

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

ROLE OF GRAMIN MAHILA KENDRA

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A Report on the cases of domestic and other gender-based violence registered and mitigated at the Gramin Mahila Kendras of Kamrup (R), Golaghat, Darrang, and Udalguri, Assam

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indicates that most crimes against women in Assam were reported under the category of “Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives.”[1] Furthermore, the National Family Health Survey 2019-21 (NFHS-5) data reveals that 32% of ever-married women aged 18-49 years have experienced spousal violence, and 8% of young women aged 18-29 faced sexual violence by the age of 18 in Assam.[2] According to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) index released by NITI Aayog in June 2021, Assam ranks as the worst performer in achieving gender equality. [3]

The Journey So Far...

Gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls is one of the most pressing global emergencies and a significant challenge to sustainable development. Assam is no exception, as GBV remains a widespread issue throughout the state. While home and family are often regarded as the safest spaces for women and girls, the National Crime Records Bureau’s (NCRB) “Crime in India Report, 2021”

The 2022 NCRB report noted a 50% decrease in crimes against women in Assam over the last five years, with police attributing this decline to better investigative practices leading to arrests. However, Assam also recorded the second-lowest conviction rate (4.8%) for crimes against women in the country, and it ranked fourth lowest in cybercrime convictions and sixth lowest in crimes against children. These discrepancies in the data highlight significant challenges in the judicial process and the quality of investigations. Despite stricter legal amendments, GBV remains a serious concern, requiring

[1] <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/empirical-evidence-crime-againstwomenassam#:~:text=According%20to%20the%20NCRB's%20Crime,in%202021%20is%20168.3%2C%20which>

[2] https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/NFHS-5_Phase-II_0.pdf

[3] <https://theprint.in/india/state-of-the-states-niti-report-shows-whos-rising-whos-lagging-and-the-gap-in-between/672171/>

Are you facing violence and discrimination as a woman in your society?

Counselling Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 am – 03:00 pm



At home?

In public space?

At the work place?



Visit the Gramin Mahila Kendra

By North East Network

In these Kendras, you can talk freely without any fear and stigma

At the Kendras,

- You will receive feminist psycho-social care and counselling by trained women counsellors
- Your family will also be provided feminist psycho-social care and counselling
- You will be engaged in regular follow-up of your concern by the feminist counsellors
- You will be connected to police/lawyer/shelter home/other services should there be a need
- You will receive information on various schemes and laws for women by the government
- You will be provided livelihood opportunity on weaving, agriculture and allied activities
- You can participate in trainings and campaigns on rights of women

Feel free to drop in at one the following Centres,

- **Golaghat**
Doigrung, Pincode - 785702
Phone no. 86387 47110
- **Kamrup**
Sarpara, Pincode - 781122
Phone no. 93656 48832
- **Darrang**
Bordoulguri, Kabeichuba Sipajhar, Pincode - 784145
Phone no. 95775 76677
- **Udalguri**
Nizdola, Meska Pukhuri, Pincode - 784521
Phone no. 93947 41730/93654 60253
- **Dhemaji**
Hatigarh, Pincode - 787057
Phone no. 70023 23775/99578 35664
- **Sonitpur**
Dalangbasti, Forestgate, Pin code - 784103
Phone no. 91016 75986/78964 85334

The Kendras are safe community-led feminist spaces. They are recognized by Women and Child Department, Government of Assam as Service Providers under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

VIOLENCE IS UNLAWFUL: SPEAK UP!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE: THE KENDRAS ARE WITH YOU.

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