



NORTH EAST NETWORK
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**STRENGTHENING
CAPACITIES OF INDIGENOUS
ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH
COLLECTIVE ACTION**

Legal Status

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Our Vision

TO BUILD A SOCIETY IN THE NORTHEAST REGION THAT
UPHOLDS **GENDER JUSTICE AND EQUALITY**

Our Mission

- **STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S COLLECTIVES** THROUGH **COLLABORATIVE ACTION** AND **LEADERSHIP** IN POLITICAL, PUBLIC & COMMUNITY PROCESSES
- ADDRESS **DISCRIMINATION** AND **VIOLENCE** AGAINST **WOMEN** IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPHERES AND CREATE SAFE SPACES
- **PROTECT** THE **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY** VIA **INITIATIVES** ENGAGING **YOUTH AND WOMEN**

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Chairperson



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Executive Director
(December 2021
to November 2022)



Dr. Monisha Behal
Executive Director
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Tamara Law Goswami
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North East Network (NEN) has a 27-year legacy of rights-based, grassroots-level advocacy and programmes focused on the upliftment of women and, more recently, the youth in Northeast India. This year, NEN crossed another significant milestone: the retirement of one of its founder members, Dr. Monisha Behal. Ben, or Ben B, as she is affectionately called by all, set a strong and clear vision for NEN. Ben's work ethic and values, ability to spot a good opportunity or entry point for change, passion for a cause and her limitless drive and resilience have stood NEN in good stead over the years. Today, NEN has grown from a handful of passionate and dedicated folk to a 65 member strong organisation with offices in Guwahati and Tezpur (Assam), Shillong (Meghalaya) and Kohima and Chizami (Nagaland).

We live in times of multiple stresses and challenges, exacerbated by climate change, illness and skewed development goals that have only intensified justice-related issues – social, environmental and gender-based, respectively. Ben's incredible vision for a more just future for all, particularly women and youth, has come through once more, with increasing collaboration between NEN and Green Hub and its alumni from the NER. Her persistence in taking a closer look at issues of environment and conservation and their intersection with issues of society and development has meant that NEN has started to broaden and deepen the scope of its thematic areas of work.

Ben's commitment towards NEN's work remaining relevant and impactful in changing times is also reflected in the management's choice of an environmentalist as ED. Ben's, and therefore NEN's, legacy of resilience continues to support and motivate the team as we grow in our work and understanding of a truly just society for both people and the planet.

On behalf of NEN, I wish Ben all the very best for much deserved, happy and healthy retired life. She remains our guiding light as we explore a new chapter in NEN.

CHAIRPERSON



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gita Rani Bhattacharya", with a horizontal line underneath.

Gita Rani Bhattacharya
Chairperson,
North East Network

For the last 27 years, North East Network (NEN) has been on an illustrious journey rooted in modest but impactful initiatives to provide a voice for the voiceless. Over time, NEN has grown to address the concerns of women and young people who represent the nation's future. As a result, the organisation has gained national and international reputation with a remarkable track record. An outstanding array of significant publications and the yearly annual report represent the impacts and reflections of NEN's work.

It is important to remember that NEN pioneered the assembly of a group of women activists representing the region from different backgrounds and ages. Its perspectives, focused planning, hard work, and the perseverance of Dr. Monisha Behal and her team's committed efforts remain the organisation's backbone.

This year, the organisation saw a leadership change with the retirement of founder member, Dr. Monisha Behal, also ED at the time. This transition is a new landmark for NEN. No doubt the shift is challenging and poignant for NEN, including members of the Governing Board, given Monisha's long and meaningful association. Nevertheless, NEN is poised to assume responsibilities in the new circumstances in the days and years ahead.

We look forward to continued support and collaboration from all to fulfil our committed vision and mission.

We remain in gratitude and thankfulness, with respect and in solidarity.

List of Abbreviations

ASHA – Accredited Social Health Activist

CEHAT – Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes

CSA – Child Sexual Abuse

CSB – Community Seed Bank

DLSA – District Legal Services Authority

DV – Domestic Violence

GBDVAW – Gender-Based Violence Against Women

GBV – Gender-based violence

GMK – Gramin Mahila Kendra

IWD – International Women's Day

MINI – Millet Network of India

NEN – North East Network

NER – North East Region

NRM – Natural Resource Management

OSC – One Stop Centre

PWDV – Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act

RC – Resource Centre

SEWA – Self-Employed Women's Association

SHG – Self Help Group

VAW – Violence Against Women



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Our Milestones

Despite COVID and lockdown restrictions, NEN Assam's outreach during this period included 41 villages across 7 districts, namely, Darrang, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Kamrup (rural), Karbi Anglong, Sonitpur and Udalguri.

935

women

informed about their rights
and entitlements

89

men and youth
engaged in advancing
gender equality

206

COVID affected families
in

6

districts
provided dry ration kits

5

**public and private
educational Institutions**
engaged in dialogues on
gender issues and
women's rights.

17

meetings
with Government agencies
on their role in women's issues

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3731
women &
442
girls

benefitted from awareness
programmes and
counselling

150
families

received Covid relief

398
applications

availed and approved in
accessing identity and labour
schemes, health compensation,
old age government assistance
and scholarships

4765
citizens

reached through
campaigns and events

521

women/girls/youth

trained on leadership &
diversification of livelihood

2429
community
members

reached through campaigns &
awareness programmes

189

collaborations
with community based
organisations

357

households

reached through COVID 19 Relief
support

22

collaborations

with Government agencies,
institutions, NGOs & private
enterprises

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Awards & Accolades

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Saneki Weaves received The Prerona Excellency Award 2022 for their dedicated service to women in the community.

On 15th August, Independence Day, NEN Assam received hygiene kits for rural school girls from Sandip Goswami, Chief General Manager, Pipeline Sphere, Oil India Ltd, Guwahati, Assam, in recognition of NEN's contribution towards women and girls in the state. We distributed kits among school girls studying in rural areas of Kamrup district in Assam.



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Wekoweu Tsuhah, State Coordinator, NEN Nagaland, received the Achiever Award, 2021, by Sadin-Pratidin, Guwahati, in recognition of her outstanding dedication and commitment to Social Services.

NEN Nagaland was awarded the Dr R.S. Tolia Memorial Award 2021, by the Integrated Mountain Initiative, for exemplary contribution in mountain development.

Voices From The Field

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**A BRIGHT AND
COURAGEOUS
BEACON OF HOPE
FOR SURVIVORS
OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

Momi Nath raised two sons single-handedly after overcoming a traumatic childhood and abusive first marriage. Even though she fought off the accusations with police assistance, it left her traumatised, depressed and unemployed. But Momi did not give up. She found work in Chennai and left for the far-off city, leaving her children in the village. While travelling, she met a young man on the train, and they decided to get married. After her marriage, she moved to Kenduguri in Golaghat district with her husband and sons. But, once again, her happiness was short-lived. Her second husband also subjected her to mental and physical abuse.

Momi's life changed course when she came in contact with NEN's Gramin Mahila Kendra (GMK) in Golaghat district. She became aware of her legal rights through GMK's community mobilisers, enabling her to end abuse in her marriage. In addition, her training with NEN GMK enhanced her leadership and livelihood skills. Apart from weaving, tailoring and natural farming, Momi works as a support group member of GMK. She provides shelter and assists women suffering from domestic violence with the help of GMK.

"I have won the hardest battle of my life, and the worst is behind me. I want to serve society and work for women's rights along with NEN," says Momi.

**Published with full consent of the survivor.*



WOVEN ART FOR LIVELIHOOD

Rupali Narah from Gargaon village of Dharikati in Sonitpur district lives with her husband, a daily wage labourer and seasonal farmer and three sons, who are studying in school. Her village is in an elephant corridor; therefore, the wild elephants often damage her produce. As a result, the family has suffered significant losses and stopped growing vegetables. The rice grown in their fields is used only for domestic purposes.

Rupali has been working with Saneki Weaves, a livelihood initiative of NEN, for the past four years. She has participated in NEN's training on the basics of natural farming at Pabhoi Greens, Biswanath Chariali, where she learnt vermicomposting, stem cutting, grafting, sapling plantation, and preparing organic pesticides. She wants to be further trained in weaving and farming to expand her livelihood earning opportunities.

Rupali loves to weave *gale*, a traditional wraparound skirt, she learned to weave from her mother. She is emotionally attached to the loom, and today weaving has become a significant source of income for her family and helps them meet household and education expenses. She feels it's essential to teach weaving to the new generation and keep the tradition alive.

Rupali is hard-working, strong and zealous. She cycles to the bank along with other weavers, where she saves her earnings and prefers doing her bank transactions. She believes education is vital in one's life and hopes to support her children's education until they are independent. Her husband and sons hear her out, which she believes is essential to keep a family happy. Rupali has taught her sons to value women's work. She is their role model.

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**DON'T GIVE
UP THE FIGHT!**

One evening, Bajoplin received a distress phone call from a village in Ri-Bhoi District. The woman informed Bajoplin that her mother's brother-in-law raped her 6-year-old niece and fled from the scene. The girl crawled back home from the place of the incident. On seeing her condition, her grandmother rushed her to a nearby Community Health Centre, which reported the case to the police.

Bajoplin met the family and immediately referred the matter to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). She built a support system for the girl with the village headman and youth group and requested them to inform the police if they heard about the perpetrator's whereabouts.

The local police station instantly registered the case. In the following months, the youth group and Bajoplin received several calls about the perpetrator's whereabouts, but he fled from his location each time before the police arrived. Bajoplin, the police and the youth group later learned that the perpetrator was related to the village headman and received his support in escaping from the police.

Bajoplin approached the perpetrator's wife and sought her support. Finally, one night in September 2021, the perpetrator's wife informed Bajoplin that her husband was home. Bajoplin and the village youth group told the police, who eventually arrested him.



Batskhem Lyngkhoi, from Umsaw village of West Khasi Hills (WKH), is an outreach worker (ORW) at NEN Meghalaya and works as an Anganwadi worker. Before working as an ORW, Batskhem proactively collaborated with NEN through a women's collective organisation in Nongstoin. She helped organise capacity-building programmes on Gender-Based Discrimination and Violence Against Women (GBDVAW) and built support with NEN in responding to violence against women in WKH.

Batskhem is passionate about supporting women and children who face violence. She spreads awareness, conducts door-to-door visits and negotiates with stakeholders to ensure that women and children get the necessary support. She travels 10-20 km a day and is available late into the night to provide care and support for women and children.

In 2005, 4 children from WKH saved people's lives during a fire and drowning incident. Batskhem informed NEN about the brave acts of the children. As a result, the children received the National Bravery Award on behalf of WKH and NEN.

During the pandemic lockdown, Batskhem worked extensively in Umsaw, Mawkohlor, Lummysrang, Phudumbah, Rangbah, Phudumbah Sepngi, Domkohmen, Ranapbah, Mawlangsu and New Mawlangsu. She also distributed dry rations to households, sensitised 174 homes on COVID-19 and safety protocols, and educated them on the vaccine.

In February 2022, Observer Research Foundation recognised Batskhem's work through NEN and featured her in their Monograph, *'The First Responders: Women Who Led India through the Pandemic.'*

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A SEED GUARDIAN PLOTING AN ABUNDANT FOOD FUTURE

Vinotoli Sumi, 27, from Dimapur, was inspired by numerous farm videos on YouTube. They motivated her to grow food, but she did not find the opportunity.

She heard about NEN Farm School from a colleague's WhatsApp post and enrolled at the school in 2021. In a message to her family and friends, she said, "I was elated by the idea of a seed bank in Chizami. I realised that if we have everything, we need to save them. I may be able to save ten seeds, but if I share those seeds with ten people, in one year, we can save 100 seeds. The farm school inspired me to grow food independently. I even exchanged seeds with a stranger," she said.

Vinotoli continues to share seeds and plants with anyone who needs them. However, the most significant takeaway from NEN Farm School has been "grow your food."

As a professional teacher and a passionate gardener, Vinotoli has grown flowers, vegetables and companion plants.

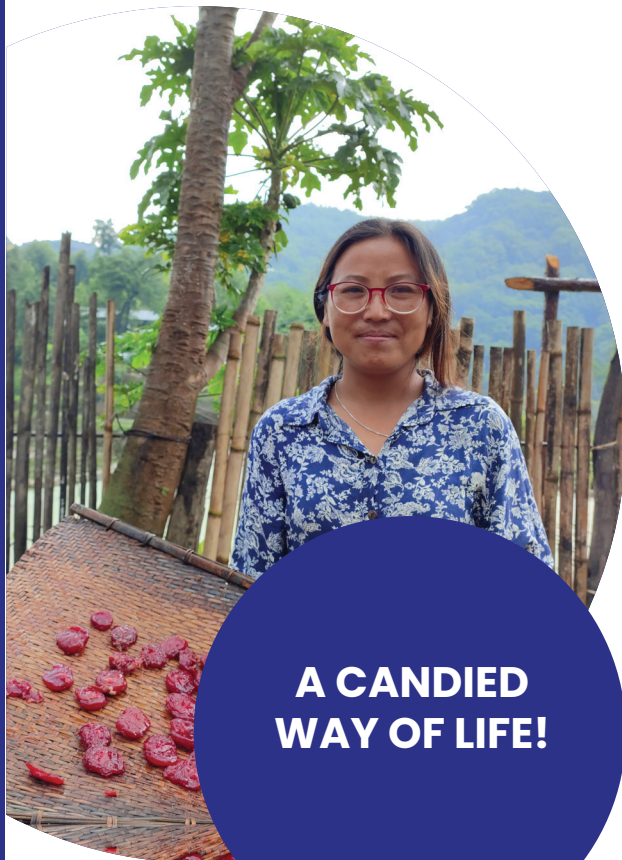


PICKLING THE FUTURE

Khrowate-u Akami, 29, a food enthusiast from Chizami, chose farming over a white collared job. She attended NEN's online training on value addition (food processing and packaging) at the NEN resource centre (RC) Chizami in July 2021.

"I looked forward to the training. The surplus of food has been a blessing in disguise, yet a concern. It is common to share one's food in many Naga communities. However, when each household grows the same crops, who do we share the surplus with?" she asks. "Activities like selling one's harvest is frowned upon and associated with poor people, discouraging farmers from selling their produce in small quantities unless they are cash crops introduced by the government agencies as livelihood alternatives grown and sold in bulk."

