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2 July 2026 | Dima Hasao: A community meeting was held at N. Leikul under **The Habitats Trust Grant Project** to discuss upcoming activities and planned visits to Community Conservation Area (CCA) sites. The meeting aimed to strengthen community participation and ensure local support for conservation efforts, highlighting the importance of collective action in protecting and managing the community's natural resources.



2 July 2026 | Kamrup: Grameen Sahara's Goroimari and Hajo blocks successfully organised the **Mein Pragati** Conclave, bringing together community members and key stakeholders to strengthen financial literacy, and foster collective action towards sustainable rural development. The conclave provided a platform for learning, collaboration, and community empowerment, encouraging participants towards financially secure and resilient futures.



2 July 2026 | Goalpara: The District Development Manager (DDM), NABARD, Goalpara, visited Grameen Sahara's project office at Dhanbhanga under Rangjuli Block to review the progress of the **NABARD**-supported project, followed by field visits to project villages to interact with beneficiaries and review fish ponds.



4 July 2026 | Nagaon: A preparatory meeting was held at Simonabasti village under the Mein Pragati Project to discuss the Sakhi interview process and prepare participants for the upcoming work. The session focused on building confidence and ensuring participants were well-prepared for the next steps.



5 July 2026 | Kamrup: Our team attended the Ceremonial Distribution of Seeds and Planting Materials at KVK and HRS, graced by the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister. The programme highlighted the importance of timely access to quality seeds and planting materials in enhancing crop productivity and promoting sustainable agriculture. The event also provided an opportunity to engage with farmers and key stakeholders.



6 July 2026 | Kamrup: As part of the **SuATI** Project, Grameen Sahara was covered by Doordarshan for a video coverage at Balijuri under the Chhaygaon Cluster, highlighting natural farming, food security, soil health, indigenous foods, culture, and the nutritional value of forest produce.



7 July 2026 | Kamrup: Webinar on "Integrated Farming Systems: Agriculture, Fisheries & Livelihood Security for Rural Communities" with enthusiastic participation from farmers, experts, and stakeholders both online and offline, organized by Grameen Sahara.



6 July 2026 | Kamrup: Under project **Udyamini**, the team visited Jambari Village to provide yarn to Rural Women Entrepreneurs (RWEs) for production orders, followed by a visit to Rajapanichanda Village to review the Product Development Program (PDP) and interact with participants on ongoing activities.



9 July 2026 | Morigaon: Grameen Sahara organised the **Moi Pragati** Conclave 2026 in Mikirbeta and Buragaon Blocks, Morigaon, bringing together communities and stakeholders to share experiences, strengthen financial literacy, and promote collective action for sustainable rural development.



8 July 2026 | Dima Hasao: A meeting was held in Retzawl village with youth and community representatives to discuss the Community Conserved Area (CCA), with a focus on biodiversity conservation, community participation, and strengthening future conservation efforts.



11 July 2026 | Kamrup: A training and capacity-building programme was organised at Chhaygaon Cluster to strengthen FPC members' skills in bookkeeping and production standards. The session covered maintaining stock registers, cash books, and ledger books, supporting better record-keeping and financial management.



13 July 2026 | Sonitpur: A village-level awareness meeting at Padumpukhuri Gaon under Bangamandir GP was organized to discuss the Moi Pragati programme with the local community and create awareness about various government schemes, LIC, and postal services.



15 - 17 July 2026 | Kamrup: Under the Udyamini Project, 3 days of the Design Diversification Programme was held at Sualkuchi Institute of Fashion Technology, focusing on different types of tassel-making, with 25 participants from Goalpara.



13 July 2026 | Namsai: Visited Mabira Village Government School under the **LIC HFL HRIDAY** Project to discuss classroom renovation needs and a request for a water pump with the Head Teacher and School Management Committee Chairman. The visit also included an interaction with students and a review of the school's infrastructure needs.



16 July 2026 | Dima Hasao: Participated in the **45th Foundation Day celebration of NABARD** under The **THT Project**, bringing together stakeholders to highlight the importance of collaboration in promoting rural livelihoods, community development, and sustainable initiatives.



