

IGS NEWSLETTER

(April - June 2025)



Kaayam Rozgar – Khush-haal Pariwar (Sustainable Livelihoods – Prosperous Households)

Indian Grameen Services (IGS) is a Section 8 not-for-profit company and established on February 26, 1987 as an action research organization. The vision of IGS is to create an equitable world where the poor and marginalized in rural areas have access to livelihood opportunities on a sustainable basis, are prosperous and happy.

Human Capital



Outreach



Impacted Households



Live Projects





Key Highlights of the Quarter



OPERATIONS

Arunachal Pradesh & Assam:

- I. On World Environment Day, the project team under the HIGHLANDs project celebrated the day by doing a plantation drive at Panpur Higher Secondary School.
- II. Input Support in the form of poultry was provided to 10 households for a sustainable income generation.

Bihar:

- I. An exposure visit for Manpur Agro Farmer Producer Company (FPC) and Barachati Agro FPC to Badal Agro Mushroom Centre, Gaya, aimed to educate Directors and CEOs of FPCs on mushroom cultivation.
- II. A one-day training was held for Barabar Agro FPC Directors, CEOs, and Promoters under the Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs).

Chhattisgarh:

IGS initiated a High Impact Mega Watershed Project (HIMWP) project and an Introductory meeting conducted in Balrampur and Surajpur, Chhattisgarh, engaged Self Help Groups (SHGs) and communities to raise awareness about project objectives and activities.

Maharashtra:

- I. Under HIMWP in Gondia, Maharashtra, a meeting-cum-training on the Doha Model highlighted its drainage benefits and importance for farmers and villages.
- II. The project team at Nandurbar, Maharashtra discussed with Dr. Mitali Sethi, IAS, District Collector about the ongoing projects like Saakshyam, Samruddha Kisan and Maha Samruddhi Yojana (MSY) to share about our work and the convergence related opportunities in the district.
- III. The team celebrated Menstrual Hygiene Day under Project Saakshyam, with women, adolescent girls, Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, and Sarpanch.
- IV. A Training of Trainers (ToT) under the Mahasamruddhi Yojana was organized by BRAC International and Trickle Up, supported by the project team, for Samruddhi Sakhi and Cluster Sakhis of the Inclusive Livelihoods Program (ILP).

Madhya Pradesh:

- I. A Bio Resource Centre (BRC) was inaugurated under the Narmada Riparian Restoration project in Narmadapuram, MP, through convergence with GIZ and SRLM.
- II. Under the Shwetdhara project in Narmadapuram, MP, the project team trained Gramsakhis on using the Shwetdhara Technology Platform app.
- III. Under the Safe Tourism Destination for Women (STDW) project, trainees discussed developing a Tourism Facilitator Centre (TFC) and forming a federation in the Panchmarhi cluster.

Odisha:

- I. Under the Agriculture Production Cluster (APC) project implemented in Sundargarh, a meeting was held with Board of Directors (BoD) members of Maa Gruhalaxmi FPC and PRADAN team. Key discussions included shareholder increase, input procurement, business planning, and roles and responsibility of BoD.
- II. A meeting under the Guava Orchard Management Project implemented in Jajpur, was held with FPC BoDs and subscribers to discuss roles and responsibilities.
- III. A Block Level Coordination Committee (BLCC) meeting for the Agricultural Production Cluster project in Mayurbhanj, included the Block Development Officer (BDO) and other district level stakeholders and the project team.
- IV. Under the Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission (MMJJM) program, 45 nos. of rechargeable battery power sprayer were distributed to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) farmers.

West Bengal:

- I. High-quality paddy seeds were distributed to Farmer Producer Groups (FPGs) in Farakka, Murshidabad, under Project SAMARTH, promoting sustainable agriculture through recommended Package of Practices (POPs) for the kharif season.
- II. A total of 41 poor and ultra-poor families were supported with livestock input of 123 goats to enhance their livelihoods.
- III. 35 participants were capacitated through a six-days goat farming training program from 17-22 June, 2025, at RUDSET Institute, Murshidabad.