In this context, the food processing training opened more opportunities for adding value to local fruits. After her training, Khrowate-u Akami experimented with unconventional vegetables like pumpkin and ash gourd and made them into candies. "I received positive responses from my friends and families," she says. Today, she earns Rs. 2000-5000 per month, making candies and pickles out of banana, gooseberry, plum and other local fruits.



A CANDIED WAY OF LIFE!

Adule Elah, 31, a farmer from Enhulumi, participated in the value addition training at NEN RC, Chizami. Enhulumi is particularly famous for its kiwi fruits. "Many farmers sell the big kiwis to better markets in Kohima and Dimapur, and most of the mid-sized kiwis are locally sold and consumed. But, sadly, the smallest ones are unpopular and rarely sold in the markets. So I buy the smallest, rejected kiwi fruits."

Adule Elah buys the rejected kiwi surplus at nominal prices and processes them during her leisure time. She sells organic and locally made candies in Shillong. "Ginger and kiwi candies are best sellers. In this way, I am helping farmers from wasting their precious harvest. It is a win-win situation for both parties."

NEN IMPACT

**GENDER-BASED
DISCRIMINATION
AND VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**



1BILLION

RISE FOR THE BODIES OF ALL WOMEN, GIRLS & THE EARTH

NEN Resource Centre, Chizami



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The pandemic, lockdown, and post-lockdown periods have disproportionately impacted financial independence, livelihoods, and intensified gender-based violence (GBV). In addition, it increased carework, thus worsening the lives of women and girls in public and domestic spheres. NEN played a critical role in amplifying women's voices and ending long-standing GBV by ensuring safe spaces for women and enhancing their agency by engaging with diverse stakeholders.

Barefoot Counsellors, through Gramin Mahila Kendras (GMK), provided psychosocial care, counseled survivors of domestic and other GBV, and sensitised the community through door-to-door visits, meetings, discussions, and campaigns.

We trained a new team of Barefoot Counsellors in MIND India, Guwahati, to address and redress cases of GBV by reaching out to more aggrieved women and girls in their localities, thus preventing violence against women and protecting their rights to safety and dignity. 20 survivors from Kamrup, Darrang, and Udalguri districts are associated with Saneki Weaves, and 13 survivors from Golaghat are engaged in agroecological farming making them economically self-sufficient.



142 **GBV CASES**

registered and provided psychosocial care and counselling to aggrieved women

54 **CASES**

resolved by the Barefoot Counsellors

24 **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

organised for people in villages to create awareness of GBV and women's rights violations

29 **SUPPORT GROUPS IN**

5 **DISTRICTS**

provided support to women in abusive relationships

1076 **HOUSEHOLDS IN**

5 **DISTRICTS**

received door-to-door awareness sessions on the same issues



We strengthened the ecosystem of support services for survivors of GBV to achieve the goal of a gender-just society. Before launching, '16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence' in November, we collaborated with the Directorate of Social Welfare (DSW), Government of Assam. NEN organised a day-long workshop on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (SHWWPA)' and 'Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005' (PWDVA) for District Social Welfare Officers and Chairpersons of Local Committees in Guwahati. Since this event, we have regularly facilitated sessions in the workshops organised by DSW for their district officials. The 16-day Campaign was earnestly observed in Kamrup, Darrang, Dhemaji, and Golaghat districts.

We organised field trips in April 2021 to understand the support services ecosystem for survivors of GBV and ensured easy access to services. Our field staff and select team members of support groups in Darrang, Udalguri, Dhemaji and Golaghat visited One Stop Centres (OSC), shelter homes, and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in their respective districts.

Engaging Youth: Strengthening the capacity of Young Change Agents

We believe that today's youth are capable change agents and consider them partners in achieving gender equality. Over the last few years, we formed a Youth Collective to sensitise and mobilise the youth on diverse gender, patriarchy, and GBV issues. The members are engaged in different creative expressions, such

as puppetry, street play, poster making, etc., to raise awareness of GBV in their localities. In April 2021, 30 students from Bokakhat Jatiya Bidyalaya participated in NEN's gender sensitisation workshop in their school. 89 youth from different districts engaged in gender equality lessons and practices.



Promoting gender equality by engaging youth

Book Launch Of "বৈষম্যনহয়, সমতাহে"

In August 2021, Suranjana Senapati, ACS, Secondary Education Board of Assam, Government of Assam, Bandita Phukan, noted children's litterateur, and Gita Rani Bhattacharya, NEN Chairperson, launched বৈষম্যনহয়, সমতাহে at Gauhati Press Club. Authored by Rashmirekha Borah (PhD), Associate Project Lead, NEN, Assam, the book is a comprehensive guide for young people exploring gender in their lives.



বৈষম্যনহয়, সমতাহে
launched at
Gauhati Press Club

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Covid-19 protocols delayed the resolution of numerous court cases referred by our outreach workers (ORWs) for Domestic Incident Report (DIR), maintenance or victim compensation. However, this did not stop our ORWs from constantly engaging with the social welfare line departments, which resulted in an increased number of community programmes. The engagements strengthened our rapport with the government and recognised our ORWs as potential stakeholders and collaborators.

In addition, our ORWs were recognized for their extensive work with the Dorbar Shnongs (traditional institutions) in the villages to address domestic violence against women. Today, they are members of the Village Corona Management and Behavioural Change Management Committees. These committees provide platforms to increase awareness of Covid-19-related hygiene, domestic violence (DV) and child sexual abuse cases during the lockdown.



187
CASES REGISTERED

3
SUPPORT GROUPS
IN 2 DISTRICTS

277
COMMUNITY MEETINGS

5169
DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS
IN 2 DISTRICTS

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We are actively involved in sensitising women, youth, and community leaders on issues of gender-based discrimination and violence against women (GBDVAW) through awareness meetings, campaigns and events. Some significant campaigns and events took place during The Global Action on One Billion Rising, a 16-day campaign on VAW, and International Women's Day (IWD).

To widen our outreach for the '16 day-VAW' campaign, we collaborated with government agencies such as SAKHI - One Stop Centre (OSC) in 4 districts. We used several creative methods to spread awareness about sexual and reproductive health rights, personal safety education and VAW and inspire actions to address/ redress GBV. Digital media campaigns, art workshops, virtual speech competitions, role play, music and dance performances, theatre workshops and exposure learning visits evoked open conversations on GBV issues, especially amongst the youth.



820 YOUTH, ADULTS
AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
sensitised on VAW

148 YOUTH & WOMEN
sensitised on health & reproductive rights
and personal safety education.

NEN IMPACT

**GOVERNANCE
& STATE
ACCOUNTABILITY**

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Grassroots women leaders of Assam have gained recognition in their communities, and selected peer leaders and support group members of NEN have become members of various local committees, including the Panchayat. Their presence ensures easy assessment and monitoring of government policies and schemes in their communities.

Women leaders mobilised community women through Mahila Gaon Sabhas. This platform helped them put forward their demands through memorandums at the Panchayat level. As a result of Mahila Gaon Sabhas, 239 out of 380 applications benefitted women in securing the national social assistance programmes, thus reinforcing NEN's work on good governance and accountability. The passing of these applications is essential in realising and advancing women's individual and collective agency.



During this period, our community mobilisers submitted 167 applications for women across 5 districts on various social security schemes. The applications were submitted to different Government departments, out of which 84 applications received responses.

The names of the schemes are:

- Aideo Handique Mahila Samman Asoni
- Ayushman Bharat Yojana Scheme
- Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme
- Integrated Child Protection Scheme
- Orunodoi
- PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Vikas Yojana
- Ration Card Antyodaya Scheme
- SUHRID (Health/Education MLAAD Fund)
- Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin
- Bridha Pension Achoni Scheme
- Untied Fund (persons with disability)



During the pandemic, the government embarked on a countrywide mass vaccination campaign to achieve herd immunity. One of the challenges was promoting preventive behaviour and ensuring individuals get vaccinated. NEN trained support group members in one district, collected signatures from the residents of the villages and submitted applications to set up vaccination camps with the help of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers in respective Public Health Centres. Their efforts resulted in 4 vaccination camps with readily available vaccines for people residing in remote parts of Golaghat. In Darrang district, Usha Rani Devi, a community mobiliser, worked with the Panchayat, village headman, ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers to spread awareness of COVID-19 and set up a vaccination camp for community members above 45 years. Today, she is a member of the village COVID-19 committee formed by the Circle Office.

ADVOCACY

- As a part of a national campaign, 'Desh Ki ASHA' – Ensuring Dignity Protection and Fair Remuneration of ASHAs, NEN participated and mobilised more than 470 ASHA workers from 5 districts and received their support from the rest of the country. As a result, NEN was part of a national group which submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's Office stating irregular income and unfavourable work conditions.
- In a horrific incident of GBV, a minor girl from Karbi Anglong was allegedly burnt alive by her employers in April 2021. NEN submitted a memorandum in May 2021 to the One-man Enquiry Committee constituted by the Government of Assam to hold a public hearing on her death. We also presented a petition to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to consider similar matters of the Karbi community who face exploitation and child trafficking due to poor socio-economic status and literacy.
- NEN strongly believes in tracking and monitoring resource allocation by the state government for Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB). As a part of the Feminist Policy Collective, NEN participated in Envisioning a Feminist Policy Response to the pandemic and gave recommendations to strengthen budgeting and policy-making for GRB through an intersectional feminist approach with the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- NEN submitted a representation to the State Finance Minister, Ajanta Neog, in response to the Government's call for public engagement on the upcoming budget. NEN stated that a multi-dimensional, unified reaction is required to eliminate all forms of violence against women in public and private spaces within the framework of good governance and budgetary dimensions.

Ensuring Dignity, Protection and Fair Remuneration of ASHAs, The Last Mile Health Workers

Join us LIVE, This Gandhi Jayanti, (2nd October) to discuss the issues of India's neglected frontline medical workers.

October 2nd 8:00 pm

LIVE on YouTube and Facebook [/videovolunteers](#) [/VideoVolunteers](#)

On the Panel

Halima Ejaz
ASHA Supervisor, Jharkhand

Laxmi Kaurav
ASHA Supervisor, Madhya Pradesh

Moon Bora
North East Network, Assam

Rohini Pawar
ASHA Worker, Maharashtra

Dr. Abhay Shukla
Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, Pune

Teesta Setalvad
Citizens for Justice and Peace, Mumbai

Stalin K
Video Volunteers, Goa

Laxmi Chetri
The Action North East Trust, Bodoland Territorial Region

Monisha Behal
North East Network, Guwahati

Desh Ki ASHA
A Campaign for ASHA Workers' Rights

Advocacy campaign, Desh Ki Asha

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NEN strengthened the health sector's response to VAW in collaboration with the Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), Mumbai and the Health & Family Welfare Department of the Government of Meghalaya. Through the years, NEN Meghalaya has trained doctors, nurses and counsellors on identifying VAW, understanding Medico-Legal Guidelines and Protocols and conducted feminist counselling for the cases of Sexual Violence. This year, NEN and CEHAT started an intervention with OSCs and Swadhar Greh's (shelter homes), where staff members were trained on various aspects of VAW, covering documentation, counselling, and reporting to provide gender-sensitive services.



Knowledge sharing interaction between Dr. Monisha Behal, ED NEN and the community outreach workers of East Khasi Hills and West Khasi Hills district, Meghalaya

With an alarming rise in the cases of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), NEN met with the Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Women about various strategies to combat and mitigate CSA in the state. As a result, NEN's ORWs and women leaders of the community had an online interface meeting with the Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR),

which enabled them to gain knowledge on the suitable and immediate reporting mechanism of cases to the Commission.

The State of Meghalaya newly appointed Protection Officers under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA), 2005. NEN collaborated with the Directorate of Social Welfare and conducted a one-day state level training for the Protection officers on PWDVA.



NEN policy lead training for the newly inducted Protection Officers under PWDVA of all Meghalaya districts

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NEN collaborated with women collectives such as SEWA – Self Employment Women’s Association, Nagaland and community-based women’s groups through leadership capacity-building programmes, facilitating members’ access to group membership, information and services.

NEN strengthened the organisational capacity of grassroots women leaders by regularly conducting meetings with the village, district and state members. In addition, we conducted skill-building activities on strategic planning, movement building and gender concerns. These efforts enabled women collectives to secure their livelihoods and resource rights. For example, women received work permits to continue street vending in urban areas and received an allotment in three permanent vending markets from the local authorities in Shamator and Dimapur.



Capacity building of women leaders on women rights and movement building

60 WOMEN

trained in collectivisation and leadership

20 YOUNG WOMEN

trained on women rights and movement building

We also engaged government departments and members of local governance in our programmes. For example, our engagement with the Government of Nagaland led to a collaborative agreement with the Department of Women Resource Development. As a result, the department handed over the Women Resource Centre at Runguzu Nasa, Phek district, to us for utilising the space and running women-centric programmes.

The revival of the Women Resource Centre expanded our outreach to 4 new communities in the Chozuba area, Phek district. Since November 2021, we have used the space for community meetings and livelihood skills training for women.



Product and design development training



Young women training on rights & movement building



NEN IMPACT

**NATURAL RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AND
LIVELIHOOD**

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As a rights-based organisation, we have continued to emphasise our efforts in enabling women's leadership and advancing their voice and agency through diverse activities. One of our missions is to make the women in the community self-sufficient by providing them with sustainable and viable livelihood options.



163 WEAVERS & **49** FARMERS
in 6 districts



Weaving in progress
in Darrang

WEAVING AS A SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

The lockdown and other restrictions continued in Assam up to July 2021. Even though the local government took various measures to alleviate the condition of the people, they were striving hard to earn a livelihood.

DV cases spiked among women stuck at home and in our field areas. We linked survivors of violence to livelihood, i.e. weaving in 6 districts and agriculture in 4 districts through GMK. We trained our weavers on production planning, maintaining inventories, financial management, and design development and augmented their skills with continuous monitoring. In addition, we distributed raw materials to ensure a stable income throughout the lockdown period. During this period, we provided work opportunities to 163 weavers in 6 districts and 49 farmers in 3 districts.

Districts in Assam	No. of weavers
Darrang	36
Udalguri	38
Kamrup(R)	30
Kamrup(M)	2
Karbi Anglong	15
Sonitpur	42

NEN's home-based model for weaving and the remuneration process attracted more women within the communities. 40 new weavers joined Saneki Weaves initiatives during this period and realised how weaving could ensure basic household sustenance. For example, Sambita Mili, aged 38, from Dharikati, Sonitpur district, earned an average of INR 8000 per month.

