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IGS NEWSLETTER

(July - September 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:

Under the HDFC Focused Development Program (FDP) HIGHLANDs project -

- I. Launched orchard development in 5 villages of Sonitpur, Assam, distributing high-quality Assam lemon and litchi saplings to 30 community members.
- II. Renovation completed in 2 lower primary schools in Sonitpur to provide child-friendly learning environments.
- III. In Shi Yomi, Arunachal Pradesh, project signage installed in 10 villages; 30 community partners engaged in orchard and agroforestry activities with saplings, bio-inputs, and equipment.

Bihar:

Under the Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) -

- I. Conducted virtual training for Farmer Producer Company (FPCs) on satellite-based farm monitoring.
- II. Exposure visits by Subvuti and Anjam Putra Agro FPCs to Pathargama FPC, Jharkhand, for insights on member mobilization and value addition.
- III. Kantpur Agro FPC, Munger, inaugurated its Flour Mill and Mustard Oil Plant, enhancing farmer income and entrepreneurship.

Chhattisgarh:

- I. Orientation meeting for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) and Village Organization (VO) members under High Impact Mega Watershed Project (HIMWP) 2.0 to discuss roles and responsibilities.

- II. e-Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercises conducted for social mapping, seasonal mapping, wealth ranking, and work plan preparation in panchayats.

Delhi NCR:

Under the Rawta's Green Revival: Building Climate Resilience through Sustainable Practices Project -

- I. Exposure visits conducted on sustainable biogas at Panipat for 27 participants.
- II. Stakeholders meet focused on climate resilience, soil-water conservation, renewable energy, and youth employment.
- III. Livestock health campaign and kitchen garden kit distribution benefited 200 participants.

Maharashtra:

- I. Training on Dada Lad Technology for cotton growers at Nandurbar under Samruddha Kisan project.

- II. 2-day exposure visit for 60 dairy farmers on improved animal husbandry practices.

- III. Wild Vegetable Festival at Pawla showcased 35–40 vegetable varieties; cooking competition winners felicitated.

- IV. Under HIMWP in Gondia, Maharashtra, a plantation program "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" done with collaboration of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and participation of key dignitaries.

- V. Under Project SAAKSHYAM, 100 nos. of community members completed the bund plantation activity. Around 4,000 high quality grafts were planted on bunds.

Madhya Pradesh:

- I. Rakshabandhan Sankalp Surakshya Paryatan Sthal Pakhwada and Clean Tourism program at Pachmarhi and Madhai promoting women's safety and cultural preservation under the Safe Tourism Destination for Women project.

- II. Kajra village community participated in Swachh Bharat Pakhwada under Rural Tourism Project.

- III. Riparian Area Restoration Project: 12,500 of 16,000 plants planted; sustainable agriculture training for 47 Self Help Group (SHG) women and farmers.

- IV. Under the Shwetdhara project, training & meeting for gramsakhis, cluster coordinators were conducted. Topics covered were on Artificial Insemination (AI) & Primary Health Management, Business & Recovery etc.

Odisha:

- I. Seed and organic manure distribution under Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission (MMJJM) program in Mayurbhanj.
- II. Guava Orchard Management in Jajpur: Producer Group (PG) activities organized, groups formed, leaders selected.
- III. Annual General Body Meeting of Maa Gruhalaxmi FPC in Sundergarh to discuss progress, schemes, and farmer livelihoods.
- IV. Training for Maa Kichakeswari PG members on tomato and brinjal cultivation in Sukruli Block, Mayurbhanj.

Rajasthan:

- I. Pushkar Kisan Samridhi FPC showcased value-added products at NABARD Foundation Day; appreciated by NABARD Chief General Manager (CGM) Mr. Rajiv Shrivastava.
- II. FPC received AGMARK certification for "Pushkar Marusthal," ensuring product quality; exhibited at Jaipur FPO Mela.

West Bengal:

- I. FPG training on sustainable farming practices under Project SAMARTH in Farakka.
- II. Transplanting activities initiated to enhance sustainable livelihoods.
- III. Plantation and sapling distribution of 3,000 trees during Aranya Saptaha with Forest Department.
- IV. Supported 37 households with Black Bengal goats to improve income and livelihoods.

