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## Genesis of SATRA

In 2002, inspired by the vision of Mrs. Jyoti Prava Bora, a group of social activists in Assam gathered to establish SATRA (Social Action For Appropriate Transformation And Advancement in Rural Areas) with its headquarters in Sipajhar. SATRA was driven by a vision of social equity and progress. Under the leadership of Mrs. Bora, and guided by influential figures such as Dr. Dinesh Baishya and Sri Nani Kr. Saikia, SATRA embarked on a mission to transform rural communities. The organization's objectives focused on social justice, education, healthcare, and overall community development. Over the years, SATRA has emerged as a beacon of hope, working tirelessly to create sustainable solutions and empower marginalized communities, illuminating the path to a brighter future for the people of Assam.

### Vision:

To establish a progressive, peaceful, and developed society based on the values of equity, justice, trust, love, honesty, dignity, and mutual help.

### Mission:

To organize and empower the rural poor to promote development as a liberating force for achieving social justice, economic growth, and self-reliance.

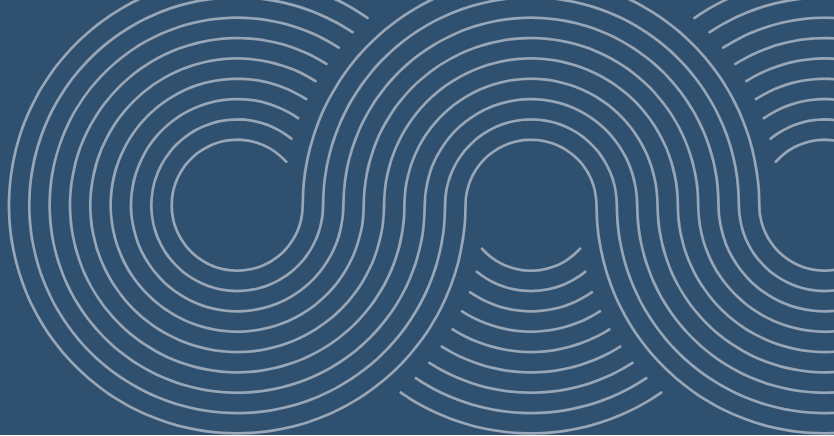
### Objectives:

To create a peaceful society for all, free from prejudice of caste, creed, color, and religion, where all people can live harmoniously.



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of SATRA

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# Chairperson's Note

At SATRA, we envision a peaceful and inclusive society where people of all castes, creeds, colors, and religions live together in harmony and unity. Over the past 22 years, we have dedicated ourselves to uplifting marginalized communities, empowering women, farmers, laborers, children, and youth across various regions of Assam.

Our dedicated and compassionate team, particularly in the realm of rural livelihoods, has worked tirelessly to enhance the incomes of vulnerable families. By providing technical and managerial support, we strive to uplift marginalized households, ensuring they have the tools to improve their well-being. Since 2006, mental health has also been a central focus of SATRA's interventions, addressing this often-overlooked aspect of rural life with care and compassion.

In times of crisis and disaster, SATRA remains steadfast, standing with communities to ensure they are supported during their most vulnerable moments. Additionally, we are deeply committed to protecting children from exploitation, including child labor, child marriage, and abuse—ensuring every child's right to a safe and nurturing environment.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to our courageous team members who work with sincerity across different geographies, often in challenging conditions. I extend my deepest appreciation to Nani Kumar Saikia for his dynamic leadership and unwavering dedication in guiding SATRA to become a center of excellence.

Together with the continued support of our stakeholders, I am confident that SATRA will reach even more underserved areas, further expanding our efforts to empower communities and foster lasting change.

Dr. Prasanna Kumar Nath  
Chairperson



# Executive Director's Note



## 22 Years of Community Service: A Journey of Commitment and Compassion

Since its humble beginnings in 2002, SATRA's journey over the past 22 years has been one of resilience, dedication, and unwavering solidarity with the communities we serve. What started as a small group of passionate volunteers in a modest drawing room, without financial resources but with a deep sense of purpose, has today blossomed into a strong and vibrant organization. SATRA now proudly stands with a team of 74 full-time volunteers who work tirelessly day and night, driven by a shared commitment to the most marginalized and underserved people of our society.

Our path has been shaped by partnerships that transcend boundaries of caste, creed, color, and religion. We have stood by our communities through times of need, working hand-in-hand for their all-round development.

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With a focus on rural livelihoods, community mental health, disaster risk reduction, and the empowerment of women and children, our efforts also extend to protecting our environment. These are the pillars of our work, designed to uplift those who have been left behind by systemic inequality and social marginalization.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support and solidarity of our donors and partners. Their belief in our mission has allowed us to reach countless families, especially during crises like floods, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other emergencies. We are deeply grateful to them for standing with us and enabling us to respond to the needs of our communities.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the various lega

authorities and government bodies—such as the Registrar of Societies, Assam; FCRA Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India; Income Tax Department; NITI Aayog; Social Welfare Department of Assam; District Administration, Darrang; and the Circle Officer of Sipajhar Revenue Circle—for their crucial support.

Over the years, many organizations have walked alongside us, offering invaluable assistance. We owe our gratitude to institutions like RGVN, NYK, NABARD, CAPART, and government line departments in agriculture, veterinary, sericulture, and handloom textiles. We are thankful to the Central Silk Board, KVK, NEDFi, SIDBI, VHAA, VHAI, Oxfam India, IGSSS, ICCO, Tata Trust, SDTT, Sishu Sarothi, Ashadeep, TDH Germany, TDH Switzerland, Give Asia, ActionAid India, Azim Premji Foundation, Bread for the World, KSCF, North East Nutrient Pvt Ltd, Dasra, Wipro, Ashra Hastra Trust, and many more. Their support has been the foundation on which SATRA stands today.

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to our board members, whose guidance and wisdom have been instrumental in shaping our path. To the SATRA team—your dedication and selfless service are the driving forces behind our achievements. Together, we have made progress, but there is still much work to be done.

As we look to the future, we remain hopeful that our partners and stakeholders will continue to stand with us, helping us build a more just and equitable world for the marginalized. Together, we can achieve our collective vision for a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow.

With deep gratitude,  
Nani Kumar Saikia  
Executive Director, SATRA



# OUR REACH

**3**

Districts

**482**

Villages

**916,848**

individuals

**96**

Youth clubs







# SATRA Social and Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth

Supported by **EDGH Luxembourg**  
in association of **TDH germany**

## Overview

The SATRA-EDGH-INDIA project aims to economically empower 300 women and 150 youth from eight villages in Assam's "Char Area" in Darrang District. The target groups include minority SC (Scheduled Caste), OBC (Other Backward Communities), and general communities, who are economically and socially vulnerable. The project is supported by EDGH Luxembourg and spans three years.

## Objectives-

### Economic Empowerment of Women:

- **Specific Objective:** Increase economic opportunities for 300 women in Eri silk farming and weaving.
- **Targeted Results:** Women are trained in manufacturing and marketing weaving inputs and outputs.
- **Activities:** Organize women into clusters, provide training in Eri silk farming and weaving, support income generation initiatives, and facilitate participation in government handloom fairs and market linkages.

### Skill Development of Youth:

- **Specific Objective:** Develop skills of 150 youth (100 girls and 50 boys).
- **Targeted Results:** Youth are trained in eco-friendly agro-based and alternative livelihood skills.
- **Activities:** Form youth groups, provide training in agro-based livelihoods and beekeeping, and link youths with government livelihood schemes.