We empowered capacities of our team members on gender, socio-economic issues and entitlements. 4 weavers, 3 community mobilisers and 2 NEN team members participated in training courses which built their capacities in design conservation, production planning and inventory management. One of these

courses, held in Chizami village, Nagaland, served as an exchange learning for the weavers. Apart from weaving, they visited the multisectoral approach adopted by Chizami Resource Centre on livelihood ranging from seed bank conservation to millet cultivation and poultry rearing.



Process of warping yarns by weavers at Udalguri

33 participants joined an online workshop on 'Witch Hunting in Assam and Legal Remedies.' We trained weavers on different gender issues to make them aware of their rights so that communities recognise their agency. It also helped them identify discrimination at home and speak up against abuse.

NEN worked with different indigenous Assamese communities like Bodo, Mising, Karbi, Rabha and non-tribal communities.

Each community has a different style of weaving, creating magnificent designs with a unique story.

We created a catalogue to preserve and share the designs on our social media handles: <https://www.facebook.com/SanekiWeavesbyNENterprise>

We participated in different melas/ exhibitions and retail sales. We customised orders and used various marketing strategies with the weavers to promote and sell their products.

Under NEN and Nenterprise, we participated in the following markets:

- » Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival' TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi
- » Satrangi Red Fort Festival – 10-day cultural festival at Bharat Bhagya Vidhata, New Delhi.
- » World Trade Centre online exhibition, Mumbai
- » Rupahee exhibition, Guwahati
- » 'Weavers and Trends' exhibition by North East Women Entrepreneurs Society, Guwahati
- » 'Clearance Sale Of Artisanal Products Of Asomi, NESHILP & NEHHDC' by NEDFi, Guwahati

Despite COVID and lockdown travel restrictions, our community mobilisers and teams continued to visit and support our weavers.



Saneki Weaves
products



Exchange learning
for the weavers at
Chizami



Woven products
promoted in a
local exhibition

AGRICULTURE

NENs agro initiatives strengthened women's leadership, skills and participation in the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change context. We enabled women to start initiatives that exemplify sovereignty and stewardship over local food systems, natural resources, agroecology, and sustainable livelihoods.

17,500 square feet of barren land in Golaghat district was converted into cultivable land by women. They produced 20-50 kilograms of brinjal and tomato and 585 kilograms of turmeric and sold a portion of the produce in the local market, and their families consumed the remaining. Women cultivated turmeric, ginger, seasonal vegetables and vermicompost in Dhemaji and Udalguri districts, producing sufficient vegetables for trained women, their families and other support groups in the districts. They reinvested their income to replicate farming of turmeric, brinjal, tomato, and other vegetables in the next cycle and conserved seeds for forming seed banks in their respective districts.

Technical sessions included the following:

- » Farming techniques and crop rotation
- » Seed preservation, drying and storage
- » Crop calendar preparation
- » Vermicompost preparation
- » Transplantation

We introduced the concept of school kitchen garden in Dahali Karka High School in Kamrup (rural) district to address malnutrition and deepen children's connection with nature. About 50 high school students, teachers and mother's groups participated in the outdoor activity. Garden-produced vegetables like gourds, okra, brinjals and yardlong beans were used for preparing food in the Mid-Day Meal Scheme by the Government.

NEN with Green Hub planned an 8-day road trip to 6 villages. The new initiative, "A Journey of Learning and Dialogue", allowed communities to retrospect and reimagine a sustainable future for their communities. Through conversations about Earth and nature, they bridged the intergenerational and knowledge gaps.



Session on school nutrition garden at Dahali Karka High School, Kamrup (R)



Practical session on seed plantation and protection



Practical session on forming vermicompost



Training on sapling transformation by Dipen Mahanta

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NEN formed three women collectives last year in Nongshillong (WKHD) and Madanriting area and Bara Bazar in the Cantonment area of East Khasi Hills.

NEN realised that Self Health Groups (SHGs) wasted vast quantities of agricultural produce due to the lack of marketing opportunities. Therefore, NEN conducted the Four Cell Analysis—a participatory technique to identify the varieties of agricultural produce and assess the abundance and distribution of local crop diversity within farming communities. Based on the results, we conducted training on food processing like pickle and squash preparation for women farmers of SHGs in Nongshillong. NEN additionally trained the SHGs in business management, marketing and branding.



Farmers market

60 WOMEN
capacitated in livelihood initiatives

Home-based workers from women collectives in Madanryting area looked into livelihood initiatives such as food processing, tailoring training, menstrual health and hygiene sessions. They held preliminary meetings with Nelson Deb, Founder, The ECO Hub, and learned to produce biodegradable sanitary pads. The collectives also received skills such as cutting, dressmaking, finishing, business management and labelling.

In addition, DV survivors of the Cantonment Area created other livelihood initiatives such as knitting, home-food delivery service and selling Nepali food through a pop-up stall.



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The COVID-19 pandemic created an urgent need for communities to strengthen local farming practices for food, nutrition, livelihood, security, and overall well-being. We achieved a new milestone by expanding our outreach to new areas and deepening our engagements with local communities. We strengthened indigenous food and farming systems (IFS), conserved biodiversity, created sustainable livelihoods and built resilient neighbourhoods. It was a year of recovery for every individual, institution and organisation as we stepped up to respond to the emerging needs and opportunities after the pandemic.



Bio Fest held in Shatuza village



858

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

reached through campaigns and meetings

565

MEMBERS

reached through community awareness campaigns on NRM

48

WOMEN

trained in value addition (food processing)

19

WOMEN

trained in food branding, labelling and packaging

62

WOMEN & YOUTH

trained in basket weaving

47

WOMEN

trained in low-cost poultry

44

WOMEN

trained in Community Seed Bank (CSB) Management

185

WEAVERS

trained in weaving and design development

20

YOUTH

trained in low-cost bamboo leach-pit toilet construction

16

YOUTH

trained in organic farming

35

YOUTH

participated in NEN Farm School

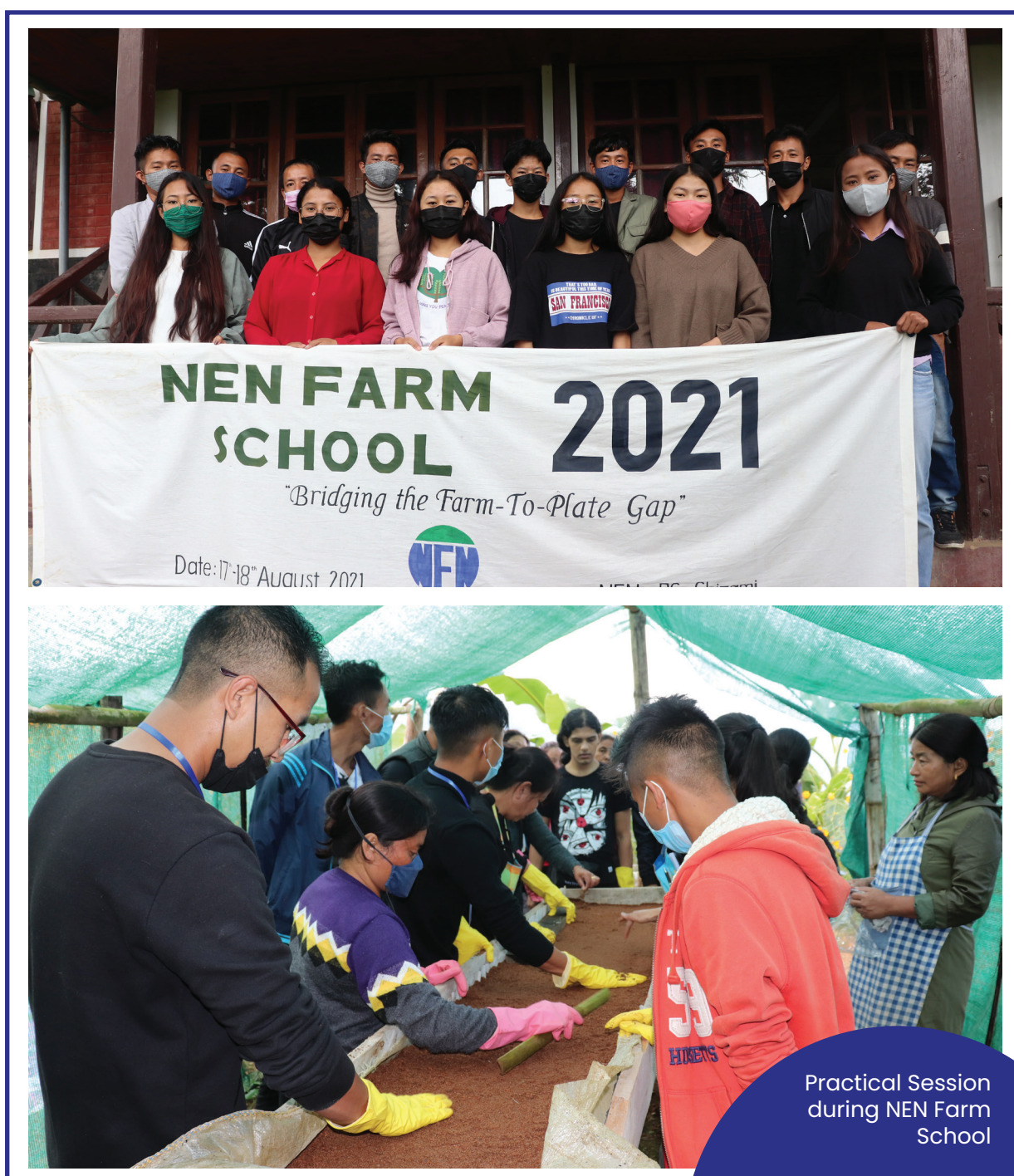
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YOUTH

participated in biodiversity walk

Our work with women farmer collectives, students, youth and community leaders on IFS awareness campaigns took centre stage. We promoted agrobiodiversity, supported the cultivation and consumption of climate-resilient crops such as millets, set up and supported CSBs and conducted biodiversity walks with young people at the NEN Farm School. The annual biodiversity festival recognised

and appreciated the rich biodiversity in local communities and inspired actions to protect and promote IFS. It urged communities to share knowledge and exchange seeds to build further solidarity. The CSB establishment revived seed-saving practices and recognised the vital role of women in biodiversity conservation, food security and nutrition.



Pathso Nokeng CSB and Rusoma CSB showcased their seed diversity at the Noklak District Handicrafts Festival and Orange Festival at Kohima, gathering the attention of government authorities and community members.

The millet-based biodiverse farming communities in Phor, New Phor, Wuzu, Shatuzha, Yisisotha, and Meluri practised collective and individual millet farming. NEN facilitated the procurement of a millet-dehusking machine for the Meluri farmers, boosting their commitment and increasing production.

We used participatory video (PV), a powerful and influential educational medium for creating awareness and advocating the importance of IFS and biodiversity conservation. We produced 10 PVs on gender, agroecology, biodiversity, indigenous food and recipes and held

film screenings and discussions, which became a source of empowerment for the community.

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Our ongoing collaborations with government departments, organisations and networks, such as MAAKAM, MINI, and Vikalp Sangam, allowed for knowledge and information sharing and participation in joint campaigns, events, etc.



Organic farming training at Pabhoi



Launch of Li Cheh Kro Weavers Producers Company Ltd in Chizami, Phek district, Nagaland

LIVELIHOODS

We worked with marginalised communities in rural and urban areas through various livelihood initiatives by harnessing locally available natural resources and local skills. We conducted skills training in food processing value addition, branding, labelling and packaging for youth and women. As a result, several participants trained by NEN have developed business skills and run home-based enterprises for their products, leading to enhanced incomes.

We formed Li Cheh Kro Weavers Producers Company Ltd in Chizami, Phek district, a weavers' producer organisation registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, with the vision of building a sustainable weaving ecosystem in Nagaland.

Since its launch in August 2021, we have mobilised and orientated weavers on collectivisation and leadership. In addition, product design workshops with members of Weavers PO and weavers from 4 new villages under the Women Resource Centre, Ruguzu Nasa in Phek district enhanced weaving skills. Furthermore, the Board of Directors, CEO and members underwent training on business operations, management, legal compliances, financial management, and the construction of the Common Facility Centre and networking with relevant departments/agencies. Our work with weavers in Meluri and Khumasu villages, Phek district, on natural dyes and traditional cotton cultivation resulted in the production of over one quintal of raw cotton and documentation of natural dyeing process.

SEWA Dukaan - a home-based workers' marketing outlet at Kohima, is an example of another successful milestone by SEWA Nagaland, supported by the SEWA Federation and NEN. SEWA Dukaan supported 31 home-based women workers of Kohima, Dimapur and Shamator and sold a diverse range of products such as food, craft, jewellery, etc.

In addition to SEWA Dukaan, we supported women farmers and home-based workers through marketing platforms at farmer markets, exhibitions and melas, linking them to individual buyers/ consumers. Another event called Sales Day took place across four districts of Nagaland - Shamator, Phek, Dimapur & Kohima with SEWA Nagaland, during Home Based Workers Day and International Street Vendors Day.

Low-cost backyard poultry farming in the rural areas of Phek and Kohima benefited 47 women as a livelihood initiative. We facilitated access to quality chicks and first aid medicines and conducted poultry care and management training.

Our weavers not only weave for livelihood but also work as farmers, growing food for themselves, their communities and markets. Therefore, we conducted awareness drives on COVID-19 and vaccinations and distributed face masks, ration and livelihood kits such as poultry chicks, feed, seeds, vermicompost manure, and greenhouse materials to 357 women weavers and their families in 15 locations in Phek and Shamator districts. Weavers were oriented on backyard poultry management and the importance of local food for nutritional and livelihood security.



The background image shows an outdoor event. A large, colorful, patterned umbrella is at the top. Below it, a banner with a landscape painting and text in Assamese is visible. In the foreground, several people are seated at a table covered with a white cloth. A woman on the right is standing and speaking into a microphone. The text 'NEN OUTREACH' is overlaid in a dark blue circle on the left, and 'CAMPAIGNS 2021-22' is overlaid in a light orange circle on the right.

