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1 Apr 2026 | Sonitpur: Under **Mein Pragati**, discussions were held on the aims and objectives of the initiative at Parmaiguli with CSC owners and stakeholders to strengthen understanding, collaboration, and community-level outreach under the program.



1 Apr 2026 | Udalguri: Under **Sustain**, a follow-up visit was conducted to black pepper nurseries in Tankibasti village to assess beneficiary progress. Encouraging developments were observed, with healthy mother plants, effective composting practices, and ready-to-sell saplings at selected nurseries.



1 Apr 2026 | Namsai: Under the **LICHFL HRIDAY** project, the team from Namsai visited Pathargaon village to conduct a baseline survey and facilitate the formation of the Village Development Committee (VDC). Visits to Anganwadi centres were also carried out to observe existing conditions and engage with community members through discussions.



2 Apr 2026 | Kokrajhar: A planning discussion was held at the Kokrajhar Project Office with Transform Trade team on upcoming activities across two BTC districts. Field visits to STG farmers were also conducted to observe natural farming practices, including Brahmastra preparation, vermicomposting, black pepper nurseries, and tea cultivation.



2 Apr 2026 | Goalpara: Product Development Program (PDP) under Project Udyamini has commenced in Udaypur, Dudhnoi. Design support and discussions on upcoming production and design development were carried out with project RWEs.



2 Apr 2026 | Kamrup: Field visits were conducted to Nagarbera, Pijupara, and Narengapara villages to collect CRP tracking sheets and support ongoing monitoring activities for **Project Udyamini's** RWEs. The visit helped strengthen coordination and review grassroots-level progress.



4 Apr 2026 | Nagaon: Under the **CRISIL Mein Pragati** Project, a field visit to Kaliabor Block was conducted, and the team interacted with Sakhis, BC Sakhis, CSP, and CSC representatives. The session focused on discussing the aims, objectives, and roles under the project while strengthening awareness and engagement among participants.



10 Apr 2026 | Kokrajhar: A training program was conducted at Dudumari for Small Tea Growers on sustainable tea cultivation practices, including plucking, pruning, and winter management. The team also facilitated cost of production calculations to support improved planning and productivity among STGs.



10 Apr 2026 | Namsai: The Namsai team held a meaningful discussion with senior management regarding upcoming plans and implementation details. The team also visited Mabira, Nopotia, and Alubari villages under Chongkham Block and interacted with community members to strengthen field-level coordination and engagement.



6 Apr 2026 | Dima Hasao: Under **The Habitats Trust** conservation initiative, a follow-up visit was conducted to N. Leikul village to review the baseline survey completed by the enumerators. Several households were visited to verify and cross-check the information collected, clarify discrepancies, and ensure accurate documentation of community data. The team also interacted closely with community members to better understand their present conditions, address local concerns, and strengthen coordination and trust for the effective implementation of future conservation and community-based activities.



11-13 Apr 2026 | Guwahati: The Udyamini team and Rural Women Entrepreneurs (RWEs) from Goalpara participated in the Rongali Mela Exhibition at NEDFi Haat, showcasing local products and promoting women-led enterprises through market linkage and community engagement.



11 Apr 2026 | Kokrajhar: Training program conducted at Duligaon (Tipkai area) for Small Tea Growers on plucking, pruning, and sustainable tea cultivation practices. The session included practical guidance on various pruning methods to improve tea quality, productivity, and economic returns for growers.



12 Apr 2026 | Kokrajhar: Training program was conducted at Simbargaon for Small Tea Growers on sustainable agricultural practices and scientific plucking techniques. Practical demonstrations were provided on proper plucking methods following different pruning types to improve tea quality and productivity.



11 Apr 2026 | Kamrup: Field visit conducted to Muktapur GP village, where meetings were held with BC Sakhis, CSP owners, and socially active Sakhis.



