.

During the programme, farmers were introduced to innovative techniques in flower cultivation and beekeeping. Forty participants received flower seeds and beehives, allowing them to gain hands-on experience in nurturing flowers and producing high-quality honey.



On-Ground Training

Continuing the momentum, BLCCT, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Namsai, conducted a three-day on-ground training on Integrated Floriculture and Beekeeping. All 42 participating farmers attended the programme, which focused on building hands-on expertise in core farming practices. With technical support from Sanjog, farmers received practical exposure to bed making, weed control, plantation processes, and methods for protecting seeds and plants. The sessions were designed to strengthen both knowledge and practice, enabling farmers to apply improved techniques in their own fields.



Input distribution to Farmers

As part of the Integrated Floriculture and Beekeeping Project, 43 farmers were provided with Marigold seeds and Gladiolus corms to begin cultivation. The distribution was carried out in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Namsai, with technical guidance from Sanjog.

Through this initiative, farmers were equipped to cultivate high-value flowers, strengthening their practical skills and opening avenues for improved income generation.



PMRC Meeting

A Project Monitoring and Review Committee (PMRC) meeting was convened at Alubari, Aspirational Block Chongkham, Namsai, to review the ongoing Floriculture cum Beekeeping Project.

The meeting brought together Subject Matter Specialists (KVK), the Block Mission Manager (ArSRLM), trainers and directors from Sanjog, the CEO of BLCCT, and project field staff. It provided a platform to assess progress, address challenges, and strengthen strategies for effective project implementation.



Site visit, following plantation of flower crops.

A ground visit was conducted in Chowkham Block, Namsai District. The team observed 100% germination of Gladiolus flowers, which have now begun blooming—marking a successful start to this innovative livelihood initiative in the aspirational district of Namsai.

The intervention covered 42 households, aiming to enhance farmers' additional income through floriculture and beekeeping.



Site Visit - 100% Germination and blooming stage

A site visit was conducted to the ongoing NABARD-funded FSPF project. The Gladiolus flowers showed promising growth, reflecting successful initial cultivation.

In Phase II, Marigold and Gerbera flowers are planned for cultivation in 10 polyhouses, accompanied by the distribution of beehives following farmer training. These activities aim to further enhance livelihoods through floriculture and apiculture.



Trained 42 farmers with Rs.65,000 profit in first Cycle

Promoting Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

Eri and Muga Value Chain in Mohbol Gaon under Ghilamara block, Lakhimpur

On December 27, 2024, BLCCT conducted an awareness program in Ghilamora Mohbol Gaon, Lakhimpur. The event, attended by over 30 women from local Self-Help Groups (SHGs), aimed to empower them with livelihood opportunities in the Eri and Muga value chain.

The program featured discussions on creating a sustainable cluster for long-term success and explored various non-farm activities within traditional crafts. Dignitaries, including Dr. Bhupen Saikia and Chandan Prasad, were present to support the initiative.



Awareness Program on Eri & Muga Value Chain in Mohbol Village

Building on this initial engagement, on 15th March 2025, BLCCT, in collaboration with SANJOG and supported by Resham Sutra, conducted a follow-up awareness program in Mohbol Village, Ghilamara Block, Lakhimpur District. The initiative aimed to further promote livelihood opportunities for rural women and strengthen 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, while Mr. Prasad highlighted the Gram Samridhi 2.0 mission and shared insights from the baseline survey conducted in December 2024.

Through technical support from SANJOG and in partnership with Resham Sutra, a Memorandum of Understanding was established to reduce 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, equipping the women with the tools and training needed to strengthen their livelihoods.



Trained 60 women, out of which 20 women are now independently earning ₹7,000–₹11,000+ per month each.



Education Highlights



Exposure Visits

Educational Exposure Visit for Martha Nursing Students in 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.



Clinical Exposure Visit to Assam Medical College, 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.



Programme on Mental Health & Wellbeing of Children & Adolescents

On September 10, 2024, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust organized a program on “Awareness and Counselling 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 Counsellor of BLCCT.

Internship

BLCCT welcomed four BSW students from Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong, for a two-month internship, providing them with practical exposure and fostering a culture of learning and knowledge exchange.



The BSW students from Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong, successfully completed their two-month internship from 1st April to 28th May 2025. The internship provided them with valuable practical exposure and contributed to their professional development in the field of social work.



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.