NEN OUTREACH

CAMPAIGNS 2021-22

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The annual campaigns across various districts empower women and youth to raise awareness about GBV, amplify their voices through creative expressions and mobilise more people to end this issue.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The campaign began on 25th November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and culminated on 10th December, International Human Rights Day. It clearly states that violence against women is a violation of human rights.

During the campaign, members of NEN and community youth in Assam

performed street plays on early marriage, DV and GBV. Weavers, farmers, support group members, peer leaders and different members of the community performed and participated in these campaigns. The campaign focused on women's safety at home and work places with the slogan – "A Happy Home ensures a Happy Workplace for Women".



- On 5th December, the theatre group of GMK performed a street play focussing on early marriage and GBV at Dolaguri Tea Estate, Doigrung, Golaghat district, followed by discussions on early marriage and other forms of GBV. The District Social Welfare Office also invited the theatre group to perform at Golaghat district library on 6th December.
- On the 6th and 9th of December, GMK Kamrup (rural) and GMK (Darrang) districts organised an awareness meeting on 'Domestic Violence on Women and its Impact at the Workplace.' Before the event, we held an essay writing competition among women in the community. The winners received prizes on the day of the event.
- We collaborated with the Women's Cell and Extension Activities Committee, Moridhol College in Dhemaji district. We organised an awareness programme on GBD & Crimes against women and girls for students and teachers. After the discussion, college authorities decided to form an Internal Committee based on the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act of 2013.

EYE CAMPS:

In collaboration with Sarvodaya Health Care, Panbazar, Guwahati, NEN organised free eye camps for 19 weavers.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD) CELEBRATION IN THE DISTRICTS

IWD celebrations took place in 6 districts, with around 400 women. They shared inspiring stories of overcoming the challenges in a patriarchal society and their transformative association with NEN,

played sports and musical instruments such as dhol, kham, madal etc., and performed folk dances that are usually not allowed for women in society.





IWD, breaking the bias at Dhemaji

**NORTH EAST NETWORK
CELEBRATES**



**International
Women's Day**

#BreakTheBias

THEME

"GENDER EQUALITY TODAY
FOR A SUSTAINABLE
TOMORROW."



March 2: Kamrup

**Essay writing
and painting
competition
for students**

March 5: Udalgori

**Dhol performance
by women, sharing
'Her Story' and
sports event
(Tug-of-war)**

March 6: Sonitpur



**Sharing
'Her Story' and
sports event
(Football)**

March 7: Dhemaji

**Creative
expressions to
break the bias,
Kham
performance,
and sports
event
(Tug-of-war)**

March 7: Golaghat

**Performance of
Play, poem
recitation and
creative
expressions
that break the
bias**

March 8: Darrang



**Dhol, Khol & Dagar
performance by
women, sharing
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sports event
(Tug-of-war)**

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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The campaign took place in East and West Khasi Hills districts.



In November 2021, NEN organised an interface with grassroots leaders of SEWA project on GBDVAW and Women's Rights and Entitlements.



In November 2021, NEN organised an awareness programme on the Social Issues of Violence against Women and Crimes (VAW & C) in the village of Kyllang, West Khasi Hills District. The sub-inspector of Nongstoin police station familiarised the community members with VAW & C and the laws and legal implications of the issues.



In December 2021, NEN-SEWA set up a mini library and toy bank at the Aganwadi Centre. It contributed to the centre's foundation for children's holistic early learning and development.

IWD CELEBRATION IN THE DISTRICTS



IWD, Nongmynsong



IWD, Marngor

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN



Farmer's
market during
International Day
of Rural Women

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

During the 16 days campaign, NEN Nagaland collaborated with different organisations and organised public awareness meetings with men and women in the community, sensitisation workshops on VAW for informal sector women workers and conducted workshops with community youth leaders.

In November 2021, NEN brought together 198 participants – men and women, local community leaders, police and church and women collectives from Chizami, Enhulumi, Mesulumi, Thetsumi, Sumi and Chizami for public awareness meetings. They deliberated gender discrimination and its manifestations in different forms through speeches, role play, music etc.

In collaboration with SAKHI – OSC for Women, NEN and SEWA Shakti Kendras organised 4 awareness programmes for 153 informal sector women workers across Pfutsero, Kohima, Shamator and Dimapur districts. The programmes focused on creating awareness of violence against women and girls and the rights and services available to them.

The campaign culminated with a workshop, “Equality-Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights”, in collaboration with Secheku Baptist Church Council (SBCC) in December, 2021 at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami. 59 community youth leaders participated and discussed topics on leadership for social justice and sustainable economic development.





Role play performance during VAW Campaign, Chizami



Mesulumi women singing during the celebration



VAW campaign at Kohima in collaboration with Sakhi OSC & SEWA

IWD CELEBRATION IN THE DISTRICTS



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN



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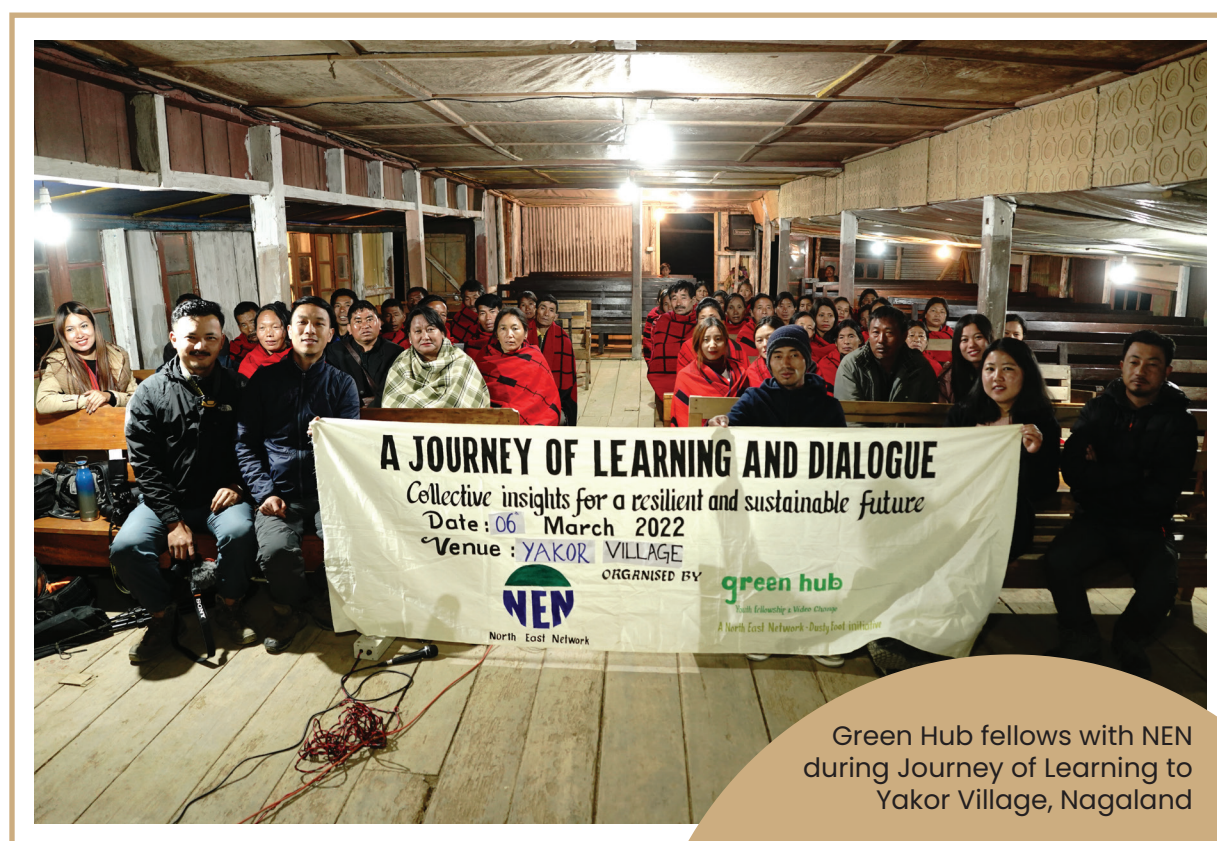
NEN and Dusty Foot Foundation launched The Green Hub Project, an innovative youth and community-based video Fellowship program of The North East Region (NER), in 2015. Since its inception, the project has engaged 108 youth fellows in conservation action and social change in their neighbourhoods through digital mediums.

Green Hub Fellowship 2021

The Green Hub fellowship 2021 restarted in May after a gap year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Online classes were conducted with the fellows to impart knowledge on the basics of conservation filmmaking. The digital medium allowed them to connect with renowned conservationists and documentary filmmakers. In addition, it created an avenue for the fellows to meet alumni and teams from NEN, Dusty Foot Foundation, and Dusty Foot Production, who have been powering Green Hub for the past six years. In November, the fellows came to Tezpur for their offline classes.

The fellowship internship commenced in January 2021. This year, the Green Hub partnered with seven organisations: Aaranyak, Atree, Better Life Foundation, Farm2Food, Filmkaar Productions, Nature's Orbit, and Pakke Tiger Reserve. Twenty fellows are interning in 11 locations, and 4 are outside North East India completing their internship films. The Green Hub Fellowship 2021 projects are:

- » The Story of the Boatman, a film project by Vandana Mahajan & Debashish Nandi
- » Two projects under the Keystone Fellowship
- » Two fellows with Sheela Lepcha
- » Two fellows in Tripura independently documenting stories on women & the environment
- » Two fellows with Wanmei Konyak for a Green Hub Project titled 'Youth for Forest'



Green Hub fellows with NEN during Journey of Learning to Yakor Village, Nagaland

Green Hub also collaborates with other organisations on projects. Some of the ongoing works are:

- » **Backpack Studio** – Green Hub and Anahad Foundation provide production technologies for underprivileged folk music communities to encourage their music in the mainstream.
- » **Online Archive** – Green Hub and Pad.ma (Public Access Digital Media Archive) archive RAW footage that is densely text-annotated video material into metadata from fellowship films.
- » **A Journey of Learning and Dialogue** – An 8-member team from NEN and Green Hub, along with volunteers, began a journey on 28th February 2022, covering six villages in 3 districts of Nagaland. They and Green Hub created a space to initiate discourse and dialogues with the elderly, youth, men and women of the communities to share experiences of the connection between human beings and nature by using creative visual mediums to share their visions for the future. The journey concluded at the annual Biodiversity Festival, NEN Chizami, Nagaland, on 9th March 2022. The key highlights included community film screenings, discussions and dialogues with participating communities and teams and cultural performances. Some of the films by the Green Hub teams:
 - “Strength in Diversity” and “Just like our Grandmothers” by Chentei Lam Khiamniungan;
 - “Rearing Giants” and “Insects (Stink Bugs)” by Thejavikho Chase
 - “The Last Wilderness” and “Friends of the Farmer” by Pelevizo Meyase, along with NEN films “Seeds: Foundation of Life”. “Water Matters: the plight of women and children”, “Health in Indigenous Food”, and “Food from the Wild.”



Training session
with Debashish
Nandi (alumni)



Training session
with Gaurav
Talukdar



Training session
with Gaurav
Talukdar (alumni)

The journey highlights the community's interest and willingness to learn, understand and express their views on cultural changes and climate and environmental issues. The communities also described the challenges of living in villages with rich biodiversity and a pressing need for cash and holding on to unique cultures in the context of modernisation.

- » The Youth for Forest project of Green Hub and the fellowship alumni collaborated with the Youth Volunteer Group (Karbi Anglong), Shiksha Niketan School and Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), India, towards restoring a land of 30-40 bighas owned by Mr Holiram Terang in the Sedang Terang Village, 10 km from Diphu town. The team mapped the area using BackCountry Navigator and a rapid biodiversity assessment using the application e-bird.
- » During the COVID-19 pandemic, the frontline staff of Pakke Tiger Reserve faced adverse financial situations. After detailed studies and discussions with the forest department and frontline workers, Green Hub initiated a revolving fund with the PHF. 'The Pakke Revolving Fund' India benefits staff from all three ranges: Tippi, Seijosa, and Rilloh, with their welfare and needs, especially in times of emergency.
- » The Green Hub's ongoing collaboration with the Youth Wellness Hub continued at The Yuva Mann Meet Wellness Festival 2021 as "Voices of Youth: Insight into Community Well-being", an online session on Zoom in February 2021, where the youth shared stories of community well-being and healing.
 - Mirza Lutfar Rahman (Batch 2021-22) spoke about the issues of Char community and the steps underway to safeguard their wellbeing.
 - Shaleena Phinya (Batch 2018-19) discussed youth suicide in Singchung Bugun Village that led to unemployment and college drop-outs
 - Wanmai Konyak (Batch 2015-16) talked about the importance of forests for community well-being, moderated by Arpana Choudhury.

Accolades:

- Wildlife conservationist and incredibly talented photographer and videographer, Zakhuma Don captured a tiger on the camera trap in Dampa Tiger Reserve after seven years.
- Northeast Today featured a story on Lalvohbika - a frontline staff of Dampa Tiger Reserve and Green Hub Fellow (Batch 2018-19).
- 'Log Drum of Pessao' - a film by Green Hub fellows Wanmei Konyak Millo Tako (2015-2016), Chonglise Sangtam and Lamthanglian Vaiphei (2018-2019) short-listed for the final round at BANFF Mountain Film and Book Festival, 2021.
- Sanctuary Asia Post - Wildlife guard and wildlife documentary filmmaker Lalvohbika recorded the elusive Blue Pitta on patrol in Mizoram's Dampa Tiger Reserve.
- Wanmei Konyak and Anoko Mega, fellows of the first batch nominated as finalists for 'Conservation Hero' category, Habitat Trusts Grants.
- Lalvohbika, Green Hub fellow (Batch 2018-19), and Dampa Tiger Reserve frontline staff receives the Young Naturalist Award at Balipara Foundation.
- "The Bugun and the Liocichlia-The Story of Singchung and Village Community Reserve" by Shaleena Phinya, nominated for the INDIAN - Wildlife Conservation category at the 11th CMS Vatavaran Film Festival.



