

IGS NEWSLETTER

(October - December 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:

HIGHLANDs Project: Under the HDFC Bank Parivartan Initiative -

I. A one-day workshop on Rural and Responsible Tourism was held on 24 October 2025 in Roing, Arunachal Pradesh, engaging 38 participants to promote hospitality skills, homestays, and sustainable livelihoods.

Bihar:

Formation & Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) -

I. On 8 October 2025, half-yearly review cum exhibition of products organized at NABARD Regional Office. The FPC demonstrated their products and created a marketing opportunity for Makhana

Chhattisgarh:

High Impact Mega Watershed Project (HIMWP) 2.0 -

I. An exposure visit for 14 members of the project team was conducted at Pratappur Block, to understand various watershed structures and the potential livelihood benefits of such structures. Further, the team was introduced to watershed-based planning process through ridge-to-valley concept.

Delhi NCR:

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

- I. Awareness building happened through painting competition on "Building Climate Resilience through Sustainable Practices" in Rawta, engaging 285 students.
- II. A total of 35 biogas units were installed and operationalized in Rawta village. A first of its kind in the village.
- III. PoP based wheat demonstration initiated with 329 farmers.

Support Ecological Security and Livelihoods of Ghamroj and Alipur village at foothills of the Aravalli hills, Gurugram -

- IV. A project launch event was organized featuring leadership-led plantation, wall painting activities, and cultural performances. Senior management from NatWest and IGS participated in the event.
- V. An awareness campaign organized on biodiversity and environmental conservation at Ghamroj Gram Panchayat, educating villagers on sustainable resource use and waste management.

Maharashtra:

High Impact Mega Watershed project, Gondia -

I. Livelihood mapping was conducted across 8 villages involving 49 households.

Samruddha Kisan Project, Nandurbar -

II. Animal Health Camp was organized in collaboration with Livestock Department. Farmers were guided on winter animal care and FMD prevention. A total of 192 animals were treated with vaccinations, supplements, deworming, and tick-control medicines.

SAAKSHYAM Project: Under the HDFC Bank Parivartan Initiative -

III. Senior IGS leaders visited Nandurbar to conduct an orientation and brainstorming session on vision building, innovation, coordination, field interventions, organizational strengthening, program continuity, and team management. Session was attended by 20 project team members.

Madhya Pradesh:

Shwetdhara Project -

- I. A total of 423 Shwetdhara group meetings were conducted where 4,989 cattle rearers attended.
- II. IGS Senior Management visited Pipariya and interacted with the team, farmers, and Gramsakhis, and discussed strategies to strengthen business performance, recovery, and the overall sustainability of the FPC.

Rural Tourism -

III. An educational tour at Chhedka Tourist Village engaged 47 students in immersive rural tourism experiences, showcasing tribal culture, livelihoods, homestays, local cuisine, and nature-based learning under the Rural Tourism project initiative.

Safe Tourism Destination for Women -

IV. IGS organized street plays in Pachmarhi on Nirbhaya Day promoting women's safety, legal awareness, community responsibility and zero tolerance toward violence. The street plays had an outreach to more than 600 community members.

Odisha:

Guava Orchard Management Project -

I. A meeting was conducted with the Jajpur District Collector and officials to review women's mobilization, challenges, and progress. The Collector appreciated chemical-free cultivation across 350 acres accounting to 40,000 plants.

II. Sukinda Amrud FPC showcased a guava stall on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti. The Hon'ble Minister, Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Govt. of Odisha visited, interacted with women leaders on SHG involvement and guava marketing and appreciated the overall initiatives.

Promotion of APC, Sundergarh -

III. Project team organized a BLCC meeting, chaired by the Block Development Officer. Project progress, plans, and departmental convergence were discussed.

Rajasthan:

Formation & Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) -

I. Pushkar FPO participated in the FPO Sangam in Delhi, showcasing and displaying its products at the event.

Empowering Farmer Producer Organizations Through Agroforestry, Climate Smart Agriculture Practices, and Agribusiness Augmentation in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

II. IGS organized a one-day farmer workshop in Abusar, Jhunjhunu involving 70 farmers and provided practical training on plantation, organic, and natural farming practices.