TRAINING / WORKSHOPS

- I. A 3-day training on Water Governance from July 21 to July 23, 2025, was jointly organized by Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) and Indian Grameen Services (IGS). The training was attended by the Samruddha Kisan & SAAKSHYAM project team.
- II. Mr. Hariom Goswami, Regional Head, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, participated in a workshop on the theme "Capacity Building of CSO for Policy Level Dialogue Around Regenerative Agriculture" hosted by Solidaridad at Bhopal on 5 August 2025.
- III. Dr. Sanjib Sarangi, Chief Operating Officer participated as a panelist in the Annual Business Conclave organised by School of Sustainability, XIM University, Bhubaneswar on August 29 and 30, 2025.
- IV. IGS team participated in a 3-day Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF) organised by BLTM from September 11 to 13, 2025, at Yoshobhoomi IICC, Dwarka, New Delhi to showcase its products.

PARTNERS VISIT TO PROJECT



I. Mr. Niteesh Arya, Manager, CSR, IDFC FIRST Bank visited Pipariya, Madhya Pradesh on July 14, 2025, to review the Shwethdhara project and interact with the community and team.



II. Dr. Sumit Roy, Senior Program Officer and Technical Advisor, BRLF visited Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh on July 16, 2025, and oriented the project team, PRI leaders, SHG members about the objective, planning process, expected outcomes of HIMWP 2.0



III. Mr. Yogesh Pagare, CSR Manager, HDFC Bank visited Nandurbar, Maharashtra on July 15 & 16, 2025, to review the project SAAKSHYAM and interacted with the village development committee, Community Resource Persons and farmers.



IV. Ms. Supriya Jhunjhunwala, Director, Natwest Group visited Ghamroj and Alipur village, Delhi on July 17, 2025, and interacted with the community.



V. Mr. Pankaj Patil, M&E Consultant, ASK Foundation visited the project villages in Nandurbar, Maharashtra on August 5, 2025, and reviewed the project interacted with the community and project team.



VI. Mr. Nitesh Bopche, Regional Coordinator, BRLF visited Amgaon, Maharashtra on August 8, 2025, and interacted with the farmers, held a discussion with government departments and reviewed the progress with the project team



VII. From 17th–19th September 2025, the Biennial Review Mission Program of the Maha Samruddhi Yojana was held, led by BRAC International, BRAC India, CRISP, IWWAGE, and UMED–MSRLM. The team appreciated the dedication of Samruddhi Sakhis, the right targeting of vulnerable women, and strong coordination between PMU and MSRLM, along with the warm welcome received. Across Nashik and Mumbai, the mission engaged with 1,000+ people, held three thematic workshops, and visited villages to interact with Sakhis, participants, and CLFs, witnessing their progress and resilience firsthand.



VIII. Ms. Maitreyee Ghosh, Grant Manager, Azim Premji Foundation visited Farakka, West Bengal on September 25, 2025, for the annual review meeting of the project and interacted with the community and project team.

NEW PROGRAMS INITIATED



Partner Name: Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF)

Project Name: High Impact Mega Watershed Project, new cluster at Gondia district, Maharashtra



Project Tenure: 3 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.



₹ 137.70 Lakhs



Partner Name: BRAC International

Project Name: Maha Samruddhi Yojana (MSY), expansion of another 10K households (under the sub-scheme of NRLM)



Project Tenure: 2 years



Objective:

To reach the extremely vulnerable, especially women, and not only alleviate poverty and improve social outcomes, but also build future resilience of 10,000 households in selected 2 blocks each of the identified two districts (Nandurbar & Nashik) in the first phase.



₹ 92.04 Lakhs



Partner Name: NatWest Digital Services India Private Limited
Project Name: Support Ecological Security and Livelihoods of Ghamroj and Alipur village at foothills of the Aravalli hills, Gurugram

	Project Tenure: 2.6 years
	Objective: (1) Rejuvenation of waterbodies and improve the situation of ground water depletion by 20%. (2) Restoration of degraded land by 25% through plantation of native species (3) Promotion of Biodiversity Education and community-led conservation awareness increases community participation by 20%, to transform the ecological fragility
	₹ 250 Lakhs



Partner Name: Bandhan Bank
Project Name: Empowering Farmer Producer Organisations Through Agroforestry, Climate Smart Agriculture Practices, and Agribusiness Augmentation in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