Training session
with Shilpi Sharma





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Action Aid - Assam, Aman Network - India, AIET-Kokrajhar, All India Union of Forest Working People - India, Assam Mahila Samata Society - Tezpur, Assam State CSO Coalition, Breakthrough - India, Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT) - Mumbai, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) - Guwahati, Cotton College State University - Guwahati, Emami Limited - Assam, Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS) - India, Lamlynti Chittara Neralu Network - India, Human Rights Law Network - Guwahati, Mahila Kisaan Adhikar Manch (MAKAAM) Network - India, MIND India - Guwahati, Nagaland Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Pabhoi Greens - Assam, SafetiPin - India, Satra - Assam, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) - India, STEP - Guwahati, SeSTA - Guwahati, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) - Guwahati, and Women's Leadership and Training Centre (WLTC) - Guwahati, Purba Bharti Educational Trust - Jorhat, Procter and Gamble - Mumbai, Women in Governance - Assam, Xobdo - Assam.

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Government:

Civil Hospital - Ri-Bhoi District, District Police - West Khasi Hill, District Child Protection Unit - West Khasi Hills, Labour Department - East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya Police - East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya State Legislative Service Association (MSLSA), Meghalaya State Commission for Women, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project, Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, and State Resource Centre for Women.

Non-Government:

North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society (NESFAS), Akhil Nepali Mahila Samiti, Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), Dorbar Shnong-Laitkseh village, Faith Foundation, Grassroot, Jaintia Hills Development Society, Lamjingshai, Manbha Foundation, Nangkyrsoi SHG-Khweng village, North East Slow Food Agro Bio Diversity Society (NESFAS), Pabhoi Greens, Assam, Support Group for Women, Village Defense Party - Circle Nongstoin Area (VDP-CNA)

Government:

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Sakhi One Stop Centre, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Chetheba Administration, Women Resource Development Department (WRD), Agriculture Department, Phek, Mahila Shakti Kendra, IDAN, Administration Kiphire

Non Government:

Pristine Foods, Warehouse 103, SEWA, Li Cheh Kro Weaver Producers Company Ltd., Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School - Chizami, Eastern Mission High School - Chizami, G. M. Government High School - Chizami, Government Middle School - Chizami, Faith Foundation, Serendip Guardians, Secheku Baptist Church Council- Youth Department, CBOs (Village Council/Village Development Boards/ Students Union/ Women Societies/ Youth Organizations/ Church/ Village Health Committee) - Chizami, Sumi, Enhulum, Thetsumi, Mesulum, Tsupfume, Rusoma, Phekerkriema, Thurutsuswu, Razeba, Pfutsero, Rusoma, Phuhgi, Sakraba, Gidemi, Middle Khomi, Upper Khomi, Lower Khomi, Meluri, Shamator, Zapami, Chozuba, Zhavame, Jotsoma, Chingmei, Pathso Nokeng, Yakor, Nokhu Noking, St. Joseph College - Jakhama, ML Grows, Mahila Umang - Uttarakhand, Athiti Homestays, SEWA - Uttarakhand

NEN AS EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF INTERNAL, LOCAL AND OTHER COMMITTEES AS PER SHWWP (PPR) ACT

Anurita Hazarika was the Chairperson of Local Committee, Kamrup (M) district. Anurita Hazarika, Nilanju Dutta and Rashmi Rekha Borah were external members of the following committees of Government and Non-Governmental Departments:

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Assam Administrative Staff College, Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans Co-operative Federation Ltd., Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL), Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board; Department of Telecommunications, Director of Accounts (Postal) Assam Circle, Directorate of Museums, Directorate of Social Welfare, Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare, Emami Limited, Environment and Forest Department, Handique Girls College, Life Insurance Corporation of India, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), Office of the Controller of Communication Accounts, Office of the Director, Bureau of Investigation, Pub Kamrup College, Social Welfare Department and Zaloni Data Management Company.

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Joy Grace Syiem and Arnica Kharnaier were members of the following committees: State level Monitoring Committee for Swadhar Greh, Directorate of Social Welfare, Community Advisory Board - Meghalaya Aids Control Society, and an Internal Committee (SHWWP Act, 2013) to the Meghalaya Co-Operative Apex Bank.

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Wekoweu Tsuhah was a member of the Internal Committee of the following: Government of Nagaland, SoCRAN (Society for Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in Nagaland)

NEN TEAM

Governing Board Members

1. Gita Rani Bhattacharya, Chairperson
(21st November 2020 till date)
2. Monisha Behal, Founding Member
3. Tamara Law Goswami, Executive
Director (from December 2021 to
November 2022)
4. Nandita Hazarika, Treasurer
5. Bano Haralu, Member
6. Ella Mary, Member
7. Amiya Kumar Sharma, Member

General Body Members

1. Gita Rani Bhattacharya, Chairperson
(from 23rd January 2021 till date)
2. Joshomayee Devi, Chairperson (from
inception till 8th September 2020)
3. Monisha Behal, Founding Member
4. Tamara Law Goswami, Executive
Director (from December 2021 to
November 2022)
5. Bano Haralu, Member
6. Ella Mary, Member
7. Amiya Kumar Sharma, Member
8. Nandita Hazarika, Treasurer
9. Iamonlang Mawthoh Syiem, Member
10. Meghali Senapati, Member
11. Rakhee Kalita Moral, Member
12. Meena Kharkongor, Member
13. Maini Mahanta, Member
14. Baharun Saikia, Member

Community Mobilisers

1. Junumoni Das
2. Usha Rani Devi
3. Aparna Chutia
4. Moon Bora
5. Dipali Borah
6. Upani Pagag

Associate Community Mobilisers

1. Niva Das
2. Lalita Mazumdar
3. Kabita Saharia
4. Mousumi Changmai
5. Moyuri Dutta
6. Bhanu Sahariah
7. Parijat Bora

Green Hub Team

1. Rita Banerji, Project Director
2. Bonti Saikia, Project Lead
3. Riksundar Dutta, Accountant
4. Neeharika Hazarika, Program Assistant
5. Krishna Upadhyay, Security Incharge
6. Roma Choudhury, Office Helper
7. Rama, Part-time Office Helper

Interns

1. Pankhi Rani Bora (TISS, Guwahati, Assam)
2. Vishal Das (Christ University, Bangalore)

Volunteers

1. Hirmelin Beypi, Karbi Anglong
2. Serlibon Timungpi, Karbi Anglong

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| 1. Anurita Hazarika, State Coordinator | 9. Bikash Karmakar, Accountant |
| 2. Nilanju Dutta, Project Lead | 10. Priyanka Saikia, Project Assistant |
| 3. Rashmi Rekha Borah, Project Lead | 11. Bharali Nath, Driver |
| 4. Vijayeta Rajkumari, Project Lead (Outgoing) | 12. Meghna Gogoi, Project Assistant |
| 5. Joshila Horo, Finance Coordinator (Outgoing) | 13. Neha Gupta, Programme Associate (Outgoing) |
| 6. Pranami Sarma, Administrator (Outgoing) | 14. Pooran Singh, Driver |
| 7. Darshita Dutta, Administrative Assistant | 15. Premoti Swargiary, Care Taker |
| 8. Binita Talukdar, Accountant (Outgoing) | 16. Promila Begum, Office Assistant |

Consultants

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| 1. Arupa Patangia Kalita | 9. Mayuri Deka |
| 2. Anurag Sharma | 10. Neha Das |
| 3. Bharti Kumari | 11. Neelima P Aryan |
| 4. Bharti Sharma | 12. Rini Barman |
| 5. Drishana Kalita | 13. Rituparna Patgiri |
| 6. Junaid Ali Ahmed | 14. Rubi Gogoi |
| 7. Jennifer Liang | 15. Shreya Sen |
| 8. Lungthupou Jonathan Gangmei | 16. Vijayeta Rajkumari |

Interns

1. Nutsovolu (North East Institute of Social Sciences & Research Dimapur, Nagaland)
2. Nuzokholu Chuzho (Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati)

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1. Arnicia Kharnaior, Project Lead
2. Laimanda Rynskai, Project Lead
3. Phidarilin Uriah, Programme Associate
4. Lambinus Raliang, Programme Associate
5. Fidei Biakmawii Nongrum, Programme Assistant
6. Ibalari Makri, Programme Assistant
7. Joy Grace Syiem, Policy Lead Consultant
8. Gina Phanbuh, Senior Administrative Officer
9. Donkupar Wahlang, Part time Accountant
10. Lastborn Nongrum, Accounts and Admin Assistant
11. Sushila Swer, Office Assistant
12. Wonderful Star Marwein, Driver
13. Darilang Marboh, Accountant

Outreach Workers

1. Bajaoplin Kharmudai, East Khasi Hills District
2. Balahpynhun Mawlong, East Khasi Hills District
3. Suman Rai, East Khasi Hills District
4. Arelcy Lyngdoh, West Khasi Hills District
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6. Laitlin Lyngdoh, West Khasi Hills District
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8. Morality lawphniaw, West Khasi Hills District

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| 1. Wekowie Tsuhah, State Coordinator | 11. Tshenyilou Chirhah, Project Assistant |
| 2. Dilo, Administrator | 12. Kesotsheu Doulo, Programme Support Assistant, Chizami |
| 3. G. Usha Thapa, Accountant | 13. Alole Thopi, Programme Support Assistant, Kohima |
| 4. Vilazonuo, Associate Project Lead | 14. Wewalou T. Mero, Programme Support Assistant, Chizami |
| 5. Munulu Chuzho, Associate Project Lead | 15. Kekhropeu Mekrisuh, Programme Support Assistant, RC, Chizami |
| 6. Neitshopeu Thopi, Associate Project Lead | 16. Tshetzoteu Lasuh, Project Assistant, Chizami |
| 7. Nukholo Swuro, Associate Project Lead | |
| 8. Akho Phira, Programme Associate | |
| 9. Asalu Nyekha, Programme Associate | |
| 10. Tshekhroweu T. Mero, Programme Assistant. | |

17. Wekhrolo Lohe, Programme Support Staff, Chizami
18. Yantsaliba, Programme Support Staff, Driver
19. Kezupfupe Naro, Support Staff, Security
20. Seno Tsuhah, Honorary Member
21. Kedipfuu Mekrisuh, Field Assistant, Chizami
22. Lhika Thopi, Project Volunteer
23. Wetolou L. Mero, PV Volunteer
24. Angunuo Miari, Field Mobilizer
25. Yewete L. Mero, Driver (Outgoing)
26. Rhondeni Kikon, Project Lead (Outgoing)

Interns

1. Thejakhrietuo Rutsa (William Carey University, Shillong)

Field Coordinator/Mobilizer

27. Keneile Thopi
28. Konyiu Lohe
29. C Tsarila
30. Kronyilou Chirhah
31. Vekhotalu Lea
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Assam elections: The state with the worst gender-based violence gets a women's manifesto

Activists have put forward several demands for political parties to include prevention and mitigation of crimes against women in their election promises.

Assam has reported the highest rate of crimes against women among all states and Union Territories for the last three consecutive years for which official data are available. There has been a marked increase in three categories of crimes against women—domestic violence, kidnapping and molestation—from 2018 to 2019, according to National Crime Records Bureau data.

The trend of increasing crimes against women in Assam is also noted in gender-based violence data collected in the National Family Health Survey-2018-20, released in December 2020. Over 30% of women in Assam reported spousal violence in NFHS-4, up from 24.5% in NFHS-4 (2015-16), and 8% of young women reported sexual violence, up from 5.8% in NFHS-4.

Assam's rate of crimes against women is higher than the Indian average—in 2019, Assam's crime rate (per 100,000 female population) was nearly three times the Indian average. Do the increased numbers suggest an increase in crime, or in reporting of crimes?

Both, say activists from women's groups, who have released a **Women's Manifesto 2021** putting forward several demands to political parties and candidates to include prevention and mitigation of crimes against women, among other gender-based demands, in their election promises in poll-bound Assam.

Assam police, however, attributes the increase in crimes to higher reporting due to increased empowerment of women in the state. Women in rural Assam report fewer crimes, due to fear and financial dependence on spouses, say the police.

More rural than urban women, however, reported spousal violence in India's third-most rural state, per NFHS-5. Several women's rights activists who spoke to said these reasons for under-reporting in rural areas were true for women in urban Assam as well.

They said the NCRB statistics are only the "tip of the iceberg" of crimes against women in Assam, and that some of the rise in violent crimes against women and girls could result from a backlash as women increasingly challenge patriarchal values in the state.

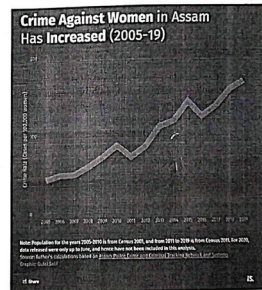
The manifesto issued by the **North East Network**, **Purna Bharati Educational Trust/Women in Governance**, **Women's Leadership Training Centre** and **Tabbaa** notes that witch-hunting, sexual violence on women and girls, domestic violence, intimate partner abuse, acid attacks, trafficking, cybercrimes and marriage of minor girls are on the rise in the state.

Saying that women are unsafe in both private spaces including their houses and workplaces, and public spaces including public transport, roads and markets, the manifesto demands the establishment of women's safety committees in the state layer, district and state level, extension of all Assam districts and effective implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, The Assam Witch Hunting (Prevention, Prohibition and Protection) Act, 2018 and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, and of the revised state Victim Compensation Scheme.

"A state policy with a dedicated task force to tackle crimes against women is the urgent need of the hour," **Aurita Hazarika**, Assam state coordinator for **North East Network**, which works in eight districts in Assam, told **IndiaExpress**.

Increasing domestic cruelty

Reported crimes against women have been increasing from 2005 to 2019 in Assam, data from the state's **Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and Systems** show.



Reported cases of cruelty by husbands and/or his relatives, kidnapping and molestation have increased steadily between 2005 and 2019. The year 2019 saw the most reported cases of all these crimes. The largest increase has been for cases categorised as cruelty by the husband and/or his relatives under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code.

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Adequate funds for women's safety in State budget demanded

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: As the State government prepares to present its first budget on July 16 in the State Assembly, women's rights activists in Assam have demanded adequate fund allocation for women's safety in Assam. The State tops the chart in crimes against women, with such crime rates here three times more, compared to the national average.

The **North East Network**, which has submitted a representation to the State Finance Minister Ajanta Neog responding to the government's initiative towards public engagement on the budget, has stated that a multi-dimensional unified response to eliminate all forms of violence against women is needed for both public and private spaces. The organisation pointed out that this approach has to be developed within the framework of good governance and budgetary dimensions.