Celebrations

International Nurses Day

Martha Nursing Training School celebrated International Nurses Day at its premises, honouring 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

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

Martha Nursing Training School (MNTS), Jairampur, celebrated Teacher's Day to honour 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 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 fulfilment as they step into their professional careers in healthcare.



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 as Chief Guest, Dr. Bhupen Saikia and Ms. Bornali Mohan (Governing Body Members, BLCCT) as Guests of Honour, Shri Anupam Duwarah as Special Guest and Shri Chandan Prasad, Chairman, MNTS.



International Placements

Hunali Yongkuk

Hunali Yongkuk, hailing from Village Taipong, Changlang, is a proud 2019–2021 ANM graduate of Martha Nursing Training School (BLCCT). After achieving a commendable 61% in her ANM course, she further honed her skills through Japanese Language and Caregiver training in Delhi, under the support of Martha Nursing Training School, Jairampur, NSDCI, and the North East Council. Her dedication and perseverance paid off in March 2025 when she successfully completed her training and secured a position with PLUS HEART Co., Ltd. in Japan, earning approximately 164,260 JPY per month. Hunali is set to depart from Delhi on 24th March 2025 to begin her international journey. Her inspiring story reflects the transformative power of skill development and determination, serving as a shining example for future students aspiring to global careers.



Ngunlik Bangsia

Ngunlik Bangsia, a student of Martha Nursing Training School (BLCCT), began her professional journey by completing the ANM course, laying a strong foundation in healthcare. Motivated to broaden her horizons and explore opportunities beyond her local community, she took the bold step of learning Japanese, equipping herself with the language skills needed for international employment. Her dedication and perseverance soon bore fruit when she successfully secured a position as a caregiver in Japan, a milestone that marked the beginning of her global career. Over the past three months, Ngunlik has not only adapted to a new work environment but is also earning a monthly salary of approximately 210,000 Yen, reflecting the tangible rewards of her hard work. Her inspiring journey is more than a personal achievement—it is a testament to the transformative power of skill development, determination, and continuous learning, and it serves as a shining example for fellow students that dedication can open doors to life-changing opportunities both at home and abroad.



Press Release

Candle-making training for SHGs concludes at Miao

MIAO, Mar 28: The training programme on candle-making for SHGs of Miao, Changlang District under the Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) concluded here on Tuesday.

The programme was sponsored by NABARD, Arunachal Pradesh Regional Office and implemented by NGO, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with Rera Welfare Society and ArSRLM.

Altogether 30 SHG members underwent 15 days of training which was arranged in such a way that women attendees could start their own ventures.

NABARD DDM Kamal Roy; EAC, Namrata Bhatt Tiwari. Major Simranjeet Singh, 19th Assam Rifles; BMM, ArSRLM, Kenny



Riba, Block Coordinator, Chugan Nokgbi, president BLCCT, Chandan Prasad, Project Manager, BLCCT, Woiwang Ronrang, master trainer, Miranda Techhi and SHG members participated in the valedictory programme.

Kamal Roy highlighted the different developmental interventions of NABARD in farm and off-farm sectors for the upliftment of rural people. He also stated that NABARD had supported

need-based skill development programmes for SHGs.

MEDPs are on-location skill development training programmes that attempt to bridge the skill deficits or facilitate the optimisation of production activities already pursued by the SHG members.

Grant is provided to eligible training institutions and SHPs (Self Help Group Promoting Institutions) to provide skill development training in farm/off-farm/

service sector activities leading to the establishment of micro-enterprises either on an individual basis or on a group basis.

EAC Namrata Bhatt Tiwari, congratulated the trainees on the completion of MEDP training and also encouraged them to become entrepreneurs now. She emphasised on the production of the finished products with branding and keeping competitive prices to compete in the

market.

ArSRLM BMM Kenny Riba, congratulated the trainees on the completion of MEDP training and also encourage them to become entrepreneurs. She also shared the aims and objectives of the Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM).

President, BLCCT, Chandan Prasad said that the training would enable the rural women to improve their skills in producing different types of candles viz. gel based, soya based and paraffin based candles. He assured full support on supplying raw materials at a cheaper rate.

The valedictory programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to SHGs and handing over of wax candle moulds.

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NABARD distributes tailoring kits to SHGs

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DIYUN, NOV 15:

The tailoring kits were distributed to self-help groups (SHGs) for undertaking sewing machine operator training at Diyun under Changlang district on Thursday.