TRAININGS

- I. A two-day state-level stakeholder convergence sharing and learning workshop was organized in Bhopal during 10-11 May, 2025, under the Narmada Riparian Restoration project. The workshop focused on the use of GIS technology and tools for the conservation and enhancement of riverbank areas.
- II. The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) organized a two-day workshop for the Safe Tourism Destination for Women (STDW) project which included the preparation of an annual work plan and project sustainability at IIFM Institute, Bhopal during 15-16 May, 2025.
- III. The BRLF team organized a two-day Annual Review and Planning workshop at Nagpur during 23-14 June, 2025. The workshop was attended by the project team engaged in the High Impact Mega Watershed project, Gondia, Maharashtra.
- IV. Dr. Sanjib Sarangi participated as a panellist in the National Workshop on "Rejuvenation of India's Rivers: Nature-Based Solutions and Policy Pathways for Scalable Solutions," organized by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Delhi on June 16, 2025.

VISITS



- I. Mr. Pankaj Patil, M&E Consultant, ASK Foundation visited the project villages in Nandurbar, Maharashtra on April 3, 2025, and interacted with the community and project team.



II. Mr. Saeed Raza, Program Manager, visited the Restoration of Riparian Area project location under the Harit Bharat Fund during 8-9 May, 2025.



III. Mr. Radheshyam Solanki, COO, Dr. Sanjib Sarangi, CFPO and the PMU team of MSY attended the National Partners Meet organized by BRAC International in New Delhi during 12-14 May, 2025.



IV. Mr. Nitesh Bopche, Regional Coordinator, BRLF visited the project office on May 21, 2025, and reviewed the progress.



V. Ms. Nandita Das, Manager, CSR, HDFC Bank visited villages of Naduar Block, Assam, HDFC-FDP Highland project on June 20, 2025.

NEW PROGRAMS INITIATED

NEW PROGRAM INITIATED 1



BRLF
BHARAT RURAL
LIVELIHOODS FOUNDATION

Partner Name: Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF)

Project Name: A High Impact Mega Watershed Project 2.0 New Phase in Chhattisgarh



Project Tenure: 3.5 years



Objective:

Enhance rural livelihoods and ecosystem resilience through integrated watershed management by conserving natural resources, improving soil and water health and empowering communities with capacity building.



₹ 281.27 Lakhs

NEW PROGRAM INITIATED 2



Partner Name: ELEMENT-Nagaland

Project Name: Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management Project (ELEMENT) in North Eastern Region, World Bank supported Project, Nagaland



Project Tenure: 5 years



Objective:

Restore and strengthen landscape through forest landscape management and ecosystem services management towards building climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods in Nagaland. Improve landscape management and increase environmental and economic benefits for targeted forest-dependent communities in Nagaland.



₹ 127.35 Lakhs

Glimpses of the Quarter



Meeting cum training on Doha model for drainage lines



Livestock health and awareness camp under the APC Sundergarh project



2-day workshop for Safe Tourism Destination for Women (STDW) project



Discussion with Project Director and ZP CEO, Nashik



FPC BoD and subscribers meeting on role and responsibilities under the Guava Orchard Management project



Inauguration of Bio Resource Centre



Meeting with communities under Restoration of Riparian Area project



Meeting with the Producer Group members by the project team



Training program on Goat Farming



Input support (Goat) to target families



Distribution of paddy seeds to the FPGs



Solar Powered Irrigation site under Project Saakshyam

Glimpses of the Quarter



Inauguration of Pink Toilet Facility under the Safe Tourism Destination for Women project



Plantation Activities on World Environment Day



Community Engagement on Goat Health Management



Dr. Sanjib Sarangi as a panelist for the National Workshop on "Rejuvenation of India's Rivers: Nature-Based Solutions and Policy Pathways for Scalable Solutions"



Distribution of 45 nos. of rechargeable battery power sprayer to the ST farmers



Plantation Activities under Restoration of Riparian Area project



Introductory Meeting under HIMWP, Chhattisgarh



Capacity Building Program under Rural Tourism project



Input support for income generation in form of Poultry



Awards & Recognitions



CHARTING NIMAPARA@2036: DR. SANJIB SARANGI PRESENTS A 6-POINT VISION FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Dr. Sanjib Sarangi, Chief Fundraising & Partnerships Officer at Indian Grameen Services (IGS), represented the organisation at the 1st Utkarsha Nimapara Conclave held on 4th–5th June 2025 in Nimapara, Odisha. The event focused on developing a comprehensive regional development plan aligned with Odisha Vision 2036 and Amrit Kaal 2047. Dr. Sarangi presented a 6-point vision for inclusive, community-driven growth, emphasising rural tourism, climate-smart agriculture, policy convergence, and equitable development. His participation reinforced IGS's commitment to locally led, sustainable transformation.