"Low public spending is a constraint to achieve the highest safety standards for women and to achieve successful development plans. A higher magnitude of public spending with State policy on women's

safety and protection is the crucial need of the hour," it stated.

For the upcoming State budget 2021-2022, the organisation demanded allocation of appropriate budget for implementation of a State policy for women on safety and protection with a State-level task force comprising members of government, court and legal services, women's organisations, women's commission, women's helpline number and public sector undertakings. It also advocated allocation of an adequate budget for appointment of full time 'Protection Officers' or 'Assistant Protection Officers' under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence (PWDV) Act.

Allocation of adequate budget for the state nodal agency to ensure effective implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act for both formal and informal sectors was also demanded along with equal distribution of fund to establish Swadhar Greh and Ujjwala homes especially in districts, which do not have these services to ensure long term housing and shelter facility for women.

কৰ্মক্ষেত্ৰত মহিলাসকল কিমান সুবক্ষিত, বিশেষ সমিতিৰ বৈঠক

'আমাৰ অসম'ৰ মহানগৰ বাৰ্ধী, ২৬ অক্টোবৰ : কৰ্মক্ষেত্ৰত মহিলাৰ যৌন আতিশয্য (নিৰাপণ, প্ৰতিৰোধ আৰু নিষ্পত্তি) আইন, ২০১৩ ৰ অধীনত গঠিত কামৰূপ (ম) জিলাৰ স্থানীয় সমিতিখনৰ এখন সভা মঙলবাৰে জিলা উপায়ুক্তৰ কাৰ্যালয়ৰ সভাকক্ষত অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা হয়।

মুখ্য-ইষ্ট নৈটৰ্ক বাৰ্ধী অগেনাইজেশ্যন, অসমৰ ৰাজ্যিক সমন্বয়ক তথা সমিতিৰ অধ্যক্ষ অনুৰিতা পাঠক হাজৰিকাৰ সভাপতিত্বত অনুষ্ঠিত সভাত অতিৰিক্ত উপায়ুক্ত বিপুল কুমাৰ দাস, সমাজকৰ্মী অজিতা দেৱীৰ উপৰি ভিন্নৰীয়া, ৰাণী আৰু চন্দ্ৰপুৰৰ খণ্ড উন্নয়ন বিষয়া, বেচৰকাৰী সংস্থাৰ বিষয়বসীয়াসকল উপস্থিত থাকে।

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উল্লেখ্য, যিবোৰ কাৰ্যালয়ত ১০জনতকৈ কম বিষয়া-কৰ্মচাৰী থাকে বা মুৰব্বীৰ বিপক্ষে মহিলাৰ যৌন আতিশয্যৰ অভিযোগ থাকে, তেনে ক্ষেত্ৰত মহিলাসকলক আতিশয্যৰ অভিযোগৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এই স্থানীয় সমিতিয়ে সহায় কৰে।

Why Assam Recorded Highest Crime Rate Against Women For 4th Consecutive Year

Source: crime rate against women in India, 2019. Data is showing crime rate against women in India, 2019.



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Source: NCRB, 2019

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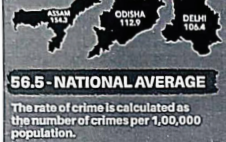
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Historical patriarchy that the rise in violent crimes against women is also a result of women who are increasingly raising their voice against patriarchal values.

"There is a myth that Assam is a rape-prone state compared to other states. Just because more cases are being reported, does not mean women are safer. For example, the case of child marriage has been reported in NCRB data. But this is the same for the rest of the country. Most crimes against women are going unreported because of the patriarchal system," Hazarika told The Quint.

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Historical patriarchy that the rise in violent crimes against women is also a result of women who are increasingly raising their voice against patriarchal values.

"There is a myth that Assam is a rape-prone state compared to other states. Just because more cases are being reported, does not mean women are safer. For example, the case of child marriage has been reported in NCRB data. But this is the same for the rest of the country. Most crimes against women are going unreported because of the patriarchal system," Hazarika told The Quint.

Adverse impact found on consumption of healthy foods

■ 20 NGOs submit a memorandum to State Finance Minister

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 11: The COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown have made an adverse impact on the consumption of protein-rich and nutritional foods among various households in Assam.

Many households have reduced the consumption of all food items including rice, protein-rich foods, vegetables and non-vegetarian items from their meals.

This development was observed during a comprehensive study conducted by Assam State Alliance on Health, Nutrition and Livelihood, a coalition of 20 NGOs. The survey was undertaken to understand the impact of the COVID-19 and the lockdown on livelihood and nutrition security among 1,697 households of the community from 416 villages across 93 blocks in 24 districts of Assam.

The study has found that the effect of the pandemic has been adverse on

the vulnerable groups and workers from the unorganized sector - daily wage earners, migrant workers, small traders, farmers, domestic workers, persons with disabilities and transgender persons, among others. The socially vulnerable groups living in geographically challenging areas of Assam such as flood plains, arid areas, hill slums as well as traditionally deprived and exploited tribes have been adversely affected.

According to the study, more than 80% of households had to reduce consumption of all food items, including rice, protein-rich foods, vegetables and non-vegetarian items from their meals. Though 5 kg rice grain was made available free of cost under the PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi), the quantity of rice was insufficient.

The study also revealed that there has been a gradual decrease in the practice of home-gardening among the families in rural areas through these could be an

excellent source of vegetables and supply of fruits. Under-nutrition has a long-term health impact on all age groups. According to the 56% of the respondents, under-nutrition has largely affected children below 12 years, while 29% of respondents stated it affected everyone.

The respondents of the study stated that due to the inadequate food available during the lockdown, they had to face a range of health issues such as fluctuation in blood pressure, stroke, fatigue, low immunity making them susceptible to other diseases, decay of tooth, malnutrition among children and poor mental/mental health caused fear, anxiety and depression, to name a few.

The study has found that the household income of more than 95% of respondents affected during the lockdown in 2020. It ranged from being affected by 25% to losing all income generation sources. Households engaged in farming had been largely affected due to poor or no surplus of food grains (52%), due to procuring challenges agricultural inputs such as seeds, saplings, insecticides, fertilizers, etc. (61%). Due to lockdown, about 50% of households who are also engaged in animal husbandry found difficulties in selling livestock.

The Assam State Alliance on Health, Nutrition and Livelihood has submitted a memorandum to the Finance Minister Ajanta Nong to include various proposals in the State Budget for the year 2021-22. The proposals or recommendations have been given based on the findings of the study.

The NGOs have recommended that targeted PDS (Public Distribution System) must look into addressing the nutritional needs of the vulnerable households mentioned in the study. To compensate for the nutritional requirements, items such as lentils, pulses, iodized salt, wheat, oils must be included along with the additional quantity of rice be made available under PDS.

The government must encourage the revival of homestead gardens. Adequate budgetary provisions may be made to initiate and address the nutritional requirements of the affected families.

The NGOs have demanded an extension of the period of financial assistance to be provided to the families through different schemes already initiated by the government to compensate the losses incurred by these households which will help them revive economically. Specific pension schemes or one-time grant-in-aid for people engaged in the informal sector should be initiated to support their social security. The government must implement cash compensation or payment to households whose sole breadwinner has died of COVID-19.

ৰাজ্যিক সুৰক্ষা নীতি গ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগে

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ভাৰতত সৰ্বসাধাৰণ সুৰক্ষাৰ বাবে এক নতুন নীতি গ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগিব। বৰ্তমান কেৱল মৰ্ফিছ আদিৰ দৰে পৰিচালনাৰ ক্ষমতাৰ অধীনতহে সুৰক্ষা নীতি গ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগিব।



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১৮শা, ৫ আগষ্ট ২ নৱাৰীয়া মেম্বাৰ ড° অণিমা গুহৰ বিয়োগত শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জনোৱাৰ উপলক্ষে আজি হানগৰ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয় গুৱাহাটী প্ৰেছ ক্লাবত। অসম মহিলা সংঘ, নিখিল ভাৰত গণতান্ত্ৰিক মহিলা সমিতি, বনৌ অসম প্ৰগতিশীল মহিলা সন্থা আৰু নৱ-ইণ্ডিয়ান উদ্যোগত আৰু এই স্মৃতিভাষণ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। সভাৰ আৰম্ভণিতে শ্ৰীমতী গৌৰীয়ে অণিমা গুহৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাপিত মান্যপাণ কৰাৰ পাছত সভাত উপস্থিত আটাই বিমৰ্ষিত চিত্তাৱগমপৰাৰ প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতিৰ সন্মুখত পূৰ্ণাঙ্গাঙ্গী অৰ্পণ কৰি শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জনায়। লেখিকাৰণবাকীক সুৰ্গীৰ সভাত এক মিনিট নময় মৌনতা অৱলম্বন কৰা হয়। লগতে এক শোক প্ৰস্তাৱ গ্ৰহণ কৰা হয়। শোক প্ৰস্তাৱ পাঠ কৰে নিখিল ভাৰত গণতান্ত্ৰিক মহিলা সমিতি, অসম ৰাজ্যিক কৰ্মক্ষেত্ৰ মহিলা সমিতি। সভাত বিমৰ্ষিত বক্তা হিচাপে থাকে ড° পৰমানন্দ মহন্তদাস। অণিমা গুহৰ

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কৰ্মক্ষেত্ৰত মহিলাক আতিশ্য

উপায়ুক্তৰ কাৰ্যালয়ত স্থানীয় সমিতিৰ বৈঠক

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Razuvolie Dozo, Tiakala Ao, and others after laying the foundation stone for the Common Facility Centre on August 27. (Photo Courtesy: NEN)

NAGALAND 27th August 2021

Chizami, August 27 (MExN): A first of its kind in Nagaland, 'Li Cheh Kro Weavers Producer Company Limited,' owned by women weavers of Phek district was launched on August 27 at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami. The women weavers are from Chizami, Thetsumi, Enhulumi, Mesulum, Sumi villages and Chizami Town under Chizami Block.

Himalayan Cleanup: Orgs. participate in waste segregation, auditing



the Himalayan Cleanup on May 28 where volunteers numbering about 100 participated in waste segregation and auditing.

The volunteers cleaned the streets of the village, Süngkotem Park and Mangkolong picnic spot.

A total of 214 kg of waste were collected, out of which 125 kg were plastics including PET bottles, multi layered plastics, straws and other household plastic wastes.

North East Network, NEISSR observe 'Human Rights Day'

By EMN
Updated: Dec 11, 2021 11:49 pm



Participants displaying placards on the occasion of 'Human Rights Day' organised by NEN in Chizami town on December 10.

Dimapur, Dec. 11 (EMN): North East Network (NEN), in collaboration with youth department of Sechebu Baptist Church Council (SBCC), observed 'Human Rights Day' on December 10 at its resource centre in Chizami under Phek district on the theme "Equality - Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights."

Referencing to the recent massacre of 14 innocent civilians in Oting village, the speaker emphasised on the importance of organised, collective and consistent protest and movements to attain social justice by having a concrete vision.

'Embracing biodiversity for well be



APC Nagaland with women participants and others during the 13th Bio-Diversity Festival at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami, Phek on March 9. (DIPR Photo)

NAGALAND 19th March 2022

Phek, March 9 (MExN): The North East Network (NEN) organized the 13th Bio-Diversity Festival at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami, Phek with the theme 'embracing biodiversity for well being' on March 9 with Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC), Nagaland, Y Kikheto Sema IAS as the guest of honour.

MINI for inclusion of millets Nutrition Mission in National



millet farmers in Shamator, Tuensang participating in the postcard campaign

'SEWA dukaan' in Kohima opens



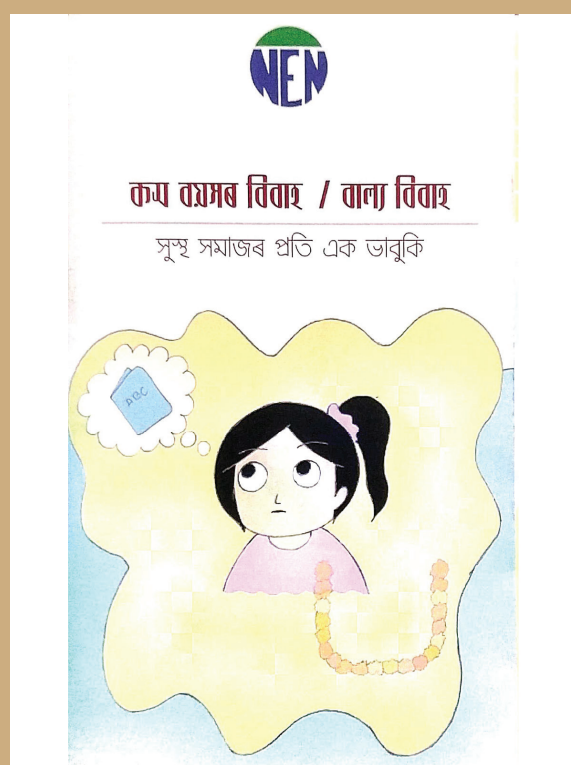
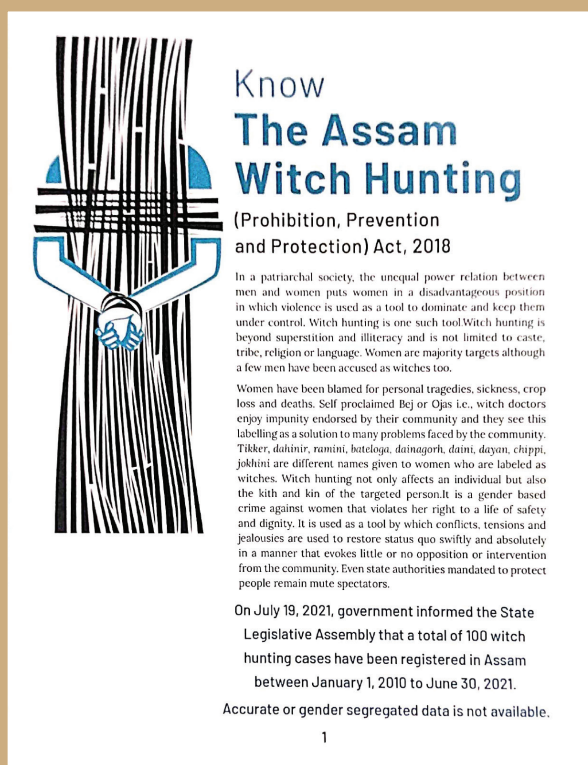
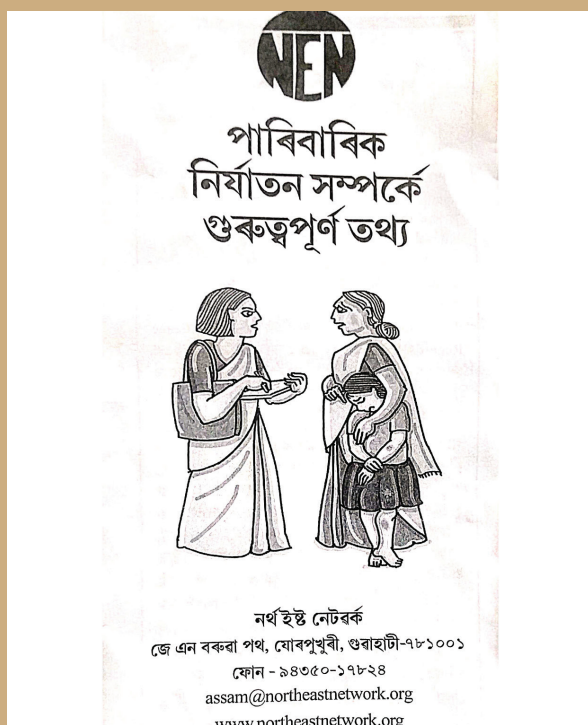
NAGALAND 15th December 2021

Initiative to cater exclusively to home based workers in Nagaland

Kohima, December 15 (MExN): Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Kohima district officially launched its first outlet SEWA Dukaan at APO Hall, 2nd floor room no. 27. The outlet is one of its first initiative to cater exclusively to home based workers in Nagaland, press release stated here.

