

MONTHLY DIGEST

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December 2025 | Assam: As harvest season arrives in the Assam–Meghalaya border villages, women farmers are reaping spices grown with care and tradition. The fields reflect resilience, shared effort, and a deep-rooted connection to the land, supported through the IndiGo Reach CSR and Azim Premji Foundation initiatives. Grameen Sahara continues to support and walk alongside these communities, empowering them toward sustainable livelihoods and stronger futures.



In Support of Sustainable Livelihoods - The Grameen Way



1 Dec 2025 | Goalpara: A field visit was conducted to Jalapara village, Goalpara, to interact with local weavers. The visit focused on observing their ongoing work processes, understanding traditional weaving techniques, and discussing the day-to-day challenges they face in production.



2 Dec 2025 | Goalpara: Under **Project Udyamini**, field visits were undertaken to Kamarbori to review the ongoing PDP activities and to Silluk, where the PDP has been completed, for collection of traditional designs and techniques for documentation and design development.



8 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: During the black pepper harvest season, field visits were conducted to women farmers' fields in Ververi, Milaghat, and Masatha for monitoring and support under the **IndiGo Reach CSR** initiative. Other spices, including chilli, were also reviewed to ensure best practices and quality production.



1 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: A Financial Inclusion Training was held in Cholli village, Chayanirani Block, under the **AKSP project**, focusing on banking, digital finance, savings, credit, and government schemes to promote secure financial practices for better livelihoods.



2 Dec 2025 | Kokrajhar: A field visit was conducted to Simbargaon, Kokrajhar, under **Project Sustain** for the distribution of IPM materials and to observe the ongoing sapling plantation activities.



5 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: A field visit was conducted to Balijuri for MGNREGA household survey and practice. The team interacted with households and carried out hands-on data collection during the visit.



6 Dec 2025 | Morigaon: A Digital Literacy Training was held today at Mikibheta G.P., Mikibheta Block, Morigaon District, organized by the Digital Empowerment Foundation with Grameen Sahara, under **Project Mein Pragati** to enhance digital skills among participants.



2 Dec 2025 | Goalpara: Today, yarn, tools, and essential accessories were distributed for the PDP program at Madang village under Rangjuli Block, Goalpara District. The distribution aims to support weavers by strengthening their production capacity and enabling smoother implementation of PDP activities at the village level.



4 Dec 2025 | Boko, Kamrup: Field monitoring at **Project GIZ's** Boko cluster to review the adoption and progress of natural farming practices, along with interactions with farmers to understand field-level outcomes and challenges.



4 Dec 2025 | Boko, Kamrup: Field visits were conducted to Jambari Milanpur (Bongaon Block) and Chaikata villages to mobilise and collectivise weavers. The visits also included training on basic business planning and maintaining simple accounts.



8 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: Spice training on black pepper and turmeric was conducted in Garo Para and Cholli villages, Chayanirani Block. Farmers were guided on sustainable farming, improving yields and quality, and understanding market demand. The session was led by Bhodreshwar Boro, Agri Inspector, Boko Sub-Division.



9 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: A spice training in Garo Para and Cholli, Chayanirani Block provided hands-on guidance on turmeric cultivation, harvesting, and black pepper propagation, helping farmers adopt improved practices for better yield and quality.



10 Dec 2025 | Kokrajhar: A field visit was conducted in Simbargaon to observe tea garden pruning activities and interact with workers. A visit was made to the Black Pepper nursery to review seedling growth, and follow-ups were carried out at vermi-compost units to assess the functioning, quality, and maintenance of the processes.



12 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: ATMA Meghalaya team visited Project GIZ's Boko NF Cluster, highlighting our farmers' practices.



13 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: A Handloom Basic Training was successfully conducted at Moirapur (Rani) village, Chayanirani Block. The session focused on the basics of handloom technology, strengthening participants' foundational skills and understanding of weaving processes.



15 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: The Pratishruti Agro Producer Pvt. Ltd. outlet was inaugurated at Bijoy Nagar, marking a step forward in strengthening market access and services.



16 Dec 2025 | A field visit was conducted to Moirapur Grant, Rani, under the AKSP Project to support the master trainer in planning and coordinating yarn distribution. During the visit, interactions were held with weavers to review current progress, address their queries, and discuss the next steps for effective implementation of the program and smooth continuation of activities..



16 - 20 Dec 2025 | Telangana: A BRC (Bio-Input Resource Centre) training was held at DDS KVK, Zaheerabad, attended by Grameen Sahara team member and CRP. The session covered the role of BRCs, bio-resources for soil health (compost, vermicompost, biochar), entrepreneurship aspects, and understanding soil test results with nutrient budgeting, business planning etc.



20 Dec 2025 | Kokrajhar: A meeting was held with the District Agriculture Officer (DAO), Kokrajhar, Mr. Someswar Varma, where Grameen Sahara introduced its work and shared the objectives of the SusTAIN Project. The discussion highlighted support to STGs for adopting Natural Farming practices and explored possible technical and departmental assistance for future collaboration.



23 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: Mr. Indranil Niyogi, Consultant – India Programme Fund, Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, along with Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Consultant CA, visited Balijuri village to interact with RWEs under the project Udyamini. The visit included an open-house discussion and loom visits, where they observed the revival of the Draw-boy weaving technique and the skills and livelihood gains achieved by the women through the program.



27 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: A board meeting of the FPO Seuj Bhumi was held to discuss future planning, priorities, and growth strategies.



18 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: Diversion-based irrigation work is underway at Goleya village under the **APF project**, aimed at improving water availability.



20 Dec 2025 | Goalpara: An exposure visit was organized for Grameen Sahara field staff and CRPs to Hatigaon, Goalpara, with a visit to Ajar Social Circle to observe and learn from their initiatives and field practices.



20 Dec 2025 | Kokrajhar: Field visits were conducted to Nathapara and Balijuri villages, Chhaygaon, with the objective of mobilising and collectivising local weavers. The visits also included basic training on business planning and maintaining simple accounts to support their weaving activities.



26 Dec 2025 | Kamrup: Field monitoring was carried out at Bogaline village, focusing on nursery development, irrigation systems, and farming practices. The visit aimed to review progress and provide on-ground support to farmers for improving cultivation outcomes.