West Bengal:

Project SAMARTH:

I. Animal health camps were organized in Farakka Block to raise awareness and provide basic treatment for goats, ducks, and poultry. A total of 856 goats were treated benefiting around 250 farmers.

II. An exposure visit was organized at Khupi Village, Murshidabad on National Farmers Day, engaging district officials such as Subdivisional Officer and experts who encouraged around 205 farmers to adopt modern, sustainable agricultural practices.

PARTNERS VISIT TO PROJECT



I. On 14 October 2025 in Alipur, Gurugram, NatWest Group India Leadership Team, in collaboration with IGS, and the community conducted a plantation and wall-painting drive, promoting biodiversity, water conservation, and community-led environmental stewardship.



II. On 19–21 November 2025, ASK Foundation led by Mr. Amit Singh, CHRO and Mr. Siddharth Iyer, AVP and IGS Senior Management visited project villages under the Samruddha Kisan project, Nandurbar inaugurating solar drinking water units and a micro weather station, reviewing livelihood initiatives, and motivating communities and field teams toward sustainable development.



III. On 16–17 December 2025, HDFC Bank Ltd. led by Mr. Yogesh Pagare, CSR Manager and IGS Senior Management visited the HRDP project in Nandurbar, reviewing key livelihood, agriculture, and infrastructure interventions, engaging with communities, and providing guidance to strengthen sustainability and village-level ownership.

Knowledge Exchange, Conferences & Strategic Engagements:



I. On October 7, 2025, in New Delhi, Mr. Hariom Goswami, Regional Head, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh represented IGS at the India Water & Rivers Forum 2025, engaging with key partners and new organizations to explore collaborations shaping resilient, community-led solutions for India's water future.



II. On October 9, 2025, Mr Kushal Kumar, Team Leader, Amgaon, Gondia, Maharashtra attended a workshop on systemic shifts for commons in Maharashtra, exploring actors, barriers, and convergence. Group discussions focused on planning, implementation, policy linkages, and participatory approaches held in Nagpur.



III. On October 12, 2025, IGS participated in the Travel Mart held at Bhopal, organized by MPTB and FICCI, that brought global tourism stakeholders together. Participants from four homestay villages showcased performing arts and promoted homestays in the presence of 700+ national and international delegates.



IV. In the 9th edition of the India Land & Development Conference held from November 18 to 20, 2025 at Ahmedabad, IGS was one of the Knowledge Partners and Dr. Sanjib Sarangi hosted a panel on Resilient Tourism, showcasing global community-based tourism case studies and insights from leading practitioners, academics, and policymakers.



V. IGS team participated in the Earth Summit 2025 held at Hyderabad from November 20 to 21, 2025 under the theme "Empowering Rural Innovation for Global Change"



VI. IGS team participated in RESTORE: Accelerating India's Restoration Economy for a Harit Bharat held at New Delhi from December 3 to 4, 2025. Further, Shri Vijay Sharma, Honorable Deputy CM of Chhattisgarh visited our Narmada Riparian Initiative during the event.



VII. On December 4, 2025, IGS Senior Leadership Dr. Sanjib Sarangi and Ms. Priskila Macwan, State Anchor, Maha Samruddhi Yojana participated in the National Conclave on Addressing Extreme Vulnerability in Urban India, New Delhi organized by PCI India in collaboration with BRAC International.