Gracing the programme, Avile Vitso, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kohima expressed her admiration for the work of SEWA Nagaland has taken up in Nagaland, since its formation. She encouraged to continue striving for bigger and larger goals, where the outlet will expand to other districts across Nagaland in the years to come and shared the need to cater to different customers and focus on catering to the ever changing needs and demand of customers.

NEN RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS







FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

North East Network 7B, J.N. Boorah Lane, Jorphukhuri, <u>GUWAHATI - 781 001.</u>		
Computation of Income		
PAN : AAATN3678D		
12A Registration No. : 550/CIT/GHY-I/TECH/12A/2001-02		
Assessment Year : 2022-23		
<u>INCOME :</u>		
<u>Interest :</u>		
Interest	1,513,782.00	
Interest on Specific Funds	262,281.00	1,776,063.00
<u>Voluntary Contributions :</u>		
Specific Grants for Social Work Projects	23,651,510.00	
General Donations	251,323.00	23,902,833.00
Income from Other Sources		331,022.00
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		26,009,918.00
<u>LESS : ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES :</u>		
Administrative Expenses		1,451,461.00
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		24,558,457.00
<u>LESS : APPLICATION :</u>		
Social Work Programme Expenses	28,470.00	
Programme Expenses	41,833,695.00	
Other Expenses	85,885.00	
Capital Expenditure	1,302,687.00	
	43,250,737.00	
Less : Spent out of income accumulated U/S 11 (2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in A.Y. 2021-22	7,750,000.00	35,500,737.00
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Excess Spent		10,942,280.00
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Taxable Income		0.00
Tax on Taxable Income		0.00
Tax Paid :		
Tax Deducted at Source		147,830.00
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REFUND DUE		147,830.00

NORTH EAST NETWORK					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2022					
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	RUPEES	RUPEES	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	RUPEES	RUPEES
<u>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT :</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS :</u>		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	22,099,137.27		As per Schedule B Annexed		14,535,374.06
Less : Deficit during the year	797,342.90				
Less : Transferred to Projects	240,597.36	21,061,197.01	<u>DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES :</u>		
			Advances	582,303.18	
<u>CAPITAL ASSET FUND :</u>			Income Tax A.Y. 2020-21	170,409.00	
Asset out of Earmarked Funds	2,932,195.82		Income Tax A.Y. 2021-22	136,854.00	
Add : Asset Acquired out of Earmarked Funds	395,896.00	3,328,091.82	Income Tax A.Y. 2022-23	147,830.00	1,037,396.18
<u>SPECIFIC AND EARMARKED FUNDS :</u>			<u>CASH AND BANK BALANCES :</u>		
As per Schedule 'A' Annexed		5,305,294.60	On Fixed Deposits		
			With HDFC Limited	5,000,000.00	
<u>CORPUS FUND ACCOUNT :</u>			With Indian Overseas Bank	8,244,202.00	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		17,878,523.00	With Syndicate Bank	6,209,519.00	
			With Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited	1,000,000.00	
<u>OTHER LIABILITIES :</u>			On Savings Bank Account		
Tax Deducted at Source	6,030.00		With Allahabad Bank		
Professional Tax	7,526.00		Account No. 50490839816	100,396.18	
Staff Welfare Fund	147,576.00		With Canara Bank		
Fellows Insurance Payable	100,320.00		Account No. 73302010032562	3,162,580.51	
Provident Fund	383,335.25	644,787.25	Account No. 73302010082677	425,946.93	
			Account No. 73302010120536	1,595,455.05	
			With Indian Overseas Bank		
			Account No. 054101000008155	474,799.23	
			Account No. 028501000012635	2,189,718.46	
			Account No. 054101000015182	3,197.11	
carried forward ...		48,217,893.68	carried forward ...	28,405,814.47	15,572,770.24







brought forward ...	48,217,893.68	brought forward ...	28,405,814.47	15,572,770.24
		With State Bank of India		
		Account No. 40170426922	12,087.40	
		Account No. 11539507631	666,788.32	
		Account No. 35143013698	425,383.05	
		Account No. 10029424297	690,241.80	
		Account No. 33095862866	1,376,209.72	
		Account No. 10031894509	4,770.93	
		With South Indian Bank		
		Account No. 062605300002130	381,056.49	
		With North East Small Finance Bank		
		Account No. 50190001510129	524,835.48	
		Cash in Hand	157,935.78	32,645,123.44
TOTAL RUPEES ...	48,217,893.68	TOTAL RUPEES ...		48,217,893.68
As per our report of even date				
For North East Network				
Tamara Law Goswami				
Executive Director				
Guwahati :				
Dated : 27th September, 2022				
				
		FOR L. D' SOUZA & CO.,		
		CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS		
		Firm Registration No. 101974W		
				
		DIPSHA MARY D'SOUZA		
		PARTNER		
		Membership No. 153622		
		UDIN : 22153622AVOAX2554		

NORTH EAST NETWORK

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022

EXPENDITURE	RUPEES	RUPEES	INCOME	RUPEES	RUPEES
To ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES :			By INTEREST REALISED :		
Office Expenses	14,267.00		On Savings Bank Accounts	464,908.31	
Bank Charges and Commission	5,616.37		On Fixed Deposits	1,048,873.20	1,513,781.51
Electricity and Water	6,114.00				
Salaries and Allowances	529,619.00		" DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS :		
Honorarium	4,000.00		Donation from Abroad for Social Work	12,233.18	
Travel, Food and Accommodation	12,872.15		General Donations	239,090.00	251,323.18
Courier and Postage	1,685.69				
Medical Expenses	9,050.00		" OTHER RECEIPTS :		
Other Expenses	48,304.00		Programme Receipts	195,422.80	
Stationery and Printing	12,486.35		Income from Sale of Books and Stationery	57,850.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	179,398.00		Miscellaneous Income	77,749.64	331,022.44
Professional and Legal Expenses	39,543.00				
Telephone and Communication	8,163.00		" Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet		787,577.90
Insurance Expenses	54,447.00				
Audit Fees	29,885.00				
Vehicle Maintenance	5,200.00				
Staff Welfare Expenses	15,685.00				
Gratuity	450,000.00				
Interest on Late Payment of TDS	48.00				
Advertisement	2,655.00				
Miscellaneous Expenses	22,422.00	1,451,460.56			
" SOCIAL WORK EXPENSES :					
Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Expenses	11,050.00				
Revitalising Rainfed Agri Network	5,000.00				
Donations and Charity	12,420.00	28,470.00			
carried forward ...		1,479,930.56	carried forward ...		2,883,705.03

brought forward ...	1,479,930.56	brought forward ...	2,883,705.03
" OTHER EXPENSES :			
Handloom Expenses	85,885.00		
" DEPRECIATION WRITTEN OFF :			
As per Fixed Asset Schedule Annexed	1,317,889.47		
TOTAL RUPEES ...	2,883,705.03	TOTAL RUPEES ...	2,883,705.03
As per our report of even date			
For North East Network			
Tamara Law Goswami			
Executive Director			
Guwahati :			
Dated : 27th September, 2022			
			
		FOR L. D' SOUZA & CO.,	
		CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS	
		Firm Registration No. 101974W	
			
		DIPSHA MARY D'SOUZA	
		PARTNER	
		Membership No. 153622	
		UDIN : 22153622AVOAX2554	

NORTH EAST NETWORK

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS AND UTILISATION OF EARMARKED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022

SCHEDULE A

Sr. No.	Particulars	Balance as on 01.04.2021	Receipts during the year	Interest during the year	Other Receipts during the year	Total	Transferred during the year	Utilisation during the year	Balance as on 31.03.2022
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
01	Sustainable Revival of the Traditional Skill of Making Textiles out of Thevo	25,128.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,128.50	8,428.50	16,700.00	0.00
02	Using GRB to Track and Monitor Compliance with CEDAW	69,247.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	69,247.00	0.00	4.72	69,242.28
03	Network for Recurring Expenditure during 2016-17	100.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.32	100.32	0.00	0.00
04	Scoping Study related to the Prevention of Violence Against Women Girls	26,243.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,243.00	0.00	0.00	26,243.00
05	Network for Recurring Expenditure during 2016-17	2,695.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,695.13	2,695.13	0.00	0.00
06	Green Hub	-225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-225,000.00	0.00	0.00	-225,000.00
07	Green Hub	52,656.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52,656.00	0.00	0.00	52,656.00
08	Community Cultural Interpretation Centre-Museum cum Library	286,611.10	0.00	2,962.00	0.00	289,573.10	48.00	289,525.10	0.00
09	Financial Assistance Towards Green Hub Project 2018-19	33,656.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,656.50	30,714.50	0.00	2,942.00
10	No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative-Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security	-383,199.48	2,532,699.00	10,251.00	0.00	2,159,750.52	5,499.18	2,154,251.34	-0.00
11	Green Hub : ATREE	-979.00	0.00	979.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	LGBRIMH	167.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.92	167.92	0.00	0.00
13	Wipro	86,658.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	86,658.00	86,658.00	0.00	0.00
14	Wipro (New)	0.00	260,000.00	2,700.00	0.00	262,700.00	-85,860.54	305,918.54	42,642.00
15	Green Hub : Wipro (Covid-19)	1,926.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,926.76	1,926.76	0.00	0.00
16	ONGC 4	-331,448.38	331,934.00	946.00	0.00	1,431.62	-173,204.00	0.00	174,635.62
17	ONGC 5	129,962.46	1,314,820.00	6,797.00	0.00	1,451,579.46	225.00	1,698,984.42	-247,629.96
18	ONGC Mask Making of Assam	126,244.52	0.00	2,845.00	0.00	129,089.52	603.52	100,070.00	28,416.00
19	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative Project (APPI)	1,079,823.04	4,946,470.00	21,350.00	0.00	6,047,643.04	-48,318.00	4,669,009.88	1,426,951.16
20	APPI - Covid-19 Relief Response	36,000.00	0.00	648.00	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00	-0.00
21	APPI - Covid-19 Relief Response (New)	0.00	348,000.00	0.00	0.00	348,000.00	12,318.00	336,330.00	0.00
22	SEWA - APPI Programme	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	-0.00
23	SEWA - WHO Programme	-1,499.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,499.08	0.92	1,197.00	-2,697.00
24	Covid-19 Relief Programme - Kagit Trust	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	23.00
25	Social Welfare Project	15,663.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,663.00	0.00	1,440.00	14,223.00
carried forward ...		1,033,180.31	9,733,923.00	49,478.00	0.00	10,816,581.31	-119,496.79	9,573,431.00	1,362,647.10



brought forward ...		1,033,180.31	9,733,923.00	49,478.00	0.00	10,816,581.31	-119,496.79	9,573,431.00	1,362,647.10
26	Institute of Public Health	0.00	100,000.00	575.00	0.00	100,575.00	0.00	21,765.00	78,810.00
27	Enhanced Food Security and Sustainable Livelihood of Local Communities in Northeast India Through Enhanced Women's Leadership	0.00	225,250.00	0.00	0.00	225,250.00	0.00	99,999.72	125,250.28
28	Enabling Sustainable Livelihoods for Women in Chozuba Cluster of Phek district in Nagaland	0.00	300,000.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	0.00	299,999.16	0.84
29	A Comprehensive Approach to Facilitate State Accountability and Gender Justice in North East India	433,762.41	0.00	843.00	0.00	434,605.41	117,708.92	155,000.00	161,896.49
30	Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) Programme	225,498.12	0.00	2,422.00	0.00	227,920.12	613.58	227,306.54	0.00
31	Addressing and Redressing Gender Based Discrimination in North East India	267,990.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	267,990.53	-248,510.56	7,581.63	508,919.46
32	Sowing Diversity - Harvesting Security Through Women, Seed and Nutrition in Four different Ecosystems of India	5,414.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,414.00	5,414.00	0.00	0.00
33	To Strengthen Millet Growing Communities of India, Acknowledge their Right to Nutritious Food, Sustainable Livelihoods, Reclaim Millets into the Framing and Policy Landscape of India	3,858.35	0.00	744.00	0.00	4,602.35	852.00	750.35	3,000.00
34	OKUM : Engaging Disadvantaged Women in Assam	2,428.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,428.00	0.00	0.00	2,428.00
35	Inaugural Event of Book Release and for the Coordination and Networking Fee	75,410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,410.00	0.00	0.00	75,410.00
36	South Asia Young Women Leadership and Mentoring Programme (New)	769,259.17	1,115,265.00	8,660.60	0.00	1,893,184.77	0.00	867,291.12	1,025,893.65
37	Study of Shelter Homes for Women Survivors of Violence in Five States of India	618,747.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	618,747.59	0.00	253,010.00	365,737.59
38	Writ Petition in High Court	117,881.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117,881.00	0.00	0.00	117,881.00
39	Weaving as a Tool for the Empowerment of Rural Women in Three States of North East India	6,718,938.04	2,481,379.00	30,047.00	0.00	9,230,364.04	76.48	8,094,603.95	1,135,683.61
40	From the Margins : Exploring Low-Income Migrant Worker's Access to Basic Services and Protection in the Context of India's Urban Transformation in Guwahati	2,377.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,377.22	584.00	0.00	1,793.22
41	Green Hub : Youth Based Digital Docu-Centre for People's Biodiversity	1,529,664.09	1,665,000.00	22,497.00	0.00	3,217,161.09	0.00	3,146,495.00	70,666.09
42	Sustainable Nature and Livelihood	2,161.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,161.00	2,161.00	0.00	0.00
43	Advancing Women's Agency Towards Sustained and Inclusive Empowerment of Communities in Three States of North East India - Continuation	9,057,114.89	8,030,693.00	105,040.00	0.00	17,192,847.89	0.00	16,959,863.37	232,984.52
44	Matching Gift	143,580.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	143,580.75	0.00	121,133.00	22,447.75
carried forward ...		21,007,265.47	23,651,510.00	220,306.60	0.00	44,879,082.07	-240,597.37	39,828,229.84	5,291,449.60