## Current Progress

- **Cluster Formation and Training:** Women have been organized into clusters and have undergone various trainings in Eri silk, farming and weaving.
- **Income Generation:** Women clusters have initiated income generation activities with support in the form of raw materials and training on value addition and trading practices.
- **Youth Skill Development:** Youth groups have been formed, and training on vermi-composting and beekeeping has commenced. Career workshops and linkage to government schemes are ongoing.

**250**  
women  
(were engaged in  
hand-spinning & Eri  
rearing)

**50**  
women  
(were engaged  
Weaving Activities)

**Total**  
**300**  
women  
(were engaged in  
with the project)

## Challenges and Constraints-

- **Natural Disasters:** Floods and soil erosion pose significant risks to the project, particularly affecting agricultural activities.
- **Youth Migration:** Many youths, especially boys, migrate for jobs, limiting their participation and immediate employability.
- **communication Problem-** due to remote location, there are no motorable roads, resulting weak communication

**87** **8** **Total 150**  
Youth Youth club youth  
(were Trained for  
Vermi-compost  
management)

# Achivements

Gender workshops have increased awareness and discussions on gender equity within households and the community.

Imcrease income of women by 30%

Linkages the families with govt like departments like agriculture,sericulture department and KVK

## Conclusion

The SATRA-EDGH-INDIA project is making significant strides in economically empowering women and youth in Assam. Despite facing natural and policy-related challenges, the project has fostered community cohesion and increased gender awareness. Continued focus on training, market linkages, and collaboration with government agencies will be crucial in achieving the project's long-term goals.

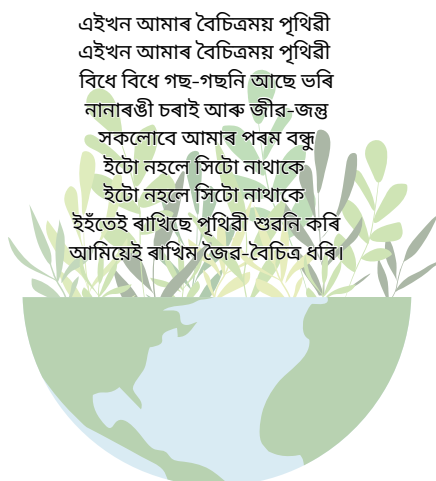


Namita's story is one of remarkable empowerment and transformation. As a talented weaver in our program, which is dedicated to empowering women through the entire production process of eri silk, Namita has achieved something extraordinary. In a society where the weaving of cloth is traditionally seen as women's work, she defied social norms by teaching her husband the art of weaving. This

achievement is not just about skill transfer; it symbolizes breaking down deeply ingrained gender roles and challenging societal stigmas.

In their remote community, where tradition often dictates strict roles, Namita and her husband have become beacons of change. Their partnership, built on love and mutual support, exemplifies what true empowerment looks like. Through her actions, Namita has shown that when barriers are broken, the entire community can begin to see new possibilities. This couple's journey is a testament to the power of unity and the impact of our program, which aims to uplift and transform lives through the art and craft of eri silk production.

## Creative efforts



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আমিয়েই বাখিম জৈর-বৈচিত্র ধরি।



In order to Engage the little children to learn and understand about bio-diversity the staff members of SATRA tried to create a song on bio diversity

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# Strengthening Community Action for Development in North East India

Supported by Bread for the World



## Overview-

The project aimed to strengthen community action for development in North East India. It was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, economic challenges, and ecological changes, necessitating various adaptations to maintain its effectiveness.

## Social Impact

- **COVID-19 Pandemic:** The enforcement of social distancing measures due to the pandemic significantly altered social dynamics within the communities. These measures hindered community gatherings, training sessions, and workshops, which are vital for community engagement and the project's success.

## Economic Impact

- **Economic Challenges:** The pandemic led to disruptions in livelihoods, exacerbating economic hardships. Limited fund availability and economic uncertainties affected the community's ability to engage in planned skill development and agricultural activities, potentially impacting overall well-being

## Ecological Impact

- **Ecological Changes:** Climate change-related ecological changes have impacted agriculture and animal husbandry. Notable changes include the decline in snail populations, which are essential for ducks' diet, disrupting traditional agricultural practices and resource availability.

## Implications for Target Groups

1. **Community Livelihoods:** Economic and ecological challenges threaten the livelihoods of those involved in agriculture and animal husbandry.
2. **Resource Availability:** Ecological changes affect resource availability, crucial for sustaining agricultural practices.
3. **Adaptation and Resilience:** The project needs to integrate adaptive strategies to remain relevant and effective amidst evolving challenges.

## Modifications to the Project Concept



Skill Development Initiatives

Adjusted to allow for more flexible and cost-effective training methods, leveraging existing community resources.



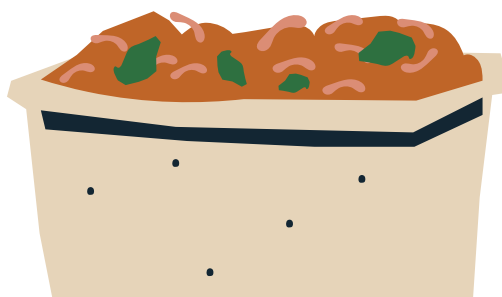
Agricultural Resilience

Revised agricultural methods with resilience-building measures like alternative feed sources and diversified farming practices.



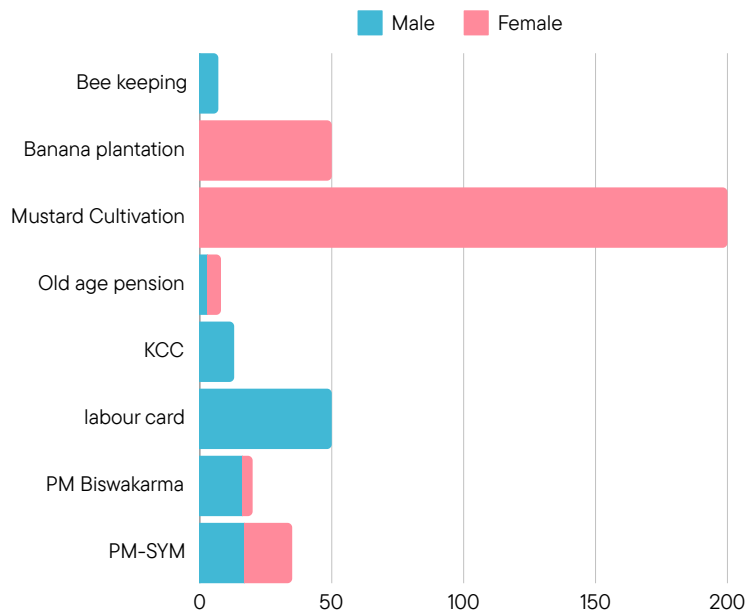
Climate-Resilient Practices

Integrated climate-resilient agricultural practices to equip the community with skills to mitigate the impact of unpredictable ecological shifts.



# Outputs and Achievements

- **People's Organizations:** Two organizations, Jana Jagaran Adhikar Sangha and Bahumukhi Sramik Union, were established to advocate for community rights and entitlements, engage with government departments, and create awareness about government schemes.
- **Government Schemes Accessed:** Community members accessed various schemes including bee-keeping, banana plantation, mustard cultivation, and labor cards.
- **Self-Help Groups (SHGs):** Twenty SHGs were formed and trained in bookkeeping, livelihood mapping, and income generation, with sixteen SHGs actively engaging in income-generating activities.
- **Unemployed Youth/Farmers:** **130 youths** and farmers were trained in organic farming, vermin compost, resilient seeds, and FPO formation, with thirty-six engaging in income-generating activities.



