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Women empowerment is an essential step toward building a strong and self-reliant society. One of the most effective ways to empower women, especially in rural and marginalized communities, is through Self-Help Groups (SHGs). These groups create opportunities for women to gain knowledge, develop skills, and improve their socio-economic conditions. Through various training programmes and community development initiatives, SHGs help women become confident, independent, and active contributors to their families and society.

A major area of empowerment is leadership training, where women are encouraged to develop decision-making skills, communication abilities, and confidence. Such training prepares them to take leadership roles within their groups and communities. It enables them to participate in local governance, voice their concerns, and work collectively for the welfare of their families and villages. Leadership development helps women realize their potential and strengthens their role in society.

Skill-based trainings such as piggery, mushroom cultivation, and detergent making provide women with practical opportunities for income generation. Training in piggery equips women with knowledge about animal care, breeding, and marketing, enabling them to start small-scale pig farming as a profitable livelihood. Mushroom cultivation is another sustainable activity that requires low investment but offers good returns. Women are trained in cultivation techniques, maintenance, and sales, which help them earn regular income. Similarly, detergent making teaches women to produce household cleaning products that can be sold locally, encouraging entrepreneurship and financial independence.

In addition to vocational skills, capacity-building programmes play a crucial role in strengthening women's abilities. These programmes enhance financial literacy, resource management, group coordination, and entrepreneurial skills. Women learn how to manage savings, and run small businesses efficiently. Capacity building creates awareness about rights, responsibilities, and opportunities, enabling women to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.

Health is another important aspect of empowerment. Organizing free medical camps for women and their families improves community well-being and raises awareness about health and hygiene. These camps provide basic health check-ups, consultations, and medicines, benefiting women who often lack access to healthcare services. Good health enables women to participate actively in livelihood activities and community programmes, thereby strengthening their overall empowerment.

Thus, FASCE India as a non-profitable organization led by its motto "*promoting progress*" helps the weaker and marginalized sections of the society through leadership training, livelihood skill development, capacity-building initiatives, and free medical camps. As we bring out the first quarter newsletter, I wish to thank you and acknowledge the cooperation, collaboration, wishes and compliments that are extended to us daily.

May God bless you all throughout the new year of 2026.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

1. TRAINING ON LEADERSHIP FOR SHG

FASCE India conducted leadership training for SHG women in Ghaguwa on January 30, 2026. The program, led by resource person Br. Bryce Fernandez along with the MSW Interns from Don Bosco University, saw 125 participants from Ghaguwa and nearby areas. The session covered essential topics like leadership skills, effective communication, financial management, and social issues, aiming to empower women to take up leadership roles and contribute to village development. The training included interactive sessions and group discussions, enhancing participants' confidence and problem-solving abilities.



2. TRAINING ON PIGGERY

A training program on Piggery was conducted for SHG women in Hatishilla on January 10, 2026 by FASCE India. The session, led by Mr Deepak Thapa, with 80 SHG members participated in the programme. Key areas covered included pig breeding techniques, disease management, feed optimization, and market strategies. This training empowered women to start or scale up piggery farming, enhancing their income and livelihood opportunities. As a practical step, 16 piglets were distributed to the selected SHGs to kick start their ventures.



3. TRAINING ON MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

A one-day comprehensive training on Mushroom Cultivation was conducted for SHG women in Shantinagar Hajong Basti on February 21, 2026. The session, led by expert Ms. Rita Engjal, witnessed 97 SHG members learning spawn preparation, composting, and pest management. Ms. Rita Engjal demonstrated the process step-by-step, guiding participants through hands-on activities like preparing the substrate, inoculating spawn, and maintaining optimal growing conditions. This practical training enabled women to adopt mushroom cultivation as a profitable venture, boosting their income and promoting sustainable agriculture.



4. TRAINING ON DETERGENT MAKING

A training on Detergent Making was organized for women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Shantinagar on February 21, 2026. The session, led by expert trainer Ms. Rita Majumdar, guided 95 participants through detergent formulation, raw material selection, and production techniques. The training aimed to empower women by enhancing their skills, promoting entrepreneurship, and improving their socio-economic status. Hands-on training was provided, covering different types of detergents, quality control, packaging, and marketing strategies. The program contributed to rural development, poverty alleviation, and women's empowerment.





5. SHG EXPOSURE VISIT

On February 22, 2026, an exposure visit was organized for 80 SHG members, led by Miss Chaya Kalita, Programme Co-ordinator, FASCE, along with FASCE volunteers. The team visited various livelihood projects in and around Sonapur Kalangpar undertaken by various organisations, aiming to educate members about diverse livelihood projects and income-generating activities that can be replicated within our SHGs. During the visit, SHG members gained insights into innovative initiatives and successful projects, showcasing opportunities for diversification of skills and income streams. The exposure visit provided a valuable platform for networking and sharing experiences, inspiring members to adopt new ideas and approaches in their own SHGs.