	Project Tenure: 6 months
	Objective: The proposed project seeks to empower Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan by strengthening their institutional and business capacities, enabling better access to finance, and enhancing their ability to absorb credit for agribusiness growth. The project also aims to integrate climate-smart agriculture practices and agroforestry-based interventions into the FPO ecosystem to ensure environmental sustainability.
	₹ 126.46 Lakhs



PLANETERRA

Partner Name: Planeterra
Project Name: Pakshi Teertha: Community-Led Conservation & Ecotourism, Beladwara village of Nayagarh District, Odisha

	Project Tenure: 6 months
	Objective: (To demonstrate women-led conservation of the migratory stork population, creating a unique and authentic nature-based responsible tourism opportunity for the visitors.
	₹ 1.72 Lakhs



Glimpses of the Quarter



FPG Training Update – Biofertiliser & Biopesticide Awareness under SAMARTH Project , West Bengal



A Small Support Boosted Income for Aasha Muni, Chhattisgarh



Creating Safe & Vibrant Learning Spaces in Rural Assam



A training held on Sustainable Agriculture practices under the Restoration riparian area of Narmada river in Sukkarbada village, Madhya Pradesh with 47 SHG women and farmers



Ek Ped Maa ke Naam Initiative, Aamgaon, Maharashtra



Dr. Sanjib Sarangi, facilitated a deeply engaging workshop on Biodiversity & Nature-based Solutions (NbS), Odisha



Single-day plantation campaign under APC Project, Sukruli at 26 no.s of different villages of Sukruli Block, Mayurbhanj District, Odisha



Inauguration of five newly developed homestays under the Rural Tourism Project, Madhya Pradesh



Mr. Hariom Goswami participated in the panel discussion on Role of Businesses and Business Foundations in the Promotion of Regenerative Agriculture in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



The inaugural session of the Livestock Health Campaign and Kitchen Garden Kit Distribution was successfully held in Rawta village, Delhi



Inauguration of Flour Mill & Mustard Oil Plant at Kantpur Agro Farmers Producer Company Limited, Munger Sadar, Bihar



Goatery Activity to support sustainable livelihood development covering 5 villages under the HDFC-FDP Highlands Project at Naduar cluster, Assam

Glimpses of the Quarter



Two-day Livelihood Training Programme for CRP and CCs at Rajpur, Chhattisgarh



Plantation in Riparian area Under the Restoration riparian area of Narmada river Project Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh



Launching the Annual Report for the year 2024-25



Wild Vegetable Festival (Ranbhaji Mahotsav) at Pawla under the Samruddha Kisan Project, Maharashtra



Orchard activity at Shi yomi Arunachal Pradesh



3-day TTF exhibition, at Yoshobhoomi IICC), Dwarka New Delhi



Media Corner

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दिव्य न्यूज नेटवर्क, हिंदपाड़ा ।

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Recognitions



OUR NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Radheshyam Solanki as the Chief Executive Officer of Indian Grameen Services (IGS). With over 28 years of distinguished experience in the development sector, Mr. Solanki began his career in the corporate domain and most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer at IGS. He has successfully led several livelihoods and agri-allied initiatives, including the promotion of Farmer Producer Companies at BASICS Ltd under the BASIX Group, where he served as Vice President. His expertise spans operations, project management, finance, HR, governance, and FCRA compliance. A visionary leader, he is committed to strengthening systems, driving sustainable growth, and is currently pursuing the Advanced Programme in CSR and Sustainable Strategic Leadership from IIM Indore.

OUR NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Sanjib Sarangi as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Indian Grameen Services (IGS). A seasoned development practitioner with over three decades of experience in environmental conservation and sustainable livelihoods, Dr. Sarangi previously served as the Chief Fundraising & Partnerships Officer at IGS.

A native of rural coastal Odisha, he holds a Ph.D. from Utkal University on Preservation of Natural Heritage through Cultural Services of Community-Based Ecotourism and a Master's in Zoology from Ravenshaw University. An alumnus of Coady International Institute, Canada, and IIM Bangalore, Dr. Sarangi has led transformative initiatives such as Community-Based Ecotourism in Mangalajodi and Resilient Livelihood Models across India.