## Challenges Faced



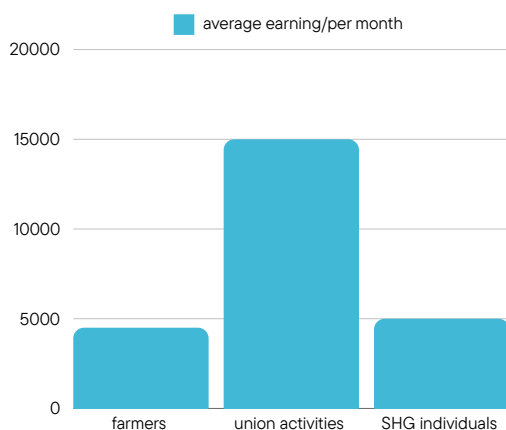
### Fund Unavailability

A significant challenge that affected the implementation of several planned activities



### Natural Disasters

Severe flooding compounded the challenges, necessitating immediate attention to address the urgent needs of the affected community



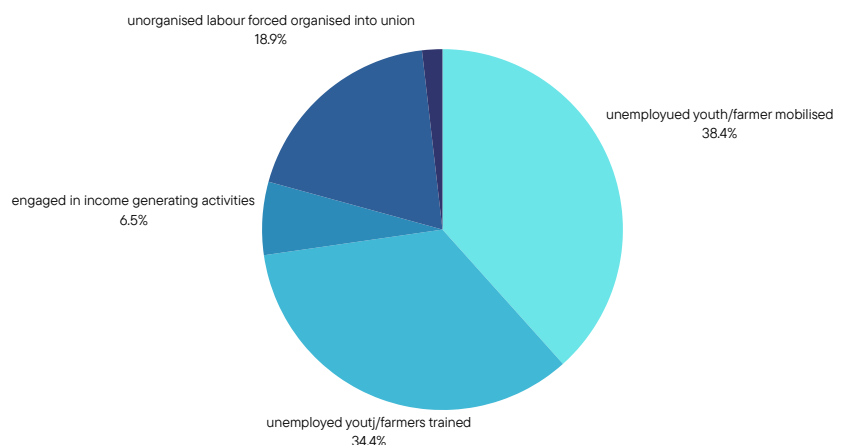
Over 20 SHG groups were trained and mobilised

## Conclusion

The project showcased significant adaptability and commitment to community development despite facing multiple challenge

## Future Directions-

- **Funding Strategies:**Explore and establish sustainable funding mechanisms by seeking additional sources, engaging potential donors, and advocating for increased financial support
- **Emergency Response Planning:** Develop and implement plans to address immediate community needs during natural disasters.
- **Enhanced Community Involvement:**Foster a sense of ownership and participation through regular communication and involvement in decision-making processes.
- **Government Collaboration:** Strengthen relationships with key stakeholders through advocacy and regular updates on project progress.



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# Community Cares: A Journey Towards Mental Health Equity

Supported by Azim Premji Foundation

## Introduction

In collaboration with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, SATRA has diligently executed the Community Mental Health Program in the Darrang district of Assam. This initiative was undertaken to address the pressing mental health challenges prevalent in the region. Over the past year, our program has made significant strides in promoting mental health awareness, preventing mental illnesses, and providing early interventions. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our progress and the outcomes achieved during this period.

## Objective

- The program's core objectives have been:
- Enhancing mental health well-being.
- Strengthening community support systems.
- Empowering individuals to access mental health services.
- Eradicating the stigma associated with mental health issues.

Our interventions, adhering to the bio-psychological model, have encompassed:

- Biological dimensions.
- Psychological dimensions.
- Social dimensions.

## Project Implementation and Activities

### Identification & Registration:

- Successfully registered 2,879 patients, including 688 new patients and 414 recovered patients.

### Mental Health Screening Camps:

- Organized 24 camps during the reporting year, attended by 1,334 patients seeking mental health support.

### Follow-up Visits:

- Conducted 15,120 follow-up visits by SATRA's dedicated staff, ensuring continuous support for patients

### Counseling:

- Provided a total of 674 counseling sessions, including 364 sessions for family members and 310 sessions for patients.

### Livelihood Support:

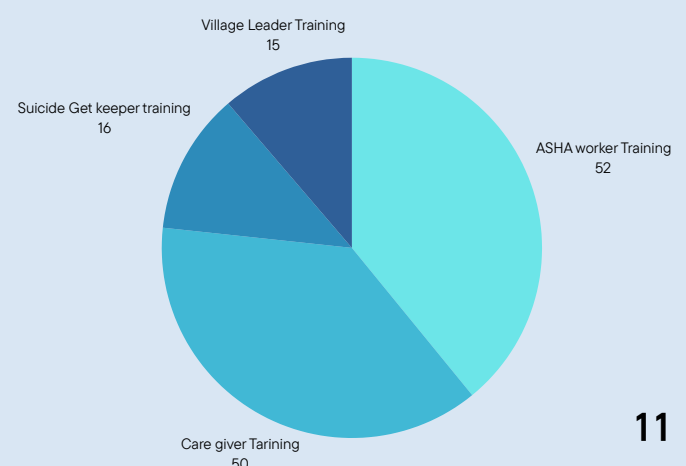
Supported 50 individuals with livelihood assistance

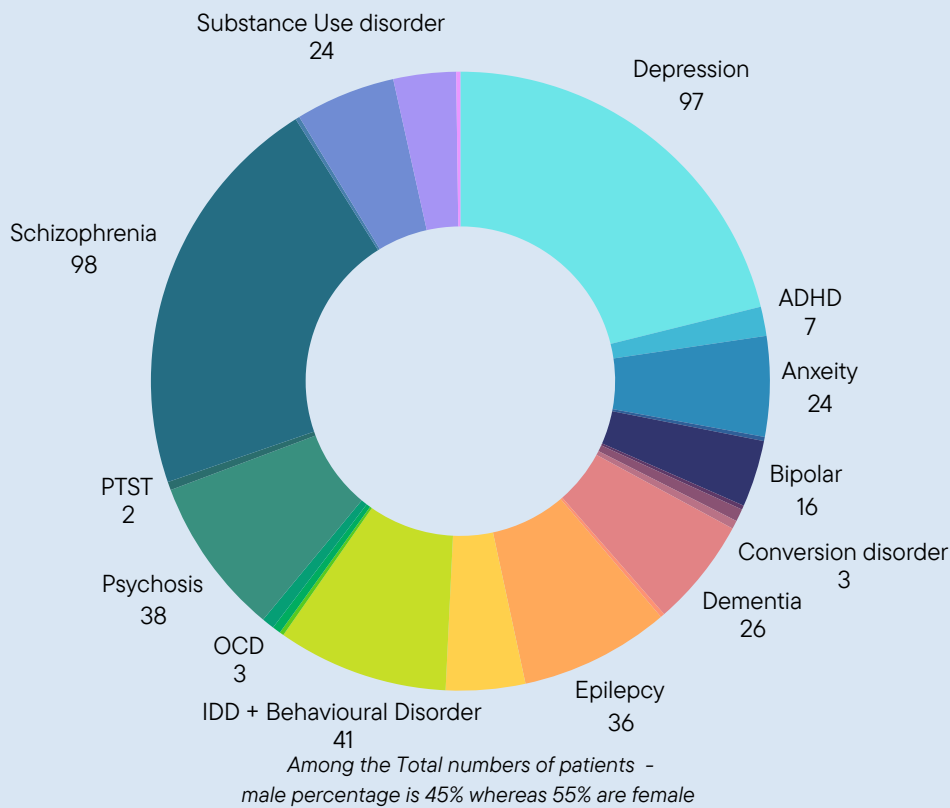
### Caregiver Training:

- Trained 268 caregivers to enhance their ability to support their loved ones.