15 July 2026 | Namsai: An exposure visit was organised to the Bio-Input Resource Centre (BRC) under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) established by Ajagar Social Circle in Goalpara to learn about its infrastructure, operations, and community-led management. The visit offered practical insights into bio-input production, sustainability, and models that can be replicated in project areas.



16 July 2026 | Kokrajhar: The **45th NABARD Foundation Day** was celebrated at the Office of the District Commissioner, Kokrajhar, with participation from various line departments, stakeholders, and NGOs. The Kokrajhar SusTAIN Project Team attended the celebration, recognising NABARD's contributions to rural and community development.



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15 July 2026 | Goalpara: Yarn and accessories were distributed to 32 RWEs in Pijupara, Kamrup, and 23 RWEs in Maslang, Goalpara, supporting ongoing production activities under the Udyamini project.



16 July 2026 | Kamrup: Summer interns visited Ukiam Village for a hands-on field learning session, gaining experience in community engagement, endline survey data collection, and black pepper cutting and sapling preparation. The visit provided practical exposure to community-based development and sustainable agricultural practices.



17 July 2026 | Udalguri: The newly appointed Senior Executives, for the **Natural IPM project in tea estates across Tezpur, Jorhat, and Dibrugarh**, that is to be implemented by Grameen Sahara with **Rainforest Alliance**, visited the ongoing SusTAIN Project sites at Dimakuchi for orientation on natural farming practices in tea cultivation. The Natural IPM Project focuses on promoting natural and sustainable pest management practices in tea cultivation, reducing dependence on chemical inputs, and supporting healthier tea ecosystems in three tea estates.



17 July 2026 | Dima Hasao : A meeting was held with SHG members at N. Leikul to identify potential Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) and engage the community in recognising ecologically important sites. The discussion aimed to strengthen community participation in local conservation efforts.



18 July 2026 | Kamrup : Ms. Debojani Gohain from SBI Foundation visited Grameen Sahara and key project intervention sites, including Grameen Silk (GSPCL), the CFC, and agriculture, spices, and DBI initiatives at Sidilapara and Nagaon. The visit included reviews of ongoing interventions and interactions with the project team and community beneficiaries to understand progress on the ground.



18 July 2026 | Dima Hasao : A field visit to Retzawl Village assessed the water flow of three natural springs identified for rejuvenation, supporting future spring restoration planning. A meeting with SHG members also discussed CCA conservation, community participation, and the long-term management of the area.



21 July 2026 | Guwahati : Rainforest Alliance conducted an orientation programme in Guwahati for the Natural IPM in Tea Cultivation Project, with the Grameen Sahara team participating in detailed project discussions. The session also facilitated an introduction with Tocklai Tea Research Institute staff and included sharing of key project documents.



20 July 2026 | Goalpara : A field visit in Goalpara was conducted to document artisans' products based on current market demand, supporting product visibility and market linkages, under Project Udyamini.



21 July 2026 | Dima Hasao : A baseline survey monitoring visit was conducted at Moti Longmailai Village to discuss the proposed establishment of new Community Conserved Areas (CCAs). Discussions with the Gaon Bura and SHG members focused on securing community support and strengthening local participation in conservation.



22 July 2026 | Kokrajhar : A workshop on Behavioural Changes Towards Natural Farming Practices was organised for Small Tea Growers (STGs) in Kokrajhar, focusing on natural farming, soil health, reducing chemical use, and organic tea cultivation. The session also covered organic certification, government schemes, crop insurance, and practical steps towards sustainable and economically viable tea farming.



25 July 2026 | Kamrup : A closure meeting was organised with CRPs of the APF and IndiGo Projects to review project activities, share field experiences, and reflect on challenges and learnings. Experience certificates were distributed to the CRPs in recognition of their dedication and contributions, followed by an appreciation address.



30 July 2026 | Guwahati : Participated in the State-Level Menstrual Health & Hygiene (MHH) Awareness Workshop organised by CML-Tata Trusts in Guwahati, focusing on awareness, knowledge-sharing, and strengthening approaches towards menstrual health and hygiene.



28 - 29 July 2026 | Guwahati : Attended a Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme under the Mein Pragati Project by CRISIL Foundation, alongside the SeSTA and RGVN project teams, focusing on capacity building, knowledge-sharing, and strengthening field-level implementation.