His contributions have earned IGS widespread recognition both nationally and internationally, including the prestigious UNWTO Awards 2018 in Madrid for Innovation in Enterprise for the Mangalajodi initiative and the Ecotourism Excellence Award 2024 by IITM, Bhubaneswar, and his expertise spans Project Management, Project Design, Social Inclusion & Gender, Livelihoods, Enterprise Development, and Partnerships. An avid naturalist and photographer, he is actively associated with forums like ICRT India, INTACH, FOLU India, and Echo Network.





Stories Of Change



FLOWING TOWARDS PROSPERITY

EMPOWERING SMALL FARMERS THROUGH LOW-COST IRRIGATION SOLUTIONS IN NANDURBAR

PRE- INTERVENTION:

In Nandpur village of Nandurbar district, farmer Polu Nathya Valvi and his six-member family faced challenges due to limited irrigation facilities. Farming on 3 acres of land, Polu depended heavily on unpredictable rainfall, which often affected crop yield, income stability, and food security.

OUTCOME:

With improved irrigation, Polu successfully cultivated Barnyard Millet (Bhagar) - 6 Quintals @ ₹3,600 per Quintal amounting to ₹21,600 and White Sesame - 1.25 Quintals @ ₹9,000 per Quintal amounting to ₹11,250. His total earning was ₹32,850. The intervention improved water use efficiency, enhanced productivity, reduced rainfall dependency, and strengthened his financial condition. Polu now advocates for such initiatives, inspiring other small farmers to adopt sustainable irrigation practices.

INTERVENTION:

Under the Project SAAKSHYAM, Polu received 23 PVC pipes. This low-cost irrigation support enabled efficient water distribution across his 3 acres of land, ensuring adequate coverage for multiple crops.

EMPOWERING RURAL LIVELIHOODS

FROM STRUGGLE TO SUSTAINABILITY: SARASWATI'S JOURNEY THROUGH IMPROVED GOAT REARING PRACTICES

PRE- INTERVENTION:

- Depending on limited goat farming (only 3 goats) to support family income.
- Lack of scientific rearing practices — no regular vaccination or deworming.
- Feeding was unbalanced; goats had slower growth and higher disease risk.

INTERVENTION:

- Provided 3 goats and 1 Azolla pit through Radharani FPG with IGS support.
- Introduced best practices: Regular PPR & ET vaccinations, Deworming every 3 months, Balanced feed — broken rice (carbs), Azolla (protein), mineral mixture, 150–200 gm Azolla/day per goat + mineral bricks for nutrient needs.
- Built low-cost bamboo shed, reducing disease frequency.

OUTCOME:

- Goat herd increased from 3 to 6.
- Reduced morbidity & mortality; healthier goats.
- Weight gain: 200-250 gm for female kids, 300-350 gm for male kids.
- Earned ₹ 9,000 from goat sales: 1 castrated male (13 kg) sold for ₹ 5,000; 1 aged female (12 kg) sold for ₹ 4,000.
- Now rearing 6 goats with sustainable practices.



Welcoming New Employees



Ashish Vishnuji Bhure

NRM Expert



Ashishkumar Sewakram Deshmukh

Livelihood Expert



Birendra Pradhan

Project Lead



Bungthang Lamkang Sk

Community Financial Management & Procurement Expert



Chandrakant Sukaram Lanjewar

Cluster Coordinator



Deepak Kumar Sahoo

Subject Matter Specialist



Devanshu Soni

Finance Executive



Dhanrajsing Rajendrasing Valvi

Field Coordinator



Dnyaneshwar Dagadu Rathod

Block Resource Person



Hari Singh Ahirwar

Technical Expert



Harpool Singh

Agronomist



Khandelwal Kirankumar Mulchand

CEO-FPC.



Welcoming New Employees



Meyiethso Kapfo

MIS & Documentation Expert



Nandini Fuldas
Janbandhu

Cluster Coordinator



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Team Leader



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Forest and Biodiversity Expert



Sandip Gulabrao Patil

Block Resource Person



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**Livelihood, Marketing and
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Team Leader



Vineeta Sinha

**AVP - Business
Development**



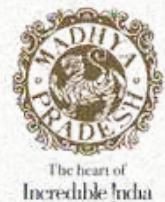
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