### Suicide Gate-keeper-

- To protect suicide SATRA initiated promotion of 16 village volunteers as suicide gate keepers





#### Challenges:

- Reducing Stigma: Persistent efforts needed to overcome the stigma associated with mental health.
- Engaging Village Level Committees: Difficulty in effectively involving local committees in mental health initiatives.
- Resource Gaps: Addressing both financial and non-financial resource shortages.

#### Outcome and Impact Assessment:

- Increased Confidence: Enhanced confidence among community organizers.
- Better Understanding: Improved understanding of mental illness within the community.
- Empowerment: Citizens feel more empowered to address mental health issues.
- Foundation for Change: Established a strong foundation for enduring change in the community's approach to mental health.



#### Conclusion:

SATRA's Community Mental Health Program has made substantial progress in addressing mental health challenges in the Darrang district, despite the challenges faced. Our achievements and planned activities reflect our commitment to improving mental health support and services, ultimately enhancing the well-being of our community. We express our gratitude to all stakeholders and partners for their unwavering support, which has been instrumental in our accomplishments.

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## Overview-

Dasra, with a view to strengthen grass root level organisation in India started “Rebuild India Fund programme” Under this programme dasra supported organisation are using the fund for improvement of the organisations capacity in terms of staff capacity, system development of the organisation and others as the supporting organisation fields to enhance the capacity of the overall organisation.

## Progressions-

### Social Media Coverage

- SATRA has invested in staff training to develop a dedicated social media specialist.
- We have begun creating engaging content to highlight our social work initiatives.
- SATRA has established a presence on LinkedIn, a professional networking platform.
- Other social media channels like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and a platform formerly known as Twitter (Specify the new name here, if available) have been streamlined for improved management and content delivery.

### Staff capacity Building Program-

- We are conducting training programs to equip staff with the skills necessary for more effective community outreach.
- Staff are being trained on crafting compelling case studies and reports in a digital format to better document and share SATRA's impact.

### Unorganised Labour Support-

- SATRA facilitated the creation of labor cards for an unorganized labor organization.
- We conducted awareness campaigns to educate them about benefits offered by the Indian government and the power of collective action.



### Market Linkage for Weavers

- SATRA is actively involved in establishing market linkages for weavers in rural areas, providing them with greater access to markets and income opportunities.

### Youth Development on Volunteerism

- SATRA is fostering a sense of volunteerism among youth by organizing workshops and engagement initiatives.

### Strategic Planning Development

- SATRA is currently developing a comprehensive strategic plan to guide its activities for the next five years. This plan will encompass our social media strategy, staff development initiatives, and community programs.

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# Conflict Management and Peace Education

Supported by Miserior in association with TDH germany

## Introduction-

The state of ASSAM, located in the north-eastern part of Indian is the poorest among all the north-eastern states. The project region, particularly Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), is marked by its multi-ethnic composition. There is an atmosphere of mistrust and split among the grouping. Every now and then there erupt bloody conflicts which result in persecution. Instability and recurring persecution lead to stubborn poverty and bad infrastructure in the region. The situation in education is bad; many children disrupt their schooling voluntarily. Child labour, child marriage, exploitation and migration of adolescents to cities are only some of its consequences.

- Children's councils and youth peace volunteer groups were formed in each village, with volunteers receiving regular training.
- Monthly peace sessions and activities were conducted to improve conflict resolution skills and enhance social cohesion and harmony.
- Integrated village planning involved engaging community members and integrating with local governance to develop and update action plans regularly.

## Objectives-

### Understanding and Resolving Conflicts-

- The project aims to help children and youth in 10 villages understand the cycle of violence and demonstrate positive conflict resolution attitudes by the project's end.
- To achieve this, 10 comprehensive village action plans were developed and 10 children/youth centers were established.

### Safe and Inclusive Educational Environments-

- The project aims to transform schools and educational institutions into safe, peaceful, inclusive spaces that provide quality education.
- Enrollment and retention campaigns were conducted to bring out-of-school children back into the education system.
- Training sessions were held for school administrations and School Management Committees (SMCs) to equip them with the skills needed to maintain peace and inclusivity.
- Regular peace sessions were conducted in schools to instill values of harmony, equality, and democracy in students.
- Quarterly meetings with parents encouraged their active participation in the educational process, leading to increased school enrollment and retention.





## Strengthened Community Networks for Peace Building

- The project aims to strengthen community networks and stakeholder involvement in peacebuilding.
- Community-based peace-building committees were formed in 10 villages, holding monthly meetings to discuss peace and strategies to prevent conflicts.
- Training sessions for committee members enhanced their skills and knowledge in peacebuilding.
- Important days were celebrated, and activities were organized to restore and appreciate collective heritage, strengthening social bonds and mutual respect among community members.
- These efforts empowered communities to take a proactive role in maintaining peace and resolving conflicts.



## Additional Activities

- Sports clubs were established in 10 villages to promote mental health and social integration through sports.
- Literary, film, and theatre clubs were formed to promote peace and harmony through the arts, including weekly film screenings, book readings, and the annual publication of stories by children and youth.
- Youth were engaged as reporters to advocate for their communities and participate in local planning and meetings with legislators and public authorities.



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# Children Protection



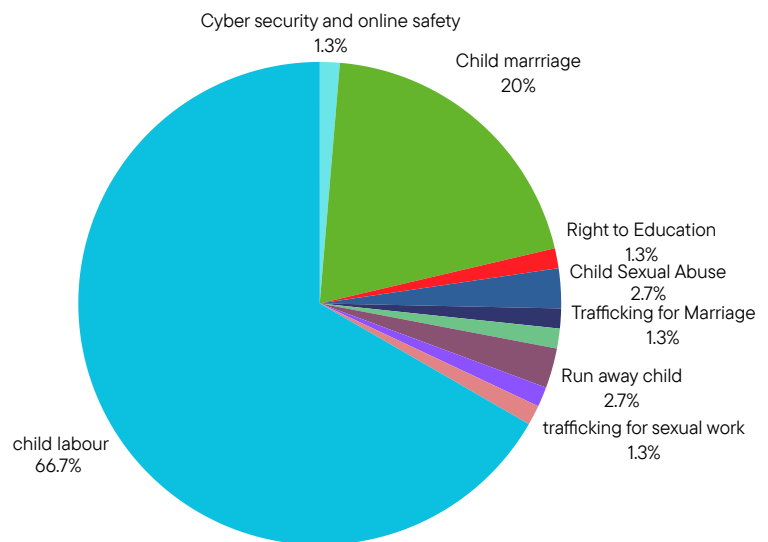
## Introduction-

SATRA (Social Action for Appropriate Transformation and Advancement in Rural Areas) has been running the CHILDLINE Project in Darrang District of Assam since 1st March 2020. The project is supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, with the CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) as the monitoring organization.

The primary objective of this project is to provide a safety net for children in distress and ensure their rights and protection through immediate and emergency response services. This report provides an overview of the cases handled by Darrang CHILDLINE from April 2023 to August 2023 and highlights the outreach and awareness programs conducted during this period.