The programme sponsored by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Arunachal Pradesh regional office, under the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme (LEDP) will be implemented by NGO, BLCCT in collaboration with Community Resource Management Society (CCRMVS), Changlang.

Total 96 SHG members were enrolled in three batches and will undergo the skill upgradation training phase-wise.

District Development Manager, NABARD, Kamal Roy, who participated in the event as chief guest, spoke about distinguished interventions of NABARD for rural areas. He said that skill upgradation training alone has a limited impact on livelihood creation among the SHG members; hence it was thought prudent to create sustainable livelihoods among SHG members and to attain optimum benefit out of skill upgradation.

LEDP envisages the conduct of livelihood promotion programmes in clusters. There is provision for intensive training for skill building, refresher training, backward-forward linkages and handholding support for SHGs, he said.

DDP, CCRMVS, Nonju Tikhak advised the SHG members to implement the skill for starting successful entrepreneurship and congratulated NABARD and BLCCT for implementing such demanding skill development trainings at Diyun.

President, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), Chandan Prasad said that the training will enable rural women to improve their skills in producing designable clothes and garments. The skill development will empower rural women for better income and self-sustenance, he added.

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Namsai gets NABARD project on 'eco-tourism'

ITANAGAR, Dec 13: A project for the promotion of tribal eco-tourism was launched at Namsai today by Devasis Padhi, Chief General Manager, NABARD Head Office, Mumbai.

General Manager, NABARD Itanagar, Partho Saha, DC Namsai C R Khampa, Associate Professor AUS-Namsai Dr Vivek Kumar Pathak and DDM NABARD Kamal Roy were present on the occasion. Representatives of ArSRLM and bankers along with SHG members, homestay owners and tour operators also attended.

The project is being supported by NABARD and implemented by NGO, Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with NOSAAP and ArSRLM Namsai.

Speaking on the occasion, CGM, NABARD appreciated the importance of the involvement of women, especially SHG members in making the project a success as they had a great role to play in housekeeping, serving delicious local cuisine as well as hospitality.

He also emphasized the need for standardization of facilities and rating them for providing accurate information to the tourists.

GM, NABARD outlined various interventions on capacity building and marketing which had been undertaken prior to launching of the tourism project. He explained how showcasing the local culture, handloom textiles, handicrafts and festivals can help to make Namsai an attractive proposition for all tourists, domestic as well as international.

DDM, NABARD gave a detailed presentation on the project.

The DC expressed his gratitude to NABARD for choosing Namsai as the project location. He talked about the enormous potential for tourism in the region around Namsai and enumerated various locations in adjacent districts which can be part of the 'Namsai Circuit'.

The program concluded with vote of thanks by CEO NOSAAP Chau Athina Chauhai whose role was significant in giving a final shape to the plans as envisaged in the Project Plans.

Chandan Prasad, president of BLCCT and CEO NOSAAP Athina Chauhai also spoke.



Candle-making training concludes

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A total of 30 SHG members have undergone the fortnight-long training which was arranged in such a way that women attendees could start their own ventures. EAC Namrata Bhatt Tiwari, NABARD DDM Kamal Roy, and Major Simranjeet Singh of 19 Assam Rifles, among others attended the valedictory programme that concluded with the distribution of certificates to the trainee SHGs members.

Share

NABARD-backed SDP on 'sewing machine operator' gets underway

MIAO, May 2: The NABARD-sponsored skill development programme (SDP) on "sewing machine operator" was launched at Choephelling Tibetan settlement area near here on Monday.

The programme is being implemented by Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with Choephelling Tibetan Service Cooperative Society Ltd (CTSCSL).

NABARD DDM Kamal Roy elaborated on the objective of the SDP and the future plan of the Bank to promote & nurture Off Farm Producers Organization (OFPO) out of the trained entrepreneurs. Further, he informed that an OFPO is a legal entity formed by primary producers who will be involved in off-farm activities such as handlooms, handicrafts, artisan products, agro-processing, etc.

Speaking on the occasion,



that would enhance the socio-economic status of rural masses, especially women entrepreneurs.