HONoured RECOGNITION FOR IGS AT “GRAMIN RANG – PARYATAN SANGH” BY MP TOURISM BOARD

Indian Grameen Services (IGS) has been recognized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board for its contributions to the Rural Tourism Project. The award was presented by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav during the “Grameen Rang - Paryatan Sangh” event held on June 18, 2025, at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center, Bhopal.

IGS's initiatives, including the development of Gramstays, promotion of local art and culture, and strengthening of community-led tourism models, were acknowledged during the ceremony. The recognition reaffirms IGS's commitment to community-led rural development through responsible tourism initiatives.



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Stories Of Change



WHEN CLEAN HANDS SHAPE YOUNG MINDS: MALPUR SCHOOL'S REVIVAL JOURNEY

PRE- INTERVENTION:

For 5-6 years, Zilla Parishad School in Malpur village struggled with inadequate sanitation and water supply, impacting over 100 students. Without functional toilets or hand washing stations, health risks and poor hygiene disrupted learning and created an unpleasant environment.

INTERVENTION:

Under the Samruddha Kisan Project, Indian Grameen Services implemented a comprehensive school renovation activity. Key interventions included the construction of a modern handwashing station, designed to promote hygienic practices among students and staff. Prior to the renovation, awareness sessions on clean drinking water, hygiene practices, balanced diet, and nutrition were conducted to educate the school community under the project. Additionally, a reliable submersible pump was installed and connected to a water tank, ensuring a continuous water supply for the handwashing station and other school needs.

OUTCOME:

The intervention improved sanitation, ensured clean water access, and promoted hygiene awareness, leading to better health, reduced absenteeism, and a safer, more conducive learning environment for students.

CATTLE, COURAGE & COMMUNITY: KIRAN'S RISE AS A DAIRY ENTREPRENEUR IN NARMADAPURAM

PRE- INTERVENTION:

Kiran Patel, a graduate from Kajrota village, Pipariya, Narmadapuram, MP owned 4 cows and 2 buffaloes but struggled to profit from milk production. Her family considered selling their cattle. In 2023, Kiran joined the Shwethdharma project.

INTERVENTION:

Capacity Building:

- Trained in cattle feeding, healthcare, housing, and product marketing.
- Exposure visits enhanced her knowledge.

OUTCOME:

Entrepreneurial Growth:

- Expanded from 6 to 10 animals.
- Established a milk collection center, now collecting 200 liters/day, earning ₹1.20 lakh/month.
- Generates an additional ₹36,000/month from 20 liters/day from her own cattle.
- Earns ₹3,000/month as an "A" grade Gram Sakhi.



Sustainability Practices:

- Cultivate Napier grass, saving on feed costs.
- Implements disease management and veterinary practices, reducing livestock losses.

Welcoming New Employees



Aalok Yadav

MIS Expert



Aastha Raut

Livelihood Expert



Akshay Himmat
Thakare

Field Coordinator



Anirudh Puri
Goswami

PVK Manager



Ashish Kumar

Livelihood Expert



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MIS Expert



Kailaso

Cluster Coordinator



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Cluster Coordinator



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Cluster Coordinator



Mahesh Kumar Yadav

MIS Expert



Mahesh Prajapati

Field Executive



Manoj Kumar

NRM Expert



Welcoming New Employees



Md Ibran Ansari

Cluster Coordinator



Payel Kalita

Social Mobilization Officer



**Pravinkumar Shaligram
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Team Leader



Pritom De

Accounts Officer



Radha Raman Pandey

Team Leader



Rakesh Kumar

NRM Expert



Roopnarayan Painkra

Cluster Coordinator



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Surajit Sarkar

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Partners in Change

Existing Partners



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New Partners

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