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Women's empowerment and capacity building remain at the heart of sustainable community development. Empowering women through skill development not only enhances their self-confidence but also enables them to become financially independent and active contributors to their families and society. Training programmes in tailoring, bakery and food processing, handicraft production, candle making, soap and detergent preparation, and other income-generating activities equip women with practical skills that can be transformed into viable livelihood opportunities.

These programmes are especially beneficial for women from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, as they provide avenues for self-employment and entrepreneurship with minimal investment. Participants are encouraged to strengthen self-help groups, work collectively, access financial assistance, and market their products effectively. Besides vocational skills, the programmes also focus on leadership development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship, helping women make informed decisions and actively participate in community development.

Capacity-building initiatives foster resilience, creativity, and confidence, enabling women to overcome social and economic barriers. As women become economically empowered, they invest more in the education, health, and well-being of their families, creating a positive ripple effect throughout the community. By promoting sustainable livelihoods and encouraging self-reliance, these initiatives play a vital role in reducing poverty, improving the quality of life, and building stronger, more inclusive communities where women can realize their full potential.

FAsCE as an organization that works for the liberation and empowerment of the poor and the marginalized also celebrated national and international days to make women and children more patriotic and loyal citizens and this newsletter brings acknowledgement of the service of Fr Nibin James as he embarks on a new mission of the province.

Sincere gratitude to all of you for your valuable cooperation, continuous prayers and constant feedbacks.

May God continue to bless you.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

1. TAILORING TRAINING AT GIRJA LINE

A tailoring training programme was conducted on 19th June 2026 at Girja Line to promote women's vocational skills and livelihood opportunities. The training was led by Mrs. Lalita Tigga. A total of 60 SHG women from the local community participated. Through hands-on sessions, they learned basic stitching, garment cutting, and sewing machine operation. The interactive training helped build confidence and practical skills. The programme contributed to women's empowerment by supporting skill development and economic inclusion.



2. TRAINING ON BAKERY PROCESSING

A bakery processing training programme was conducted at Tripti Bakery, Kazipara, Chapar on June 18, 2026. The training was facilitated by Sahera Begum and attended by 80 SHG members from different areas. Participants gained practical skills in preparing various bakery products, along with training on hygiene, processing, packaging, and quality maintenance. The programme also covered marketing, pricing, record keeping, and basic business management to support self-employment.

3. PROJECT ORIENTATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

FASCE project orientation and capacity-building programme was conducted on June 12, 2026 at SFS Bahalpur with 20 FASCE Supplementary Centre teachers in attendance. The session, facilitated by Mr. Prokash Bhagwar and supported by Mr. Abid Hussain, focused on strengthening understanding of project objectives, implementation strategies, reporting mechanisms, and roles and responsibilities for quality education delivery. Through interactive discussions and experience-sharing, teachers clarified key operational aspects for effective implementation of project activities in their respective centres.



4. TRAINING ON HANDICRAFT MAKING CHAPAR TEA ESTATE

On 26th May 2026, a handicraft-making training programme was organized at Chapar Tea Estate. A total of 90 participants including local girls, women, and SHG members attended the session led by expert trainer Jospina Hassa. Participants learned to create decorative flowers, pen stands, paper boxes, and flower pots using low-cost materials. The initiative aims to build practical skills for self-employment and strengthen livelihood opportunities for women and girls in the community.



CHOIBARI TEA ESTATE

On 7 June 2026, FASCE organized a handicraft training programme for 52 women, girls, and SHG members. The session was facilitated by Jospina Hassa. Participants learned to make decorative flowers, pen stands, paper boxes, and flower pots using simple, locally available materials. Special emphasis was given to handmade flower techniques for decoration and gifting. The interactive sessions boosted creativity and confidence among participants, and are expected to support small income-generating activities in the community.



5. TRAINING PROGRAMME ON TAILORING

A tailoring training programme was conducted at Pakaline, Tea Estate, Chapar on May 24, 2026, led by trainer Lalita Tigga and attended by 56 women and youth. The training was specifically meant for Self-Help Group (SHG) women working in the tea gardens to help them find additional income sources through this kind of skilled training programme. This initiative aimed to equip local community members with practical tailoring skills that foster self-employment and sustainable livelihood opportunities.