## Objective

- Protecting Children from Abuse and Exploitation: Safeguarding children from all forms of abuse, including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, and exploitation such as child labor and trafficking.
- Promoting Child Rights: Ensuring the right to education, freedom from exploitation, and the right to a safe and secure childhood.
- Rescuing and Rehabilitating Children in Distress: Providing immediate rescue operations for children in distress and ensuring their rehabilitation and reintegration into society.
- Raising Awareness on Child Protection Issues: Conducting awareness programs to educate communities and children about child protection issues and the legal ramifications of child abuse and exploitation.



- Strengthening Child Protection Mechanisms: Collaborating with various stakeholders, including government bodies, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations, to enhance the child protection mechanisms in the district.

## Outreach Programs-

The Darrang CHILDLINE team conducted 68 days of outreach programs, completing 1600.45 hours and reaching out to 2871 individuals in and around Darrang District. These programs included individual and group outreach efforts to spread awareness and provide support to children and communities.



## Awareness Programmes

- **Community level Awareness**-From April 2023 to August 2023, Darrang CHILDLINE conducted six awareness programs, three at the school level and three at the community level. The community-level programs focused on issues such as child marriage, child labor, child sexual abuse, and trafficking. The team emphasized the legal consequences of these issues and informed the community about the functioning of CHILDLINE 1098 in the district.
- **School Level Awareness Programs**-At the high school level, the awareness programs primarily addressed child marriage and elopement, as high school students are often victims of such cases. The programs aimed to educate students about the risks and legal implications of these issues.
- **Collaboration on World Day Against Child Labour**-On the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour, Darrang CHILDLINE collaborated with the DCPU, Darrang Labour Department, Darrang Police, Bachpan Bachao Andolan, and other organizations to conduct a child labor rescue drive. This initiative resulted in the rescue of 21 children from workplaces in Dolgaon town, Darrang District.
- **Training and Orientation Programs**-One training and orientation program on child-related issues was conducted for ASHA and Anganwadi workers, with 20 participants in attendance. This program aimed to equip frontline workers with the knowledge and skills to identify and respond to child protection issues effectively.



### Conclusion

The CHILDLINE Project in Darrang District has made significant strides in protecting and promoting the rights of children. The cases handled, awareness programs conducted, and collaborative efforts highlight the project's commitment to ensuring



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# Access To Justice(Phase 2)

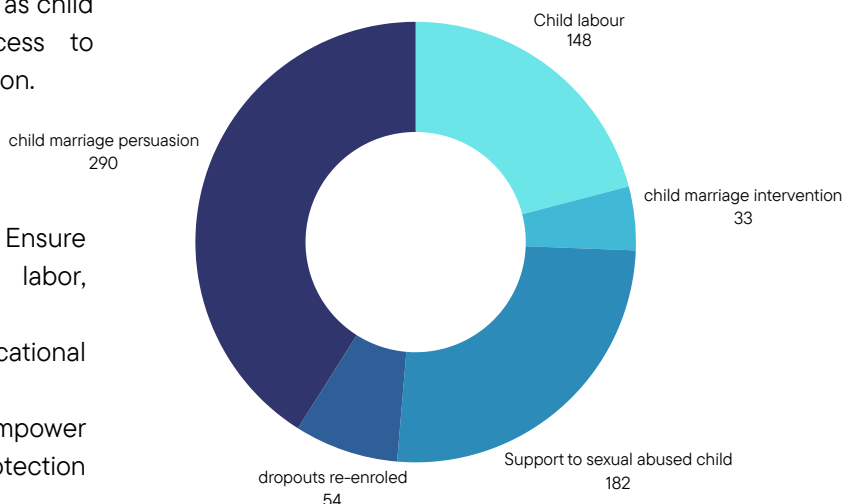
Supported by KSCF

## Introduction

The project, implemented over ten months by SATRA with support from KSCF US, focused on key issues such as child labor, trafficking, marriage, sexual abuse, access to education, and protection from abuse and exploitation.

## Objective-

- **Reporting and Reduction of Child Abuse:** Ensure proper reporting and reduction of child labor, trafficking, marriage, and sexual abuse.
- **Access to Education:** Enhance educational opportunities for vulnerable children.
- **Strengthening Protection Mechanisms:** Empower VLCPC and CMPO to bolster child protection infrastructure.
- **Community Awareness:** Raise awareness about child rights and protection laws..



## Implementation Strategy

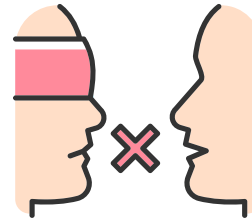
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Extensive consultations with local authorities, community leaders, and stakeholders in 450 villages.
- **Capacity Building:** Training sessions on child rights, protection laws, identification of vulnerable children, and reporting mechanisms.
- **Direct Interventions:** Setting up village marriage registers to detect child marriages.
- **Awareness campaigns** on child rights and protection.
- **Legal support** for vulnerable families.
- **Pledge-taking** by village headmen and community members against child marriages

## Objective-

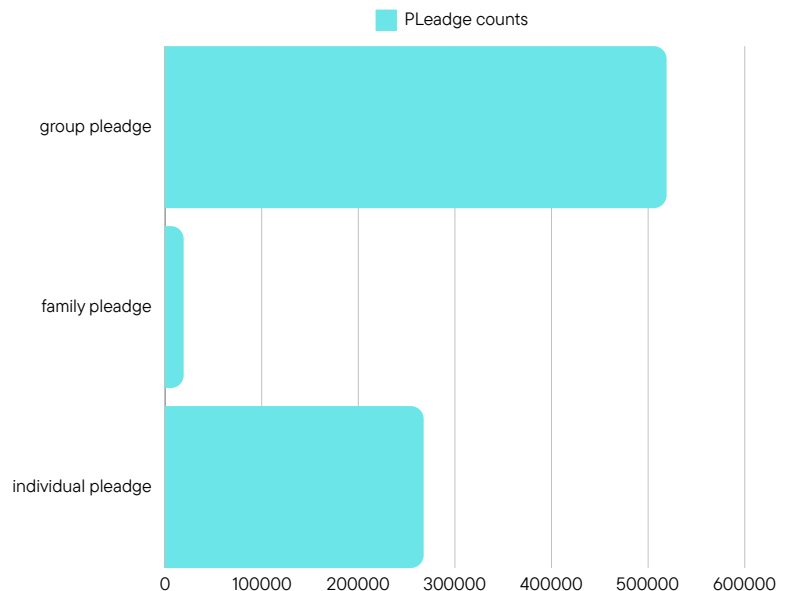
- **Reduction in Child Labor, Trafficking, Marriages, and Abuse:**
  1. 15 FIRs registered and 148 children rescued from labor and trafficking.
  2. Interventions in 33 child marriages and persuasion in 290 cases.
  3. Support provided to 182 children in cases of sexual abuse.
- **Improved Access to Education:** Increased school enrollment and decreased dropout rates, with 54 dropouts re-enrolled.
- **Strengthened Child Protection Mechanisms:** Enhanced collaboration among stakeholders for quicker response to abuse and exploitation.
- **Community Awareness:** Increased awareness of child rights, evidenced by active participation in campaigns and improved reporting. Over 519,132 group pledges, 19,231 family pledges, and 276,651 individual pledges collected..

## Challenges faced-

- **Cultural and Social Barriers:** Deep-rooted beliefs and social norms posed challenges, particularly in addressing child marriage and discriminatory practices.



- **Non-Functioning Machinery:** Some VLCPCs were non-functional, and some CMPOs had limited knowledge of child protection services.