17 Apr 2026 | Dima Hasao: At Lower Retzawl, an awareness session and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) were conducted under The Habitats Trust (THT) and NABARD project initiatives. The session focused on community awareness, beneficiary and crop selection, with active participation from villagers to ensure a transparent and inclusive selection process.



11 Apr 2026 | Nagaon: Visit to Gakhirkhaity village under Uttar Pachim Pubthoria GP to interact with socially active community members. Discussions were held on the objectives of the project and the role of Sakhis, following which several participants expressed interest in contributing towards community development.



13 Apr 2026 | Nagaon & Sonitpur: Pre-Rongali Bihu celebrations at Grameen Sahara's Mein Pragati program district offices with the team on ground ahead of Rongali Bihu.



17 Apr 2026 | Kamrup: Field visits were conducted in Jiyakur, Nagarbera, and Niz Bekeli villages to identify a suitable SBM Centre under the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) as part of a cross-cut implementation with Project Udyamini.



18 Apr 2026 | Kamrup: Buyers from visited Jiyakur village to assess the quality of products developed by RWEs and inspect the looms. The buyers appreciated the workmanship and expressed interest in placing orders for yardage and mekhela sador products, with yarn support to be provided for upcoming production. The interaction focused on product quality, weaving techniques, finishing, and production capacity for market linkage opportunities. Discussions were also held on upcoming production plans, yarn support, and strengthening livelihood opportunities for the weavers through continued market engagement.



21 Apr 2026 | Nagaon: A community meeting was conducted at Kalidunga village under Lakhanabandha GP with the participation of 26 members. The session focused on family budgeting, savings, insurance, pension schemes, and financial literacy awareness.



21 Apr 2026 | Goalpara: Monitoring visits were conducted in Madang and Tilapara villages to inspect cotton-eri stole products developed by the weavers. The introduction of natural eri yarn in motifs was found to be successful, with the products showing promising value addition and quality enhancement.



21 Apr 2026 | Namsai: The Namsai team visited Adiningro village to conduct the baseline survey and complete data updates through the KOBO application. The activity supported accurate documentation and progress tracking for the project.



21 Apr 2026 | Nagaon: Under the CRISIL Mein Pragati Project, a field visit was conducted to the Seconee Borhola area under Seconee Borhola GP to shortlist SHG members for the role of Pragati Sakhi. Discussions were also held with a postal official regarding financial inclusion initiatives under the project.



22 Apr 2026 | Goalpara: Meetings were held with the DFDO, LDM, and DDM regarding the formation of the Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) for the project on **integrated fish farming under NABARD FSPF** in Goalpara district.



22 Apr 2026 | Udalguri: Field visits were conducted to Tankibasti and Sadhubasti to collect soil samples from the tea gardens of selected Small Tea Growers (STGs). The samples were collected for soil testing to assess nutrient status and support better soil management and sustainable tea cultivation practices. The soil testing initiative aims to assess nutrient status and soil health, enabling growers to adopt improved soil management practices.



23 Apr 2026 | Dima Hasao: A mobilization and Focus Group Discussion was conducted at N. Leikul Village.



22 Apr 2026 | Namsai: The Namsai team successfully completed the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercise at Pathargaon village to support community planning and project implementation activities.



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27 Apr 2026 | Kamrup: Spice Training Program was conducted at Jaypur village to build knowledge on spice cultivation, processing, and marketing. The session provided practical exposure to support spice-based livelihood activities under **AHFL ASKP** project.



27 Apr 2026 | Guwahati: A meeting was held with officials of to discuss market linkages, skill development opportunities, Eri yarn depot establishment, and cluster collaboration for supporting RWEs, under Udyamini and NEHDC.



28 Apr 2026 | Kamrup: A field visit was conducted to the Chayani Barduar cluster where Assam lemon seedlings were distributed to support sustainable livelihood development. A water motor was also provided to the Laduguri Krishna Temple for community use and local support.