Attending the event, Major Simranjeet Singh, 11th Assam Rifles, Miao, while encouraging the trainees to tap the opportunity through the SDP stressed on the

Block Mission Manager (ArSRLM) Kenny Ribasaid that the SDP will help SHGs by skilling them and providing employment either in jobs, mostly in high-growth sectors, or in remunerative self-employment and micro-enterprises.

size on local products and creating market links keeping in view the competitiveness and upgrading to penetrate markets. BLCCCTident Chandan Prasad the training will enable women to improve skills in producing in-

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Skill devp prog for unarmed security guards concludes

NAMSAL, Jun 11: The Skill Development Programme (SDP) on "Unarmed Security Guard" for rural unemployed youths successfully concluded in Namsal today.

This initiative was sponsored by the NABARD Arunachal Pradesh Regional Office and implemented by the Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) in collaboration with the Namsal District Administration, and ArSRLM.

The valedictory function featured Kamal Roy, DDM, NABARD as the chief guest, and Michi Buda CC, LH from ArSRLM as the guest of honour. BLCCCT founder and CEO, Chandan Prasad, and all the trainees also participated in the



event.

The programme trained over 30 participants in "Unarmed Security Guard" skills over the course of one month, consisting of 6 days of theoretical instruction and 24 days of practical training. The trainees are now equipped to work as unarmed security guards in various cities across India, including Guwahati,

Chennai, and Hyderabad. Additionally, personnel from Arunachal Pradesh Police provided training on traffic management and firefighting.

In his address, NABARD DDM Kamal Roy encouraged the trainees to approach their new roles with passion and dedication. He highlighted the critical issue of unemployment among

rural youth and emphasised NABARD's commitment to supporting skill development and micro-enterprises through various programmes. Roy urged the trainees to explore opportunities outside the state, gain new experiences, and save their earnings to potentially start businesses in their home district. He underscored the effective-

ness and importance of unarmed security guards in safeguarding properties.

Guest of honour Michi Buda congratulated the trainees on their successful completion of the training and encouraged them to pursue available placement opportunities. He shared inspiring success stories and practical ideas to motivate the graduates.

Chandan Prasad, founder and CEO of BLCCCT, congratulated the trainees and assured them of continued support in job placements and career settlement.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to the trainees, the sharing of experiences by the participants, and a vote of thanks by Chandan Prasad.

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তিনিচুকীয়া, ১ জুলাই ৭ নাবাৰ্ডৰ ওপাৰাটী আঞ্চলিক কাৰ্যালয়ৰ পৃষ্ঠপোষকতাত আৰু অসম ৰাজ্যিক গ্ৰাম্য জীৱিকা অভিযানৰ সহযোগত বেথুন লাইফ কেয়াৰ চেণ্টাৰলৈ টিউ টি এল চি টি স মহাযোগত বিভিন্ন বৈশিষ্ট্য বিয়াৰ ৩৯০ নীয়া প্ৰশিক্ষণৰ যোগত ২৫ জনত সমন্বীত অনুষ্ঠান অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হয়। অনুষ্ঠানৰ জৰিয়তে প্ৰশিক্ষণ সমাপ্ত কৰা সকলক প্ৰমাণ পত্ৰ প্ৰদান কৰা হয়। অনুষ্ঠানত ডি ডি এম নাবাৰ্ড টিউ টি এল চেণ্টাৰ, গ্ৰাম্য স্বনিয়োগ প্ৰশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্ৰ (আৰ এছ ই টি আহাৰ) সম্ভাৰণ সুব্ৰহ্মণ্য চোঙাৰী, মুখ্য জিলা পৰিচালক পঞ্জাব চোঙাৰলৈ বেকৰ তিনিচুকীয়াৰ বিজ্ঞানত ৰা, জিলা উদ্যোগ আৰু বাণিজ্য কেন্দ্ৰৰ

পৰিকল্পন বহমান উপস্থিত থাকে। নাবাৰ্ডৰ ডি ডি এম বৰ্ষা বিশ্বাসে প্ৰশিক্ষণ লোৱা প্ৰতি গৰাকী মহিলাৰ নীচক প্ৰশংসা কৰে আৰু নাবাৰ্ডৰ উন্নয়নমূলক প্ৰচেষ্টা সন্দৰ্ভত আলোকপাত কৰে। পঞ্জাব বেকৰ বিজয়া ৰাই প্ৰশিক্ষাৰ্থীসকলক আৰু উদ্যোগীসকলৰ বাবে ই-মুদা, ই-কেৰিইটি, কে চি ডিৰে অটম সন্দৰ্ভে বাখ্যা দাঙি ধৰি সহযোগিতাৰ আশ্বাস প্ৰদান কৰে। অনুষ্ঠানত উদ্যোগীক কেন্দ্ৰ তিনিচুকীয়াৰ কাৰকাৰী বিবেশজ অকুৰি (এ এছ আৰ এল এম) কুৰু গগৈ, মিলনা বিউটি একাডেমীৰ পৰিচালক মাজলীনা দত্ত, হৰ্ষ বিউটি একাডেমীৰ পৰিচালক বিদ্যা সিং, বি এল চি টি প্ৰতিষ্ঠাপক তথা মুখ্য কাৰ্যবাহী বিজয়া চন্দন প্ৰসাদ উপস্থিত থাকে।