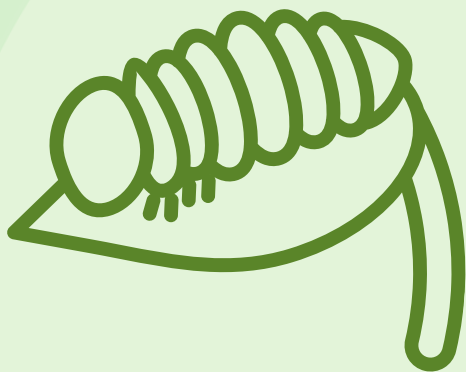
## Conclusion

The project made significant strides in protecting and promoting children's rights, demonstrating the positive impact of focused interventions. Through collaboration, innovative strategies, and community engagement, a strong foundation has been laid for continued progress in ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for children in the district.



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# SATRA's Intervention on Sericulture Development

## Introduction-

sericulture is an decade long traditional livelihood activity of the people of darrang and udalguri districts. under this sericulture 3 types of cultivation are done-

- mulberry silk(paata silk)
- Eri Silk(Non-violent silk)
- Muga Silk(golden)

Since 2006, SATRA has been dedicated to the scientific management of mulberry silk rearing with the dual objectives of enhancing productivity and increasing the income of rural poor women traditionally involved in sericulture. This intervention aims to provide these women with the necessary skills and knowledge to improve their practices, thereby securing a more sustainable livelihood.

## Mulberry Silk Development-

### Objective-

- Enhance productivity of mulberry silk rearing.
- Increase income for rural poor women involved in sericulture.
- Promote sustainable practices through scientific management.

### Methodology-

Since 2006, SATRA has provided skill training to 2,000 mulberry silk rearers. The training programs focus on the latest techniques in mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing, and silk extraction to maximize yield and quality. These training sessions are conducted by experts in the field, ensuring that the participants gain comprehensive knowledge and hands-on experience

### Outcomes and Finding-

- All 2,000 trained individuals continue to practice mulberry silk rearing.
- The participants have reported a significant increase in productivity and income.
- Improved techniques have led to better quality silk, fetching higher market prices.

The initiative has empowered rural women by providing them with a stable source of income and enhancing their skills. The scientific approach to silk rearing has not only increased productivity but also instilled a sense of confidence and self-reliance among the participants.

## ERI Silk Development-

### Objective-

- Motivate ERI silk rearers to adopt scientific practices.
- Create a sustainable community-based production model.
- Enhance the value chain from cocoon production to finished product.

### Methodology-

ERI silk production, a traditional activity among rural families, has been rejuvenated through SATRA's interventions. The organization has encouraged rearers to continue their activities with a scientific approach, resulting in the production of high-quality cocoons. Additionally, SATRA has formed specialized groups:

- Cocoon producers
- Spinners of ERI cocoon
- Weavers who create the final cloth

The collective approach has strengthened community bonds and ensured that each step of the production process benefits from specialized skills. This integrated model has enhanced the overall quality and marketability of ERI silk products.

### Outcomes and Finding-

- The community now works collectively, ensuring efficiency and quality throughout the production process.
- - The market for ERI silk products has grown, providing a reliable income source for the involved families.



## Muga Silk Development-

### Objective-

- Revive the traditional Muga silk industry.
- Mobilize 120 farmers to adopt sustainable practices.
- Explore the potential of Muga silk as a primary livelihood source.

### Methodology-

Muga silk, renowned globally as "golden silk," faces numerous challenges due to its outdoor nature, leading to a decline in the number of farmers. Recognizing the value and potential of Muga silk, SATRA has mobilized 80 farmers in Darrang district. This initiative includes:

- Skill training programs in collaboration with the Central Silk Board (CSB), Guwahati Regional Office.
- Support in Muga cocoon production and market linkage.

### Outcomes and Finding-

- Muga farmers are now producing and selling cocoons, ensuring a stable income.
- Plans are underway to produce finished Muga products with community support.

Reviving Muga silk has been a challenging yet rewarding endeavor. The initiative has not only preserved a traditional craft but also provided a sustainable livelihood option for the farmers. The collective effort has fostered a sense of community and shared purpose.

### Challenges and Solutions-

- Reluctance to Change :Initial resistance from traditional practitioners was addressed through continuous motivation and demonstration of benefits.
- Connectivity Issues: Poor rural connectivity was mitigated by organizing local training sessions and creating community groups for better information dissemination.
- Market Linkage: Ensuring a stable market for the products involved creating direct links between producers and buyers
- DFL(Disease free laying): the quality seeds are not available in locals. For that we have formed linkages with CSB(Central Silk Board)

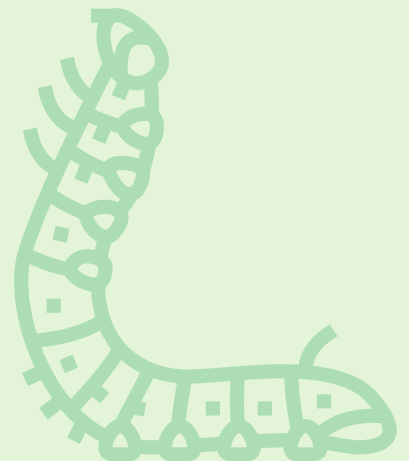
### Key Learnings and Achievements

- Empowerment: Training and skill development have empowered rural women, making them self-reliant.
- Sustainability: Scientific approaches have ensured the sustainability of traditional practices.
- Community Involvement: Collective efforts have strengthened community bonds and enhanced the overall quality of production



### Conclusion-

SATRA's intervention in sericulture development has significantly impacted the livelihoods of rural poor women involved in mulberry, ERI, and Muga



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# Bridging Gaps for Unorganised labor in Assam

## Introduction-

In Assam, unregistered laborers, particularly those in the construction sector, face significant challenges, including lack of awareness about registration processes and the consequent denial of government assistance. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated these issues, highlighting the urgent need for systemic interventions. Recognizing this, SATRA (Social Action for Transformation and Rehabilitation) has taken proactive steps to bridge these gaps and enhance social security for unregistered laborers through a series of targeted initiatives.

## Key Findings from the Survey

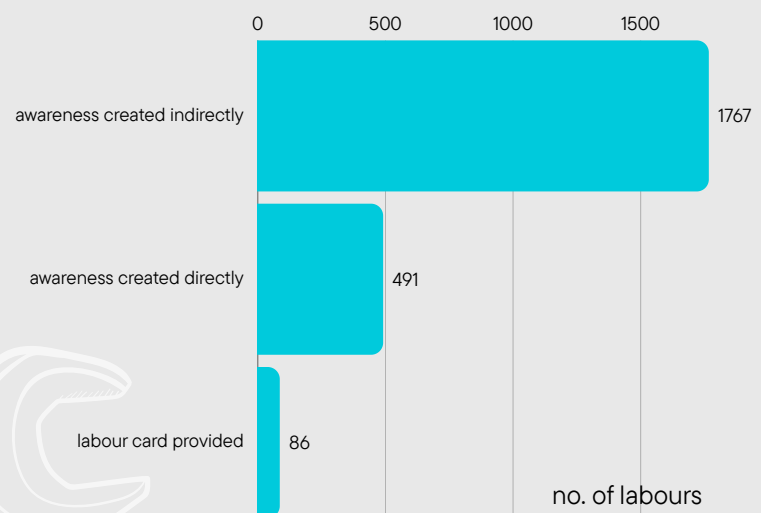
1. Lack of Awareness: A significant number of laborers were not registered due to a lack of awareness about the registration process and associated benefits.
2. Government Assistance Denial: Unregistered labor faced challenges in accessing government assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## SATRA's Interventions

1. Creating Awareness: SATRA conducted campaigns to educate unorganized sectors, especially construction laborers, about the benefits of labor registration.
2. Facilitating Registration: Efforts were made to assist laborers in registering and promoting the formation of labor unions.
3. Promotion of Labor Unions: SATRA initiated the promotion of a labor union in Sipajhar to empower laborers collectively.
4. Space Provision: SATRA provided office space within its premises for the labor union's operations until it could function independently.
5. Ongoing Support: Continuous support was provided to newly formed labor unions until they could operate on their own.

