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Director's Message

Women empowerment is a cornerstone of sustainable community development, and it thrives when women are equipped with practical skills, economic opportunities, and supportive environments. Among the most impactful approaches are training in bookkeeping, income-generating activities, livelihood support initiatives. Collectively, these interventions strengthen not only women themselves but also their families and wider communities.

Training women in bookkeeping is an essential first step toward financial independence. Many women, especially in rural or economically marginalized communities, engage in SHGs struggle with record-keeping, budgeting, and profit tracking. Bookkeeping training enables them to manage their finances confidently, make informed decisions, and build credibility when seeking loans or partnerships. This financial literacy enhances their ability to expand existing ventures or start new ones, ultimately fostering long-term stability.

In addition to financial skills, income-generating activities provide women with practical avenues to earn and diversify household income. Activities such as crafts production, tailoring, or food processing, live stalks allow women to build on their strengths and local resources. These initiatives reduce dependency, increase confidence, and create pathways for women to contribute economically to their communities. When women earn, families benefit through improved nutrition, education, and healthcare.

Empowerment also extends to the younger generation through youth leadership programs. These programs nurture confidence, critical thinking, communication skills, and community engagement among young women and men. Children's summer camps for supplementary school learners play a vital role in strengthening family and community structures. These camps provide safe, educational, and engaging environments where children can reinforce their learning, develop social skills, and explore creative interests.



As I present to you this News Letter of FASCE India, I seek once again your support and cooperation to continue our transformative works in the society and in the world at large. May our good lord continue to assist us in whatever little ways that we engage in to support the poor and the marginalized of the region. And may our passion and zeal for the progress drive our every bit of action to bring transformation amidst people. May God Bless you.

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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

Training on Book Keeping

The FAsCE India Livelihood Programme provides continuous support to Self-Help Groups (SHGs), focusing on enhancing entrepreneurial skills and promoting sustainable livelihoods. Ongoing sessions include group discussions on financial management and market linkages, skill development exercises in areas like handicrafts and tailoring, business planning, and networking opportunities.



SHG daily activities include conducting group savings and credit activities, identifying new income-generating opportunities, providing training and support for skill development, facilitating market linkages and sales, managing group finances, encouraging entrepreneurship, and building linkages with other SHGs and organizations. These activities empower SHG members with practical skills and knowledge, enhancing their entrepreneurial capabilities and improving their livelihood opportunities.

Livelihood Programme/Income Generating Activities

The livelihood programme held on August 8th 2025 at Forest Gate with 70 SHG members involved group activities focused on enhancing entrepreneurial skills and promoting sustainable livelihoods. Activities included group discussions on financial management and market linkages, skill development exercises in areas like handicrafts and tailoring, business planning, and networking opportunities. The programme aimed to empower SHG members with practical skills, improving their economic well-being. The programme empowered SHG members with practical skills and knowledge, enhancing their entrepreneurial capabilities and improving their livelihood opportunities.





SHG Stall

Jiban Jyoti SHG participated in a stall event at Patharquary on August 22nd, 2025 showcasing their products and entrepreneurial skills. The event featured a product display, sales and marketing opportunities, customer feedback, and networking among SHG members and stakeholders. The stall provided a platform for the SHG to promote their products, increase sales, and enhance their entrepreneurial skills and confidence, contributing to their economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods.



Formation of New SHGs – Ghaguwa

Three new Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were formed in the Ghaguwa area on September 6th, 2025 facilitated by Miss Chaya Kalita, Programme Coordinator of FAsCE India. Miss Kalita provided an overview of the SHG formation process and assured continued support to the groups. The formation aimed to empower local women and promote sustainable livelihoods. The groups, Asha (12 members), Jyoti (12 members), and Shristy (12 members), will focus on handicrafts and tailoring, food processing and preservation, and agriculture and allied activities, respectively. They will receive training and support to enhance their entrepreneurial skills, access credit facilities, and market their products, contributing to their economic independence and community development.