सूजन कार्यक्रम (पीएमडीबीपी) के बारे में विस्तार से बताया और प्रशिक्षुओं को समर्थन दिया जिला कार्यालयक विशेषज्ञ गैर-कृषि (एएसआरएएएन), कृष्य गोंगोंडी (इन्क्यूबेटर प्रमियों) को उद्यम प्रबंधन और कानूनी अनुपालन पर सलाह दी। फियोना ब्यूरी एकेडमी की निदेशक लवलीना दत्त ने कार्यक्रम के परिणामों को साझा किया। इसमें स्थानीय ब्यूरी सैन्य प्रशिक्षुओं के लिए 60 पीसीडी प्लेसमेंट पर प्रकाश डाला गया। इसमें से कुछ ने स्वतंत्र उद्यम का विकास किया। बीएलसीसीडी के संस्थापक और सीईओ चंदन प्रसाद ने प्रतिभागियों को बधाई दी और नौकरी प्लेसमेंट सहायता के लिए अपनी प्रतिबद्धता दोहराई। कार्यक्रम का चानान प्रमाणपत्र वितरण, प्रतिभागियों द्वारा अनुभव साझा करने और चंदन प्रसाद द्वारा धन्यवाद ज्ञान के साथ हुआ।



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'Hastavem' project launched in Changlang

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NONTHAM, 7 Feb: A project titled 'Hastavem' was launched in Nontham village in Khagam block in Changlang district on Friday.

The project, a joint initiative of the Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT) and the ArSRLM in Miao, with support from the Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA), aims to empower 25 rural women from various self-help groups (SHG) by providing training in handloom weaving and computerised machine embroidery.

NABARD District Development Manager Kamal Roy, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the NABARD's role in supporting off-farm producer organisations. Roy also gave emphasis on post-GI activities for Tangsa handloom. He encouraged women to adopt a "credit culture and engage in financial inclusion initiatives."

BLCCT founder and CEO Chandan Prasad outlined the project's goals of promoting indigenous culture and improving livelihoods through skill development.

He highlighted the revival of the Nontham Weaving Centre with the NABARD's assistance, securing geographical indication (GI) for Tangsa textile and handloom, and expressed gratitude to the SeSTA for its support.

Dina Aran from the SBI assured that the bank would provide support in terms of credit linkages, while TBCA executive secretary Rev Sony Sachhong Jugli commended the NABARD and the SeSTA for empowering rural women.

Mumtak Tayeng from the ArSRLM and Theknan Lungphi from the Nongtham Handloom Cluster Producers Company Limited also spoke.

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SIDBI supported SDT on tribal jewelry making concludes

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LONGDING, 18 Dec: A 15-day training program on tribal jewelry making, organized by the Bethel Life Care Charitable Trust (BLCCT), in collaboration with 'Tribal Fashion Jewellery,' concluded here on Wednesday. The programme, sponsored by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), aimed to empower local artisans with the skills and knowledge to create exquisite Wancho tribal jewelry in order to promote economic growth and self-reliance within the community.

Addressing the valedictory function at the Circuit House here, founder & CEO of BLCCT Chandan Prasad expressed his gratitude to SIDBI for their support and highlighted the potential of tribal jewelry to contribute to the region's economic development. He emphasized BLCCT's commitment to providing ongoing support to the trainees, enabling them to establish sustainable livelihoods.

Handicraft promotion officer Mibin Dirchi informed the trainees about various government schemes and initiatives available to support their entrepreneurial endeavors.

Additional deputy commissioner Mirpe Tato encouraged the trainees to utilize their newly acquired skills to generate income and improve their standard of living.

In addition to the training program, a financial literacy awareness session was conducted by the CRISIL Foundation. The session focused on the importance of saving, financial planning, and the benefits of government schemes like the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY).

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