## Way Forward

1. Continued Awareness Campaigns: SATRA plans to expand its awareness campaigns to reach a wider audience across various regions of Assam.
2. Collaboration with Local Authorities: Working with local authorities to enhance the effectiveness of awareness programs and facilitate the registration process.
3. Monitoring and Evaluation: Establishing a mechanism to assess the impact of initiatives and make necessary adjustments.
4. Replication in Other Regions: Successful models established in Sipajhar may be replicated in other districts to ensure a broader reach and impact.



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## Project Overview

The project Digital Platform for Learning Using Chimple is being implemented by SATRA with support under CSR from North East Nutrients Pvt. Limited. This initiative aims to uplift the basic education of children aged 5 and 6 using the app Chimple.

- SATRA has selected 500 students from 5 schools belonging to classes 1 and 2.
- Distribution includes 100 tablets and accessories such as headphones and device covers with a ratio of 5:1 per student.
- Schools involved: Ramharil LP School, Ghorabandha LP School, Mangaldai Balak LP School, Salojara LP School, and Chandowalpara LP School.
- Wireless internet connections were also installed in all five schools.

## Objective:

The core aim of the project is to bring digital, joyful learning experiences to young students. Technology partner, Sutara Learning Foundation, provided the Chimple app. Known for its excellent track record in promoting digital learning, Chimple is designed to shift the curiosity of young minds from unproductive screen time to productive, educational engagement.

## Activities-

- Training of teachers on the usability of the app has been conducted by SATRA
- Installation of the Chimple app on tablets along with necessary software modules.

## Chimple App Features:

- Encourages joyful and creative learning through gamified experiences.
- Kids learn Math and Science through fun, visually stimulating activities.
- Promotes positive competition, enhancing understanding and retention compared to traditional methods.

## Chimple App Features:

1. Classes using the CHIMPLE App will be held for at least an hour every working day.
2. The goal is to uplift the overall performance of each individual student in terms of intelligence, objectivity, and ability to understand technology at an early age. The self-learning aspect aims to introduce a sense of responsibility.
3. The desired outcomes include achieving more than 3000 minutes or 50 hours of activity for each student from all 5 schools for the next session 22-23.





# Financial Literacy

In all our programs, we emphasize crucial aspects of financial literacy to help individuals make informed decisions and manage their finances effectively.

Our key focus areas include:

- Bank Account Essentials: Understanding the importance of opening and maintaining a bank account for financial stability and convenience.
- PAN Card Significance: Highlighting the role of the PAN card in tax management and identity verification.
- Insurance Awareness: Educating about various types of insurance such as life, health, asset, and livestock insurance to safeguard against unforeseen events.
- Fraud and Financial Crimes: Providing insights into common financial scams and how to protect oneself from fraud and financial crimes.
- Relationship with Financial Institutions: Encouraging a positive and proactive relationship with bankers and financial institutions for better financial management.
- Safe Online Transactions: Promoting safe practices for online transactions to prevent fraud and ensure secure financial operations.
- Maintaining Financial Privacy: Stressing the importance of keeping personal financial information confidential and secure.

Through our comprehensive approach, we aim to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary for sound financial management and protection.



# BIODIVERSITY

The annual report from the Social Action for Appropriate Transformation and Advancement in Rural Areas (SATRA) highlights the organization's steadfast commitment to environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation. SATRA's initiatives focus on promoting sustainable practices, regenerative agriculture, and raising awareness about the urgent need for biodiversity protection.

## Initiatives and Focus Areas:

- **Training for Sustainable Farming:** SATRA's training programs for small-scale farmers emphasize regenerative agricultural practices, agroforestry, and crop diversification. By blending traditional wisdom with modern techniques, farmers are empowered to adopt environmentally friendly farming methods.
- **Preservation of Traditional Seeds:** SATRA's training sessions on traditional seed preservation safeguard local plant varieties and contribute to ecosystem resilience through the conservation of unique biodiversity.
- **Advocacy for Knowledge Center Establishment:** The knowledge center disseminates information on sustainable practices, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation, and providing farmers with the latest advancements in sustainable agriculture.
- **Market Linkage for Organic Produce:** SATRA facilitates market linkages for organic produce, enabling farmers to connect with local and metropolitan markets, ensuring fair economic returns and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.
- **Regenerative Kitchen Gardening:** By providing technical and managerial support, SATRA empowers households to adopt regenerative kitchen gardening practices, contributing to food security and local environmental health.

## Advocacy and Awareness:

SATRA's advocacy efforts include broader campaigns for sustainable biodiversity, climate adaptation, and regenerative agriculture. Children and youth clubs are established to foster environmental responsibility among the younger generation.

## Challenges and Solutions:

SATRA addresses challenges such as the influence of commercial farming and natural disasters like floods through tailored training, community engagement, and support mechanisms.

## Impact and Future Commitments:

SATRA's initiatives have positively impacted the adoption of sustainable practices and biodiversity preservation. The organization remains committed to sustaining these efforts for the long term.

## Conclusion:

SATRA's dedication to environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation is evident through its multifaceted initiatives. The organization aims to foster a harmonious relationship between human activities and regional biodiversity, ensuring a sustainable and biodiverse environment for future generations.



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#### Meeting/Workshop Participated

Meeting/Workshop	Place	Date	Participant
KSCF initial workshop	New Delhi	April,2023	Kamruz Zaman Haque
Social Stock Workshop	New Delhi	27/05/23	Nani Kr. Saikia
Finance Accounts trg	Indore	16-18 <sup>th</sup> June	Kamaruz,Jitu
IAG Assam AGM	Guwahati	16/06/23	Nani Kr Saikia,Sachin Sarma
Integrated Farming Cluster meeting	Guwahati	6/6/23	Nani Kr Saikia
UNDP project awareness meeting	Guwahati	23/8/23	Kamruz Zaman/Jagdish Hazarika
Re-build India Cohort 4 workshop	Guwahati	5-8Dec/23	Nani Kr Saikia
Dasra philanthropic week program	Mumbai	29/02/24	Nani Kr Saikia
Re-build annual gathering program	Mumbai	1/03/24	NaniKr Saikia
KSCF Program	Delhi	March,2024	Kamraruz Zaman Haque

17.Govt./District Administration Constitutes Committee Member :SATRA has been nominated as a member of various Govt./District administration constituted committees as follows:

S.No	Name of the Committee	Remarks/Concern Depatt
1	District Mineral Development Trust, Darrang	<b>District Commissioner Darrang</b>
2	Management Committee for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Darrang Dist Committee	Dist. Veterinary officer
3	District Level Electoral Literacy Committee	Election officer Convenor
4	District Level Task Force(Child Labour)Committee	Dist.Labour Officer
5	District Level Sub Committee for Sickle Cell Disease Programme	Joint Director, Health Darrang
6	District Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee	DCPO <b>Darrang</b>
7	District level Monitoring Committee of Road Safety	<b>District Commissioner Darrang</b>

Date	No. of present members
29/4/23	11
02/7/23	08
10/9/23	10
24/12/23	08
11/2/24	08
24/3/24	10

SATRA Board Meeting Held  
(as above 2023-24)

Annual general Meeting was held in  
23/10/23

Blood donation on 27 feb 2024 on  
the ocassion of SATRA raising day  
42 SATRA volunteers donated  
blood to blood bank mangaldai  
civil hospital

SATRA Volunteers  
SATAR has Total of 312 volunteers on its  
various projects working for the Society

### Full-Time Staff

type of staff	Male	Female	total
Parmanent	6	2	8
contractual	49	27	76
part-time(audit)	1	0	1
total	56	29	85

Salary and benifits of the Organisation  
Head-

- Remuneration paid to board member during the year 2023-24- nil(except Nani Kumar saikia,towards his full time involvement as Director)

type of staff	Male	Female	total
upto 10,000	6	5	11
10,001-25,000	43	21	64
25,001-50,000	5	2	7
above 50,000	3	0	3
total	57	28	85

Network Membership:

- 1) VANI (Voluntary Action Network India)New Delhi
- 2) IAG(Inter agency group Assam)Assam
- 3) National and NERCRC
- 4)White Ribbon Alliances, Assam Chapter.