Strengthening of SHGs through Livelihood Support

On September 19, 2025, a pivotal program on Strengthening of SHGs through Livelihood Support took place at Amsing Jorabat. This initiative saw the participation of 13 SHGs, all of which were beneficiaries of a revolving fund aimed at boosting Income Generation Activities. Led by Miss Chaya Kalita, the Programme Coordinator, the event featured a comprehensive overview and orientation. She stressed the importance of leveraging the revolving fund effectively to kickstart and expands income-generating ventures.



The SHG members displayed considerable enthusiasm in implementing the livelihood support measures, which are anticipated to enhance their self-sufficiency and overall socio-economic standing. Beyond financial assistance, the participants gained crucial insights into optimizing the use of the revolving fund for sustainable livelihood outcomes.

PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Bloom Fest

FASCE organized a weeklong Bloom Fest from July 7 – 11, 2025 across all its Supplementary Education Centres, engaging children in a fun and enriching experience. The camp, which aimed to promote overall development, saw enthusiastic participation of children from all the FASCE Supplementary Education Centres such as Narengi, Hatishila, Gobardhan, Ekrabari, Amsing Jorabat, Bongaon, Gaguwa, Geetamandir, Swaliluka and Killingkoko.



The camp's objectives were to enhance creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, foster teamwork and leadership, promote physical activity and health, and encourage social interaction and cultural exchange. Activities included arts and crafts, sports and games, cultural events, life skills training, and educational workshops on mental health, environmental awareness, and health education.

Around 600 children participated in the camp, developing new skills, building confidence, and making new friends. The event strengthened community bonds and promoted social cohesion, culminating in a grand closing ceremony with cultural performances, prize distribution, and certificates of participation. The Summer Camp reflected FASCE India's commitment to promoting holistic development and empowering marginalized communities.

MAJOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS

International Youth Day

On August 12, 2025, around 150 young minds from FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres celebrated International Youth Day with great enthusiasm, recognizing the potential and contributions of young people. The day was marked with interactive sessions on leadership, innovation, and social responsibility, as well as cultural performances showcasing the talents of our young learners. Discussions were held on themes relevant to youth, including education, career aspirations, and social impact. The celebrations provided a platform for our youth to connect, learn, and grow, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. By investing in the potential of young people, we reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers.



Independence Day Celebration

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor in all FAsCE Supplementary Education Centres. The day commenced with the flag-hoisting, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The campuses were tastefully decorated with tricolour flags, balloons and banners reflecting the spirit of freedom.



Students participated in a variety of activities showcasing their creativity and patriotism. Cultural programs included patriotic songs, traditional dance performances representing different communities, and skits enacting episodes from India's freedom struggle. A quiz competition on Indian history and independence was conducted, allowing students to test and deepen their knowledge of national heroes and key events. In line with eco-friendly celebrations, several centres organized tree-plantation drives and used digital posters to highlight the day's significance.

World Photography Day

On August 19, 2025, the Narengi Centre celebrated World Photography Day by hosting a photography exhibition where students showcased their creative works. The event provided a platform for students to express themselves through the lens, capturing the beauty of the world around them. A panel of judges evaluated the photographs, and prizes were awarded to the best ones, recognizing the talent and creativity of the young photographers. The event was a great way to encourage students to pursue their passion for photography and appreciate the art form. A total of 150 children attended the said event.



Teacher's Day

This year's Teacher's Day celebration was held at the FAsCE Head Office, Narengi Centre on September 5, 2025. It brought together teachers from all FAsCE Supplementary Education centres to honour their dedication and hard work. The event was filled with enthusiasm and gratitude as students expressed their appreciation through a variety of performances, speeches, and heartfelt gestures. The celebrations underscored the vital role teachers play in shaping the future of the students and the community, and FAsCE saluted its teachers for their steadfast commitment to delivering quality education.



International Literacy Day

FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, celebrated International Literacy Day on September 8, 2025, with great enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of literacy as a fundamental human right and a key component of lifelong learning. With 150 children from the centre, the event featured various activities, including a book reading session, poster-making competition, and essay writing contest, where students showcased their creativity and understanding of the significance of literacy.