6. FORMATION OF NEW SHG

On February 22, 2026, a significant milestone was achieved at Choibari with the formation of 2 new Self-Help Groups (SHGs), comprising 12 members each. The programme was facilitated by Mrs Sunita Baraik, Community Resource Person (CRP). She emphasized the importance of SHGs in empowering women and highlighted the various income generation activities that can be undertaken by the members. During her address, he also stressed on the role of SHGs in promoting financial inclusion, social solidarity, and community development, urging the members to take ownership and actively participate in the group's activities. The formation of these new SHGs will create opportunities for women to access credit, savings, and other financial services, ultimately contributing to their economic empowerment and overall well-being.





7. AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

FASCE India organized Awareness Programmes on Women's Empowerment at Hatishilla on Feb 20th and Ekrabari on Feb 27th, benefiting 75 and 55 participants respectively, mostly women from local communities. Facilitated by Bro. Bipul Rabha and MSW students from Don Bosco University, the programmes covered women's rights, health, and economic independence. The programme also featured interactive sessions with various group activities and games were also conducted to help the participants engaged actively throughout the session. The participants also shared their experiences and challenges, and discussed ways to address them. The event aimed to raise awareness and inspire women to take charge of their lives, contributing to the overall development of their families and communities.



PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR STAFF

18 January 2026

A capacity-building programme was organized for staff at FASCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, on January 18, 2026. The programme, led by Mr. Mukut K Kalita, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Vidyalaya College, focused on creating an interactive learning environment. The session, attended by 35 participants, explored alternative methods to manage students and classrooms, emphasizing student-centric approaches. Key topics included creating a positive environment, encouraging participation, and innovative teaching strategies. The programme enabled staff to gain valuable insights, enhancing their teaching practices.



7 February 2026

FASCE organized another capacity-building programme for staff at the FASCE Head Office, Narengi, on February 7, 2026. Mr. Upen Chandra Goswami, Headmaster of Amchong Tea Estate Model School, served as the subject expert for the session attended by 30 FASCE staff members. The session focused on modern classroom management techniques, with emphasis on positive reinforcement, effective communication, and strategies to engage students. The programme equipped staff with practical tools to improve classroom management and foster a conducive learning environment, giving them valuable insights to enhance their teaching skills and approaches. An interactive discussion was held at the end of the session, allowing staff to clarify doubts and share field experiences.



PROMOTION OF HEALTH

FREE MEDICAL CAMP

FASCE India, in collaboration with Swahid Jadav Nath Govt. Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Panjabari, organised a free medical camp on February 07, 2026 at Ghaguwa village, a remote location in rural Assam. The camp aimed to provide free medical care and consultation to the underprivileged villagers, raise awareness about common health issues, and promote healthy practices. The medical team from Assam Medical College, along with FASCE staff, MSW interns, and volunteers, worked together to make the camp a grand success. Activities included general health check-ups, distribution of free medicines, health awareness sessions, and on-spot medical advice. Over 150 villagers participated in the camp, with many benefiting from the services provided. The event was a collaborative effort, with the medical team and FASCE volunteers working together to reach out to the community.



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAYS



1. REPUBLIC DAY

NARENGI

On January 26, 2026, Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at all our FASCE Supplementary Education Centres. The day commemorates the adoption of the Indian Constitution, emphasizing democracy, equality, and justice. For the centres' children, it was an opportunity to learn about India's rich heritage and the significance of being responsible citizens. The celebrations included flag-hoisting ceremonies, patriotic performances like dance and music, quizzes on Indian history and culture, and drawing competitions highlighting ***"India: Unity in Diversity"***. The children enjoyed a fun-filled day with entertainment programmes showcasing India's diversity and spirit. The events aimed to instill patriotism, teamwork, and democratic values among the children.

CHAPAR

FASCE India celebrated the 77th Republic Day at its Supplementary Education Centres in Chapar with children, facilitators, and community members. The programme featured flag hoisting, the National Anthem, patriotic songs, dances, and skits by children highlighting constitutional values. Speeches by facilitators and local leaders stressed the role of education in nation-building.





2. NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

NARENGI

A group of children from the FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, performed a street play at Amsing, Jorabat on January 24, 2026, to mark National Girl Child Day. The play highlighted the importance of the day and aimed to sensitize the community on issues faced by girls within and outside families. It focused on raising awareness about gender equality, education for girls, and child rights.



