

MONTHLY DIGEST

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4–5 July 2025 | Ribhoi, Meghalaya: A two-day capacity-building workshop cum retreat was conducted, bringing together participants for intensive skill enhancement, collaborative discussions, and strategic planning, aimed at strengthening capacities and fostering effective teamwork.

“This workshop reflected our commitment to continuous learning and collective growth, ensuring that our team is well-equipped to meet future challenges with confidence and competence.”

- Vikramaditya Das, Executive Director



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10 July 2025 | Balijuri, Kamrup: Registration work commenced as the first step towards organic certification under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, and GIZ for the SuATI initiative.



11 July 2025 | Kokrajhar: The Sustain team visited Kakrikhola, Kokrajhar, to oversee the construction of a vermicompost unit and engage with tea garden owners on the issue of chemical residue.

Recognising high levels of chemical residue as a growing challenge, tea growers are beginning to adopt bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides, while the team is actively promoting the natural production of fertilizers and pesticides to ensure compliance, protect soil health, and promote sustainable tea cultivation. For farmers and tea growers, vermicompost not only helps meet stricter residue regulations but also reduces input costs over time, supports long-term soil productivity, and contributes to producing healthier, safer agricultural products for consumers. By reducing chemical dependency, tea growers can protect soil health, preserve biodiversity, and produce safer, more sustainable tea.



10 July 2025 | Bechimari, Darrang: LIC Bima Sakhi training program under Mein Pragati.



14 - 16 July 2025 | Guwahati: Mein Pragati team attended Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme by CRISIL Foundation. Participation in the Financial Inclusion Training of Trainers (ToT) program provided valuable insights into inclusive banking frameworks, the pivotal role of Business Correspondents in expanding financial services to underserved communities, and best practices for fostering financial literacy at the grassroots level.



15 July 2025 | Chayygaon: ATVI conducted a media masterclass workshop on photography and videography for field and project executives at Grameen Sahara. The masterclass reflected on upgrading the documentation skills of the team at large for efficient reporting.



10 July 2025 | Bongaon, Kamrup: Vermi-compost beds were distributed to farmers to encourage and strengthen natural farming practices, aiming to enhance soil health, reduce chemical dependency, and promote sustainable agricultural livelihoods in the region.

Mein Pragati, an initiative of CRISIL Foundation, works through trained community volunteers called Sakhis to promote financial inclusion. The programme empowers women with financial literacy, enabling households to access, use, and benefit from formal financial services.



21 July 2025 | Kamrup: Meeting with BoD and promoters of FPCs at Borduar and Lampi for discussing compliance, management review, financials etc.



July 2025 | Milanpur, Rani: A comprehensive training program on pest and disease management in spice crops was conducted by MSSRF. The session equipped farmers with practical knowledge and techniques to identify, prevent, and control common pests and diseases, thereby improving crop quality and reducing losses.



Mein Pragati Highlight | July 2025: In the Mein Pragati programme, Sakhis play a pivotal role in driving financial inclusion across rural communities. As trained community resource persons, they act as trusted guides, helping women and households understand, access, and effectively use formal financial services. In a notable achievement, several Mein Pragati Sakhis from Grameen Sahara's clusters have qualified for the Bima Sakhi Exam, with 10 Sakhis from Goromari block receiving official appointments from LIC. This milestone boosts their professional growth and income prospects while expanding community access to essential financial protection tools. Grameen Sahara will continue to strengthen the capacity of Sakhis and promote initiatives that transform financial behavior, impart economic resilience, and empower rural families toward a more financially secure future.



26 July 2025 | Chayygaon: Grameen Sahara, in collaboration with Life Safe Hospital, organised a free health camp for employees and community beneficiaries at its Chhaygaon Head Office.



25 July 2025 | Chayygaon: Workshops on Engagement with State-Led Initiatives and DWIMU Approach were successfully conducted at Grameen Sahara's Head Office in Chhaygaon, focusing on raising awareness about the MGNREGA scheme in villages by Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation team. The workshop also discussed strategies for effective natural resource management.



July 2025 | Kamrup & Goalpara: Ongoing Product Development Programme (PDP) training at Kamrup and Goalpara districts for the weavers under Udyamini project.



30 July 2025 | Udalguri: a staff orientation program was held at Udalguri with the participation of all Tea Mitras (CRPs) from the region, reviewing completed, ongoing, and planned activities. A follow-up meeting with the Kokrajhar team discussed strategies to implement the remaining activities within the year's budget.



29 July 2025 | Kamrup: Grameen Sahara marked Plastic Free July by training communities to make eco-friendly paper bags from old newspapers, promoting alternatives to single-use plastic.



29 July 2025 | Rangjuli, Goalpara: Attended a Village Organization (VO) meeting at Dhanubhanga village to discuss the inclusion of a new village and the selection of Rural Women Entrepreneurs (RWEs) for upcoming initiatives.



30 July 2025 | Hahim, Boko: An activity-based training program was conducted on modern horticultural crop production technologies, complemented by a plant clinic session to address crop health issues and provide practical solutions to farmers.



29 July 2025 | Ukiam: MSSRF program for identifying, preventing, and managing diseases in various plants.