The resource person Miss Queen Dutta emphasized the importance of literacy in today's world, stating that "Literacy is the bridge between ignorance and knowledge, and it empowers individuals to make informed decisions, improve their socio-economic status, and participate actively in their communities." She also highlighted the role of education in promoting sustainable development and reducing inequalities. The students actively participated in the activities and expressed their thoughts on the importance of literacy through their writings and artwork



Youth Leadership Program

The Youth Leadership Program at Ekrahari on July 27, 2025 was a significant event aimed at empowering young individuals with leadership skills and social responsibility. Organized by FASCE, the program focused on developing leadership qualities, promoting community engagement, and enhancing civic awareness among participants. The event reflected FASCE India's commitment to promoting holistic development and empowering marginalized communities, contributing to the overall growth and progress of the region. A total of 150 youth from different parishes took part of the training.



Distribution of Computers

On July 31, 2025, FAsCE successfully distributed computers to MSFS Study House, Mawroh-Mawlai, Shillong, empowering students with essential digital skills. This initiative aimed to bridge the digital divide and enhance access to quality education through technology. The distribution ceremony took place at MSFS Study House, shillong marking a significant milestone in FAsCE's mission to foster digital literacy. With 5 computers handed over to the schools, this initiative is expected to benefit a large number of students, providing them with the tools they need to excel in an increasingly digital world. FAsCE remains committed to supporting education and digital empowerment in communities.



Home Visit

On July 27 and 28, 2025, a home visit was conducted in Ekrabari and Gaguwa to assess the impact of FAsCE's Supplementary Education program and gauge the response from the community and parents. The feedback from parents and the community was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their gratitude and happiness for providing their children with access to quality education. They appreciated the efforts of FAsCE in bridging the educational gap and empowering their children with new skills and knowledge. The community's enthusiasm and support for the program were palpable, and it was evident that the initiative has made a significant difference in the lives of the children and their families. The visit reaffirmed the importance of continued support and collaboration to further enhance the program's impact and reach.



Relief Distribution

From July to August 2025, FAsCE successfully conducted a relief distribution drive in the flood-affected areas of Assam, providing essential support to 1115 families comprising 6690 individuals. The distribution effort targeted the most affected villages, including Dharmanagar, Babu Basti, 2nd Oil Gate, Satgaon, Pathaquary, Hatishilla, Ekrabari, Bongaon, Amsing Jorabat, and Pubaranagar. The relief package included food items such as rice, dal, potatoes, onions, and salt, as well as emergency survival kits comprising tarpaulin, solar lamps, mosquito nets, Dettol soap, phenyl, bleaching powder and medicines. These items were carefully selected to meet the immediate needs of the affected communities, providing them with basic necessities and protection from health risks. FAsCE India's efforts aimed to bring relief and support to those impacted by the recent flooding, helping them navigate this challenging situation.



Tribute to Zubeen Garg

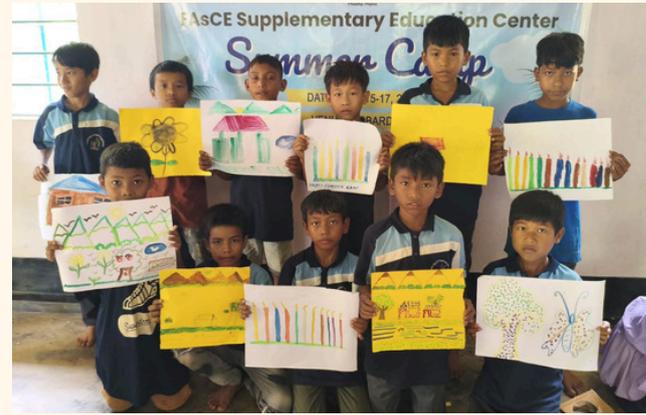
The FASCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, paid a heartfelt tribute to the legendary Assamese singer, composer, and musician Zubeen Garg on September 25, 2025. The event honored his immense contributions to Assamese music and culture, with faculty members and students sharing stories, anecdotes, and memories of his remarkable life and career. The tribute served as a testament to his enduring legacy and impact on the region's cultural heritage.



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