Glimpses of the Quarter



Soil and Land Structure Improvement training under the Rawta Green Revival project, Delhi



Animal health camp in different villages of Farakka block under SAMARTH project, West Bengal



Visit of IGS Senior Leadership to Shwetdhara Project, Madhya Pradesh



Field visit by IGS Board Members & Senior Management to Delhi



National Conclave RESTORE 2025 Accelerating India's Restoration Economy under Harit Bharat, New Delhi



Solar-Powered Irrigation Launched in Rawta Village, Delhi



Launch event of the Project - Support Ecological Security and Livelihoods of Ghamroj and Alipur village at foothills of the Aravalli hills, Gurugram



Training on best practices in waste management and sanitation, Rawta village, Delhi



Village level training program, under Shwetdhara Project, Madhya Pradesh



Tourists Experience a Homely Environment in Homestays



Exposure visit in Jaspur, apple, strawberry, and chikoo farming area with the North Regional Coordinator and team leader, HIMWP 2.0, Chhattisgarh



Poly mulching on Watermelon developed by PG members of Sabuja Khetra PG of Baria village under Sukruli Block, Odisha.

Glimpses of the Quarter



District Collector of Chhindwara and Zilla Panchayat CEO along with their families, experienced Kajra Homestay under Rural Tourism Project, MP



Inauguration of Weather Station at Nandurbar, Maharashtra by Mr. Amit Singh, CHRO and Mr. Siddharth Iyer, AVP and IGS Senior Management



Sukinda Amrud FPC participated and displayed a Amrud Fruit Stall at Kharadi Gram Panchayat, Sukinda Block, Odisha



Drawing competition organized at New Krishna Model Public School, Rawta, under the Rawta Green Revival initiative, Delhi



Farmer training and distribution of pheromone traps, yellow and blue sticky tapes to vegetable growers, HIMWP 2.0, Chhattisgarh.



Evaluating the impact of bund plantation activities at Shivpur and Gujar Bhavali, Saakshyam Project, Maharashtra



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Stories Of Change

SEEDS OF CHANGE:

HOW SRI REVITALIZED PADDY FARMING FOR A TRIBAL WOMAN FARMER

PRE- INTERVENTION:

Mrs. Rupabai Bhimsingh Valvi, a farmer from Mangrul village, Nandurbar district, traditionally cultivated paddy using conventional methods, yielding only 7–8 quintals per season with relatively high input costs. Limited awareness of improved practices constrained her productivity and income.

INTERVENTION:

Under the Samrudhha Kisan Project and support from the Village Development Committee, Mrs. Valvi was selected for a Kharif paddy demonstration. After attending village meetings and POP trainings, she adopted the SRI (System of Rice Intensification) method. She received Indrayani paddy seeds, organic fertilizers, neem oil, and continuous technical guidance. Nursery preparation, transplanting, spacing, irrigation, and pest management were carried out as per SRI recommendations.

OUTCOME:

The SRI method resulted in a harvest of about 14 quintals—nearly double her earlier yield. Reduced input costs and higher productivity generated an income of approximately ₹23,800, significantly improving her household earnings and confidence in sustainable farming practices.

MOVING TOWARDS PROSPERITY:

A TRELLIS FARMING SUCCESS STORY FROM CHHATTISGARH

PRE- INTERVENTION:

Ms. Neha Paikra (36), from Labji village in Surajpur district, Chhattisgarh, has a family of four and owns 2.5 acres of rainfed agricultural land. She practiced traditional farming methods. In vegetable cultivation, wooden stakes were used and, due to irregular pest and disease management, yields were low and water use was high.

INTERVENTION:

In 2025, Ms. Paikra joined Indian Grameen Services (IGS) and received training on organic inputs (Handi Dawa, Brahmastra, Jeevamreet), nursery preparation, pest and fungal management, and trellis construction. She was supported with GI wire, dhaga, seeds, a spray pump, and a vermibed, along with regular technical guidance and monitoring visits by experts.

OUTCOME:

On 6 dismil of land, she cultivated bottle gourd with 65 plants at an input cost of ₹1,500. Uniform water and fertilizer application improved crop health and ease of management. With an average market price of ₹20/kg, the net income is expected to be ₹12,000. The crop is currently at the flowering stage and under regular monitoring by the farmer.



Welcoming New Employees



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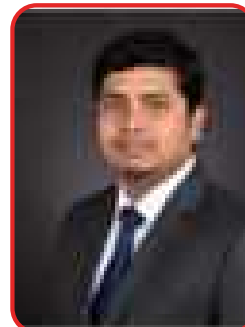
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