# Our Present Partners



## Our Partners



# Annual Financial Statement

**SOCIAL ACTION FOR APPROPRIATE TRANSFORMATION AND ADVANCEMENT  
IN RURAL AREAS (SATRA)  
VILL :- SATGHARIA (TRINAYANPUR) P.O-SIPAJHAR DIST :- DARRANG (ASSAM)  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2024**

PARTICULARS	NOTES	As at March 31st, 2024	As at March 31st, 2023
<b>SOURCES OF FUND</b>			
General Fund	1	1,21,25,643.53	1,04,99,989.13
Loan from Members	2	6,36,000.00	6,59,365.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,27,61,643.53</b>	<b>1,11,59,354.13</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	4	21,85,263.65	21,77,263.65
<b>Current Assets, Loans &amp; Advances</b>			
Loans and Advances	5	-	52,170.00
Fixed Deposits & Other			
Investment	6	51,30,866.00	74,56,620.00
Grants Receivable- Childline		6,70,853.00	14,90,503.00
Grants Receivable- CSR		95,205.00	-
Balance with the Revenue Authorities	7	2,68,453.00	2,79,236.00
Cash & Bank Balances	8	88,02,608.88	54,20,243.52
	(i)	<b>1,49,67,985.88</b>	<b>1,46,98,772.52</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>			
Provision made/amount set aside for specific project	16	43,84,350.00	57,09,517.04
Contribution to EPF	3	7,256.00	7,165.00
	(ii)	<b>43,91,606.00</b>	<b>57,16,682.04</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>(i) - (ii)</b>	<b>1,05,76,379.88</b>	<b>89,82,090.48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,27,61,643.53</b>	<b>1,11,59,354.13</b>

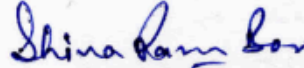
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**Shiva Ram Boro**  
Proprietor  
Membership No. 315249

Place: Kokrajhar  
Date: 17-08-2024



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VILL :- SATGHARIA (TRINAYANPUR) P.O-SIPAJHAR DIST :- DARRANG (ASSAM)**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

PARTICULARS	NOTES	As at March 31st, 2024	As at March 31st, 2023
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grants	9	2,47,40,279.05	2,48,92,670.00
Interest Income	10	5,84,047.00	9,80,779.23
Donation/Contributions	11	15,55,500.00	13,46,104.00
CSR Fund	12	14,81,955.00	21,99,712.00
<b>Total (A)</b>		<b>2,83,61,781.05</b>	<b>2,94,19,265.23</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Expenses on Specific Projects & Training	13	1,94,76,414.59	1,87,28,747.56
CSR related Expenses	14	15,21,755.75	7,21,690.10
Administrative & Other Expenses	15	13,53,606.31	12,82,369.60
Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	4	-	-
Provision made/amount set aside for specific project	16	43,84,350.00	56,39,018.04
<b>Total (B)</b>		<b>2,67,36,126.65</b>	<b>2,63,71,825.30</b>
<b>Surplus for the year (A) - (B)</b>		<b>16,25,654.40</b>	<b>30,47,439.93</b>

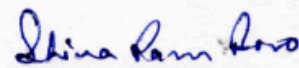
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**Consolidated Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31st March 2024**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
<b><u>To Opening Balance</u></b>		<b><u>By General Fund Expenses</u></b>	
Cash at Bank	54,20,243.52	(i)"Blood Donation Camp	2,500.00
Cash in Hand	-	(ii)"SATRA Raising Day Celebration	13,682.00
		(iii) " World Mental Health day Celebration	15,690.00
		(iv) "Other Administrative Expenses	10,25,240.49
		(v) "EPF deposits	7,02,401.00
		(vi) "Furniture Purchase	8,000.00
		(vii)" Fixed Deposit	19,90,000.00
		(viii)" Office Expenses	
"Bank Interest	4,19,088.00		
		<b><u>By CSR Activities Expenses</u></b>	
"Donation	15,55,500.00	(i) Digital Platform of Learning through	29,99,777.65
"EPF Contibution	7,02,492.00	Chimple Project	
" Received from Spices Board, Guwahati	7,000.00		
for Turmeric Training			
" Received from Mangaldai Civil Hospital	2,500.00		
for Blood Donation Camp		<b><u>By APPI Project Expenses</u></b>	
" TDS Refund	50,960.00	(i) Mental Health care services	59,79,646.14
"CSR Fund- North East Nutrients	13,86,750.00	<b><u>By FCRA Fund Expenses</u></b>	
Pvt Limited		(i)"Strengthening Community Action	8,26,327.00
		Development in North East India Project Expenses	
		(ii) Promoting Social & Economic	
<b><u>Grant Received from</u></b>		empowerment of women & youths in	26,58,423.00
(i) "Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives	62,03,000.00	Darrang District of Assam Project Expenses	
for Providing Mental Health Care services			
along with psycho-social interventions			
Programme		<b><u>By Access to Justice Project Expenses</u></b>	1,17,09,125.60
(ii) To Grant from Bread for the World for "			
Strengthening Community Action			
Development in North East India Project"	4,41,222.00		
(iii) To Grant from DASRA for Rebuild		<b><u>By POCSO Cases Expenses</u></b>	1,75,000.00
Programme	10,18,932.00		
		<b><u>By Rebuild Programme Expenses</u></b>	89,080.00
(iv) To Grant from TDH(G)- Misereor	18,38,554.05		
(v) To Grant from EDGH for Promoting			
Social & Economic empowerment of			
women & youth in Darrang District of			
Assam Project	27,06,522.00		
(vi) To Grant from Kailash Satyarthi		By Bank Charges	8,328.82
Children's Foundation for Access to Justice			
Project Phase 2	1,19,24,214.00		



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	-	<b><u>By Childline Project Expenses</u></b>	
(vii) Grant From Childline India Foundation	14,17,985.00	Childline Project Expenses Mission Vatsalaya Project Expenses	5,98,557.61
To FDR Maturity	40,50,000.00	<b><u>By Misereor Project Expenses</u></b>	
		By Supporting sustainable peace ,	15,69,379.38
To Loan received from Satra Silk	52,170.00	social justice and equality among minority communities	
		By Loan repayment	23,365.00
		<b><u>By Closing Balance</u></b>	
		Cash at Bank	88,02,608.88
		Cash in hand	-
	<u>3,91,97,132.57</u>		<u>3,91,97,132.57</u>

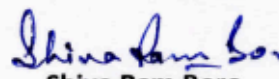
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