CHAPAR

National Girl Child Day was celebrated at Pakka Line and Bamunpara Pt-4, Chapar with over 102 children and community members. Students, including boys, took part in interactive sessions, games, and activities highlighting girls' achievements and the value of mutual respect. The programme promoted girl child education and empowerment while encouraging boys to be allies in supporting gender equality.





3. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY NARENGI

The International Women's Day Celebration at FAsCE Head Office, Narengi drew over 300 participants, including women from various Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across different locations. Smt. Punam Gogoi, former Assam Civil Service officer and Founder of Career Class, attended as chief guest. The event featured cultural dances and songs by SHGs, reflecting their rich heritage. Two best-performing SHGs were awarded for their efforts. In her speech, Smt. Gogoi highlighted how women-led initiatives are driving development and breaking barriers in a male-dominated society, urging women to embrace leadership roles. She emphasized women's empowerment and solidarity, leaving a strong impact on the gathering. The celebration concluded with prize distribution for the cultural events.



CHAPAR

The Women's Day Celebration at Chapar saw participation from over 250 women from various SHGs and local communities, with Mrs. Sushoma Roy, CLF President, as chief guest. SHG members set up stalls displaying handicrafts and local produce. Cultural performances including Bihu and Rabha dances showcased the region's heritage. Mrs. Roy praised the women's role in promoting sustainable livelihoods and social change, stressing the need for financial independence. Outstanding SHGs were felicitated at the award ceremony to encourage their continued efforts.



CHANDRAPUR

The Women's Day celebration in Chandrapur drew over 120 participants, with Rev. Fr. Phillipson N Marak, Principal of Don Bosco School, Chandrapur, as Chief Guest. He inspired the audience, encouraging women to pursue their passions and stressing education and self-reliance. The event featured cultural performances, including traditional Gond dances highlighting the region's heritage. Awards were presented to outstanding SHGs for their relentless efforts toward financial independence.



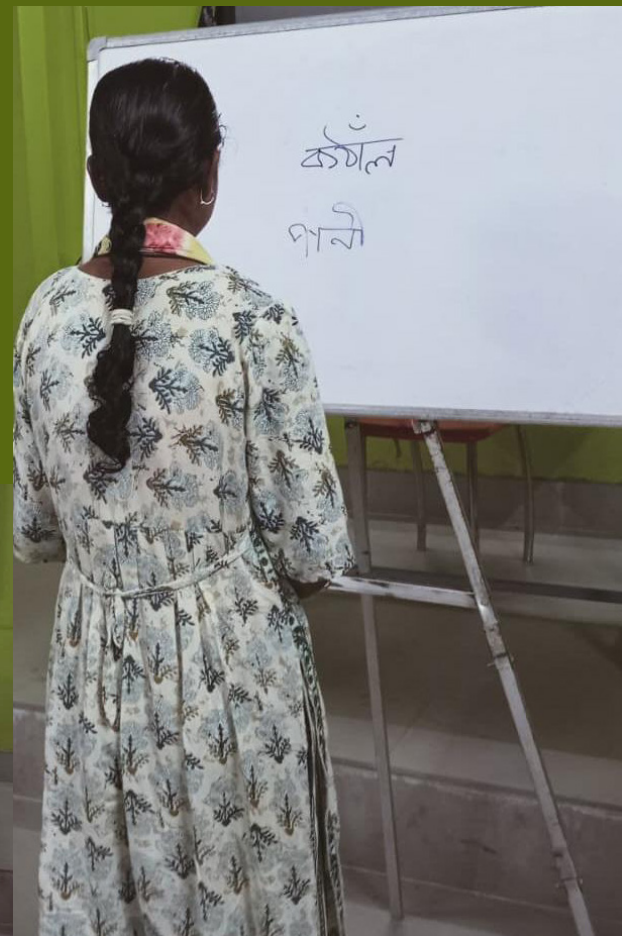
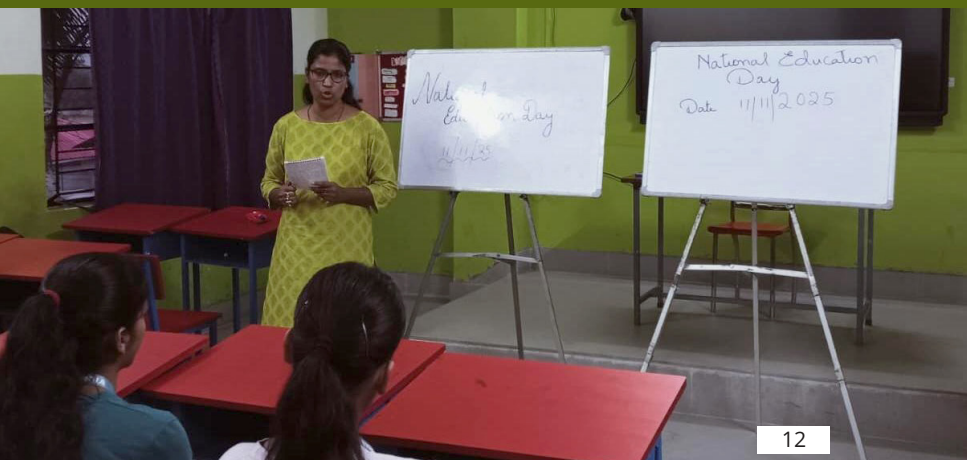
4. WORLD CANCER DAY