brought forward ...		21,007,265.47	23,651,510.00	220,306.60	0.00	44,879,082.07	-240,597.37	39,828,229.84	5,291,449.60
45	Green Hub : PHF (ICRRF)	498,535.00	0.00	7,944.00	0.00	506,479.00	0.00	506,479.00	0.00
46	Green Hub : PHF (Pitch for Video)	992,645.00	0.00	12,941.00	0.00	1,005,586.00	0.00	1,005,584.00	2.00
47	Green Hub : PHF (ICRRF) - Revolving Fund	882,052.00	0.00	21,089.00	0.00	903,141.00	0.00	889,298.00	13,843.00
48	Sewa Bharat	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RUPEES		23,380,497.48	23,651,510.00	262,280.60	0.00	47,294,288.08	-240,597.36	42,229,590.84	5,305,294.60



NORTH EAST NETWORK

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS

SCHEDULE B

Sr. No.	Particulars	Rate	Balance as on 01.04.2021	Additions during the year	Sale/Written Off During the Year	Total	Total Depreciation	Balance as on 31.03.2022
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01.	Land	0%	301,000.00	0.00	0.00	301,000.00	0.00	301,000.00
02.	Building Construction	5%	2,990,726.28	1,163,109.00	0.00	4,153,835.28	207,692.72	3,946,142.56
03.	Fiat Purchased	5%	5,993,954.00	0.00	0.00	5,993,954.00	299,698.00	5,694,256.00
04.	Chowkidar Cottage Construction	5%	19,711.00	0.00	0.00	19,711.00	986.00	18,725.00
05.	Resource Centres	10%	718,169.00	0.00	0.00	718,169.00	71,817.00	646,352.00
06.	Community Centre	10%	412,925.00	0.00	0.00	412,925.00	41,293.00	371,632.00
07.	Furnitures and Fixtures	10%	266,796.00	84,680.00	0.00	351,476.00	35,147.00	316,329.00
08.	Equipments	15%	1,197,053.00	15,998.00	0.00	1,213,051.00	181,958.00	1,031,093.00
09.	PA System	15%	14,404.00	0.00	0.00	14,404.00	2,161.00	12,243.00
10.	Camera	15%	480,314.00	0.00	0.00	480,314.00	72,047.00	408,267.00
11.	Air Conditioner	15%	47,841.00	0.00	0.00	47,841.00	7,176.00	40,665.00
12.	Generator	15%	92,316.25	0.00	0.00	92,316.25	13,847.75	78,468.50
13.	Water Installation	15%	7,674.00	0.00	0.00	7,674.00	1,151.00	6,523.00
14.	Vehicle	15%	1,742,889.00	0.00	0.00	1,742,889.00	261,433.00	1,481,456.00
15.	Computers and Accessories	40%	264,804.00	38,900.00	0.00	303,704.00	121,482.00	182,222.00
TOTAL RUPEES ...			14,550,576.53	1,302,687.00	0.00	15,853,263.53	1,317,889.47	14,535,374.06

NORTH EAST NETWORK

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022

RECEIPTS	RUPEES	RUPEES	PAYMENTS	RUPEES	RUPEES
To BALANCE ON 01.04.2021 :			By SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME EXPENSES :		
On Fixed Deposits			Revenue Expenditure :		
With HDFC Limited	5,000,000.00		Green Hub : Youth Based Digital Docu-Centre for People's Biodiversity	3,146,495.00	
With Indian Overseas Bank	7,766,408.00		Addressing and Redressing Gender Based Discrimination in North East India	7,581.63	
With Canara Bank	5,920,996.80		Weaving as a Tool for the Empowerment of Rural Women in Three States of North East India	8,014,903.95	
With Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited	1,248,225.00		Advancing Women's Agency Towards Sustained and Inclusive Empowerment of Communities in Three States of North East India - Continuation	16,959,863.37	
With UTI Mutual Fund	1,000,000.00		Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) Programme	227,306.54	
On Savings Bank Account			To Strengthen Millet growing Communities of India, Acknowledge their Right to Nutritious Food, Sustainable Livelihoods, Reclaim Millets into the Framing and Policy Landscape of India	750.35	
With State Bank of India			South Asia Young Women Leadership and Mentoring Programme (New)	867,291.12	
Account No. 35143013698	724,206.09		Study of Shelter Homes for Women Survivors of Violence in Five States of India	253,010.00	
Account No. 10029424297	951,028.00		Sustainable Revival of the Traditional skill of Making Textiles out of Thevo	16,700.00	
Account No. 33095862866	2,116,361.86		Matching Gift Programme	94,453.00	
Account No. 10031894509	239,640.99		Green Hub : PHF (ICRRF)	506,479.00	
Account No. 30809501427	3,554.00		Green Hub : PHF (Pitch for Video)	1,005,584.00	
Account No. 11539507631	1,569,215.22		Green Hub : PHF (ICRRF) - Revolving Fund	889,298.00	
With Canara Bank					
Account No. 73302010120536	319,887.75				
Account No. 73302010032562	15,235,808.53				
Account No. 73302010082677	824,050.21				
With South Indian Bank					
Account No. 0626053000002130	155,291.67				
With North East Small Finance Bank					
Account No. 50190001510129	524,784.20				
With Indian Overseas Bank					
Account No. 054101000015182	660,220.29				
Account No. 054101000008155	1,925,067.77				
carried forward ...	46,184,746.38	0.00	carried forward ...	31,989,715.96	0.00

brought forward ...	46,184,746.38	0.00	brought forward ...	31,989,715.96	0.00
Account No. 028501000012635	1,045,722.56		ONGC 5	1,698,984.42	
With Allahabad Bank			ONGC Mask Making in Assam	100,070.00	
Account No. 50490839816	3,826,978.00		Accountability and Gender Justice in North East India	155,000.00	
Cash in Hand	95,146.32	51,152,593.26	SEWA - WHO Programme	1,197.00	
* INTEREST REALISED :			APPI - Covid-19 Relief Response (New)	336,330.00	
On Savings Bank Account			Community Cultural Interpretation Centre-Museum Cum Library	9.10	
Weaving as a Tool for the Empowerment of Rural Women in Three States of North East India	30,047.00		Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative Project	4,669,009.88	
Green Hub : PHF (ICRRF)	7,944.00		Green Hub : Wipro (New)	305,918.54	
Green Hub : PHF (Pitch for Video)	12,941.00		No one shall be left behind Initiative-Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security	2,154,251.34	
Green Hub : PHF (ICRRF) - Revolving Fund	21,089.00		Using GRB to Track and Monitor Compliance with CEDAW	4.72	
Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) Programme	2,422.00		Institute of Public Health	21,765.00	
A Comprehensive Approach to Facilitate State Accountability and Gender Justice in North East India	843.00		Enhanced Food Security and Sustainable Livelihood Of Local Communities in Northeast India Through Enhanced Women's Leadership	99,999.72	
To Strengthen Millet growing Communities of India, Acknowledge their Right to Nutritious Food, Sustainable Livelihoods, Reclaim Millets into the Framing and Policy Landscape of India	744.00		Enabling Sustainable Livelihoods for Women in Chozuba cluster of Phek district in Nagaland	299,999.16	
South Asia Young Women Leadership and Mentoring Programme	8,660.60		Social Welfare Project	1,440.00	
Green Hub : Youth Based Digital Docu-Centre for People's Biodiversity	22,497.00		Capital Expenditure :		
Advancing Women's Agency Towards Sustained and Inclusive Empowerment of Communities in Three States of North East India - Continuation	105,040.00		Buildings (Community Cultural Interpretation Centre -Museum Cum Library	289,516.00	
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative Project	21,350.00		Computers (Weaving as a Tool for the Empowerment of Rural Women in three States of NE India)	38,900.00	
ONGC 5	6,797.00		Furnitures (Weaving as a Tool for the Empowerment of Rural Women in three States of NE India)	40,800.00	
Green Hub : Wipro (New)	2,700.00		Furnitures (Matching Gift)	26,680.00	42,229,590.84
ONGC Mask Making of Assam	2,845.00				
carried forward ...	245,919.60	51,152,593.26	* SOCIAL WORK EXPENSES :		
			Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Expenses	11,050.00	
			carried forward ...	11,050.00	42,229,590.84

brought forward ...	245,919.60	51,152,593.26	brought forward ...	11,050.00	42,229,590.84
ONGC 4	946.00		Revitalising Rainfed Agri Network	5,000.00	
Green Hub : ATREE	979.00		Donations and Charity	12,420.00	28,470.00
APPI - Covid-19 Relief Response	648.00				
Community Cultural Interpretation Centre-Museum Cum Library	2,962.00		" ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES :		
No one shall be left behind Initiative-Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security	10,251.00		Office Expenses	14,267.00	
Institute of Public Health	575.00		Bank Charges and Commission	5,616.37	
General Fund	464,908.31		Electricity and Water	6,114.00	
On Fixed Deposits			Salaries and Allowances	529,619.00	
General Fund	1,048,873.20	1,776,062.11	Honorarium	4,000.00	
" DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS :			Travel, Food and Accommodation	12,872.15	
Donation from Abroad for Social Work	12,233.18		Courier and Postage	1,685.69	
General Donations	239,090.00	251,323.18	Medical Expenses	9,050.00	
" GRANTS IN AID :			Other Expenses	48,304.00	
For Social Work Programme			Stationery and Printing	12,486.35	
Green Hub : Wipro (New)	260,000.00		Repairs and Maintenance	179,398.00	
ONGC 4	331,934.00		Professional and Legal Expenses	39,543.00	
ONGC 5	1,314,820.00		Telephone and Communication	8,163.00	
No one shall be left behind Initiative-Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security	2,532,699.00		Insurance Expenses	54,447.00	
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative Project (APPI)	4,946,470.00		Audit Fees	29,885.00	
APPI - Covid-19 Relief Response (New)	348,000.00		Vehicle Maintenance	5,200.00	
Weaving as a Tool for the Empowerment of Rural Women in Three States of North East India	2,481,379.00		Staff Welfare Expenses	15,685.00	
Green Hub : Youth Based Digital Docu-Centre for People's Biodiversity	1,665,000.00		Gratuity	450,000.00	
Enabling Sustainable Livelihoods for Women in Chozuba cluster of Phek district in Nagaland	300,000.00		Interest on Late Payment of TDS	48.00	
Institute of Public Health	100,000.00		Advertisement	2,655.00	
carried forward ...	14,280,302.00	53,179,978.55	Penalty on Late Payment of Provident Fund	8,265.00	
			Membership Fees	1,500.00	
			Miscellaneous Expenses	22,422.00	1,461,225.56
			" OTHER EXPENSES :		
			Handloom Expenses	85,885.00	
			Loans and Advances	260,119.15	
			Provident Fund	4,181.00	
			carried forward ...	350,185.15	43,719,286.40
brought forward ...	14,280,302.00	53,179,978.55	brought forward ...	350,185.15	43,719,286.40
Advancing Women's Agency Towards Sustained and Inclusive Empowerment of Communities in Three States of North East India - Continuation	8,030,693.00		Income Tax A.Y. 2021-22	147,830.00	498,015.15
Enhanced Food Security and Sustainable Livelihood Of Local Communities in Northeast India Through Enhanced Women's Leadership	225,250.00		" CAPITAL EXPENDITURE :		
South Asia Young Women Leadership and Mentoring Programme	1,115,265.00	23,651,510.00	Construction of NEN Building, Chizami	873,593.00	
" OTHER RECEIPTS :			Equipment (Mobile Handset)	15,998.00	
Programme Receipts	195,422.80		Furnitures and Fixtures	17,200.00	906,791.00
Income from Sale of Books and Stationery	57,850.00		" BALANCE ON 31.03.2022 :		
Loans and Advances	323,210.00		On Fixed Deposits		
Provident Fund	228,744.00		With HDFC Limited	5,000,000.00	
Professional Tax	4,405.00		With Indian Overseas Bank	8,244,202.00	
Tax Deducted at Source	1,089.00		With Syndicate Bank	6,209,519.00	
Income Tax Refund	87,280.45		With Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited	1,000,000.00	
Income Tax Refund for A.Y. 2020-21	37,657.00		On Savings Bank Account		
Miscellaneous Income	2,069.19	937,727.44	With State Bank of India		
carried forward ...		77,769,215.99	Account No. 40170426922	12,087.40	
			Account No. 35143013698	425,383.05	
			Account No. 10029424297	690,241.80	
			Account No. 33095862866	1,376,209.72	
			Account No. 10031894509	4,770.93	
			Account No. 11539507631	666,788.32	
			With Allahabad Bank		
			Account No. 50490839816	100,396.18	
			With Canara Bank		
			Account No. 73302010120536	1,595,455.05	
			Account No. 73302010032562	3,162,580.51	
			Account No. 73302010082677	425,946.93	
			With South Indian Bank		
			Account No. 0626053000002130	381,056.49	
			With North East Small Finance Bank		
			Account No. 50190001510129	524,835.48	
			carried forward ...	29,819,472.86	45,124,092.55



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