This year's World Cancer Day was celebrated at FASCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi, on February 04, 2026 with 85 students and resource person Fr. Nibin James, Associate Director, FASCE, spoke to the students about staying healthy and avoiding tobacco, explaining how these choices can keep them strong and fit. He shared fun facts about healthy eating, exercise, and hygiene too. Students enjoyed interactive sessions, made posters, and shared ways to stay cancer-free. The event helped them understand simple steps for a healthier life.



5. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

FASCE India observed International Day of Education with over 65 participants, focusing on the theme *"The Power of Youth in Co-Creating Education."* The event highlighted youth's role in shaping education policies and promoting inclusive, equitable quality education. Activities included seminars, workshops, and cultural events that engaged young people in decision-making and showcased their talents. The celebration reaffirmed FASCE India's commitment to empowering youth through education and fostering innovation and social responsibility.



6. INDIAN NEWSPAPER DAY

FASCE India observed Indian Newspaper Day with 78 children on January 29, 2026. The event highlighted the importance of newspapers in shaping informed citizens and fostering critical thinking. Activities included newspaper reading, a media literacy workshop, and interactive sessions on the role of newspapers in democracy. The celebration empowered the children with knowledge and critical thinking skills, reinforcing FASCE India's commitment to education.



7. NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

Engaging young minds in science was the focus as FASCE India celebrated National Science Day with 82 students from FASCE Supplementary Centre on February 28, 2026. The event, themed *"Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat"*, promoted scientific awareness and highlighted India's progress in science and technology through science exhibitions, hands-on experiments, and interactive sessions on space exploration and environmental science. The celebration encouraged students to pursue science, fostering critical thinking and curiosity, and reinforced FASCE India's commitment to education and community development.



BIHU EXHIBITION

The Pre-Bihu Exhibition at Narengi on January 12, 2026 was a fun-filled event with kids taking center stage. Children showcased their talents through various performances, including traditional Bihu dances and songs. They also participated in games and quizzes, learning about Assam's culture and traditions. Stalls selling local handicrafts, traditional attire, and tasty treats like pitha and Assamese delicacies added to the excitement. The event was a great way to introduce kids to the rich cultural heritage of Assam and get them excited for the upcoming Bihu festival.



DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS

FASCE India recently distributed library books to SFS School Basar, Arunachal Pradesh. The initiative aimed to support education and promote reading habits among local students. A collection of books covering various subjects was handed over to the library authorities. This effort is part of FASCE India's ongoing commitment to enhancing educational resources in underserved areas.





DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS

On January 18, FAsCE India distributed 50 blankets to the inmates of Sacred Heart Palliative Care, 10th mile, Guwahati, providing much-needed warmth during the winter season. The blankets were handed over to the centre, who expressed gratitude for the timely support. The residents appreciated the gesture, which brought comfort and relief. This initiative reflects FAsCE India's commitment to supporting vulnerable communities in need.



LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

FAsCE India has established a livelihood support for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to facilitate access to credit and promote livelihood opportunities among rural women. The fund supports SHGs in initiating or scaling up income-generating activities. The funds have been utilized for activities such as agriculture, livestock rearing, and small entrepreneurship ventures, enhancing the economic status of the women and promoting financial inclusion. The initiative aims to empower women economically, contributing to family and community development. The fund will be sustained through its utilization by additional SHGs, fostering ongoing support for livelihood enhancement.



INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANEL IN DIPHU

On March 04, 2026, FAsCE India installed a solar power system at SFS Technical School, Diphu, which trains school drop-out and underprivileged youth from Northeast India in trades like electrical, welding, and computer applications. The system provides reliable power for classrooms and workshops, preventing disruptions to hands-on training caused by frequent power cuts. It also serves as a live demo unit for electrical and renewable energy students, promoting practical, industry-aligned learning and sustainable energy practices.



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