6. TRAINING ON CANDLE MAKING

A training programme on Candle Making was organized by FASCE India at Ghagua village on March 16, 2026. The training was attended by 58 SHG members and student interns from NEISSR. The session was facilitated by Mrs. Rita Majumdar, a beneficiary of the organization who is now skilled in candle making. She demonstrated the complete process to the participants. The objective was to equip women with livelihood skills. Participants showed great interest and found it to be a good opportunity for small-scale income generation. They expressed satisfaction and requested more such skill-development programmes in the future.





PROMOTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

AWARENESS ON CHILD LABOUR

FASCE India organized two awareness programmes on Child Labour in Tea Tribe communities at Girja Line on May 01, 2026 with 87 participants and at Pakaline on May 07, 2026 with 55 participants. The sessions were facilitated by Mr. Wahid Hussain, who sensitized the community on child rights and the importance of education. The programme highlighted the harmful effects of child labour on children's health, learning, and future, and ended with a discussion on ways to prevent it and create a safe and supportive environment for every child.



PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING

A Parent-Teacher Meeting was conducted at FASCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi on May 09, 2026. The main aim was to discuss students' academic progress and overall improvement. Teachers shared feedback on students' performance, attendance, and areas needing support, while parents gave their observations and discussed ways to help children with studies and regularity at home. The meeting helped build better understanding and coordination between parents and teachers to ensure the continued growth of the students.





PROMOTION OF HEALTH

1. AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON MENTAL HEALTH

CHOIBARI TEA ESTATE

An awareness Programme on Mental Health was organised on May 10, 2026 with 101 participants including SHG members, adolescent girls, and local women. Dr. Saiful Hassan facilitated the session, focusing on the importance of mental well-being, managing stress, and maintaining emotional health through interactive discussions and shared experiences. Simple yoga and relaxation exercises were also demonstrated to help participants achieve mental calmness. The programme provided a supportive space where participants learned practical ways to prioritize their mental health.

NARENGI

A mental health awareness programme on June 18, 2026 with 50 participants was organized at FASCE Head Office, Narengi. Dr. Meghali Senapati, Assistant Professor at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), was the resource person. She provided an insightful introduction to mental health and its importance for overall well-being. The session covered practical tips such as meditation, maintaining a positive outlook, reaching out to others, and adopting healthy coping strategies. Dr. Senapati also emphasized the importance of opening up, practicing "Look, Link, and Connect," and supporting one another.

2. FREE MEDICAL CAMP

A Free Medical Camp was organized at Hatishila village on May 10, 2026. A total of 191 individuals attended for health check-ups and consultations. The camp was led by Dr. Nabasmita Deka with support from two nurses, volunteers, and staff. Participants received medical check-ups, health guidance, and free medicines as per the doctor's recommendation. The camp helped provide accessible healthcare and promote well-being in the Hatishila community.





NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAYS

1. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY NARENGI

FASCE India celebrated World Environment Day on June 05, 2026 across its Supplementary Education Centres including Narengi, Hatishila, Ekrabari, Bongaon, Ghagua, Forest Gate, Geetamandir, Amsing, Jorabat and others. The day included tree plantation drives with SHG and community members, awareness sessions, and poster-making competitions to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices. The awareness sessions focused on simple eco-friendly habits for daily life, while the poster competition encouraged children to share environmental messages creatively. Through these activities, FASCE India reinforced its commitment to environmental conservation and building a cleaner, greener future.



CHAPAR

The FASCE Supplementary Education Centres in and around Chapar observed World Environment Day on 5th June 2026. Children played a key role in the celebration. Community members, especially SHG women, actively participated in the programme. As part of the observation, a tree plantation drive was organized in and around the village area. The event aimed to spread awareness on environmental protection and the importance of a green and clean environment.



2. WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

A programme on World Food Safety Day was conducted at the FASCE Supplementary Education Centre on June 07, 2026. The programme was attended by children and teachers of the centre. Teachers explained the importance of food safety, personal hygiene, and healthy eating habits. Children learned simple practices such as washing hands before meals, cleaning fruits and vegetables, drinking safe water, and avoiding stale or uncovered food. The session was informative and successfully raised awareness on food safety among the children.



3. WORLD HEALTH DAY

On April 07, 2026, FASCE India Head Office, Narengi celebrated World Health Day to promote awareness on the importance of good health and healthy living. The programme included a brief talk on personal hygiene, balanced nutrition, regular exercise, and disease prevention. Children actively participated in health awareness activities and interactive discussions, and learned the value of adopting healthy habits in daily life. The event encouraged participants to take responsibility for their health and well-being, and concluded with a vote of thanks to all who contributed to the successful celebration.



4. MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mother's Day was celebrated across all FASCE Supplementary Education Centres on May 10, 2026 to honor mothers for their love, care, and sacrifices. The event featured cultural performances including songs and dances, heartfelt testimonials by children, and fun activities for both mothers and students. Handmade gifts and flowers were distributed to all mothers as a token of appreciation. The program created a warm and joyful atmosphere, making mothers feel valued, respected, and cherished by the community.



5. WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

On the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour on June 12, 2026, FAsCE India organized an awareness session at Narengi. Abinash Narzary was the resource person for the programme. He spoke about various rights and legal provisions to protect children from exploitation and emphasized that every child has the right to enjoy their childhood and receive education as guaranteed by law. The session was interactive, with children actively participating in activities and discussions. The programme highlighted the importance of preventing and eliminating child labour while promoting awareness on children's rights and well-being.



6. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

International Yoga Day was celebrated on June 22, 2026 at the FAsCE India Supplementary Centre, Narengi with enthusiastic participation from students and teachers. The yoga session was led by one of our own students, who demonstrated various yoga postures and explained their health benefits. Participants learned how yoga helps improve flexibility, concentration, and overall physical and mental well-being. The session was engaging and informative, encouraging everyone to adopt healthy habits in daily life. The programme successfully highlighted the importance of yoga for a healthy body and mind.





DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL BAGS

FASCE India distributed durable, weather-resistant school bags to children across FASCE Supplementary Education Centres on June 10, 2026 at Chandrapur, Hatishila, and Sampathar. This intervention addressed a key challenge faced by 300+ children from daily-wage households who were carrying books in plastic bags. That often led to damaged textbooks, lost stationery, and increased absenteeism during the monsoon season. The distribution has helped protect learning materials and improved children's regularity and engagement in the centres.



DISTRIBUTION OF PIGLETS

As part of the planned piggery livelihood intervention, distribution of 26 piglets was carried out for 26 Self-Help Groups. The piglets were handed over to SHG members across the target villages to support the establishment of small-scale piggery units. During the distribution, members were also oriented on shed management, feeding practices, and basic health care to ensure proper rearing. This intervention is aimed at providing SHG members with a sustainable source of income, improving household nutrition, and strengthening economic resilience through livestock-based livelihoods.



RONGALI BIHU CELEBRATION

A Rongali Bihu Celebration was organized at FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi on April 21, 2026. The aim of the celebration was to instill cultural values and create awareness about Assamese traditions among children. A total of 145 children from participated in the programme. Children performed Bihu dance, sang traditional Bihu songs, and wore traditional attire. The celebration helped children understand the significance of Rongali Bihu and the spirit of joy, unity, and cultural heritage.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON EDUCATION AND CHILD RIGHTS

An awareness programme on Education and Child Rights was organized at FAsCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi on 25th April 2026. The session was facilitated by interns from TISS, with 63 children from the Narengi community participating. The Resource Person spoke on Right to Education, Right to Protection, Right to Play, and the importance of regular schooling and a safe environment. Interactive discussions and Q&A sessions were also conducted.



FAREWELL FOR FR NIBIN JAMES

A farewell programme was organized at FASCE Supplementary Education Centre, Narengi on May 10, 2026 to bid farewell to Fr Nibin James, Associate Director of FASCE India. The programme was organized as a mark of appreciation for his valuable service and dedicated contribution to the organization. Staff members, teachers, and children gathered to express their gratitude. Fr Nibin James was felicitated, and the children presented songs, speeches, and thank you notes. The event concluded with reflections on his leadership and prayers for his future endeavors.



“ The closest thing to being care-faced is being care-driven.
We cannot change the world alone,
but we can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

- Mother Teresa

EMERGENCY RELIEF SERVICE

A devastating fire broke out at Sonia Mikir Path, Satgaon, resulting in the complete destruction of houses belonging to 6 poor families. The incident left the affected families without shelter, household items, and essential supplies. In response to the emergency, FAsCE India immediately reached out to the affected families and provided emergency relief assistance on May 26, 2026. The emergency relief kits include tarpaulins, mosquito nets, soap, rice, dal, cooking oil, potatoes, onions, and other essential food items. The relief support helped the families meet their immediate needs and FAsCE remains committed to supporting them in the recovery process.



WEEKEND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Weekend co-curricular activities were organized at all the FASCE Supplementary Education Centres, to promote holistic development of children beyond academics. The activities were conducted to enhance creativity, confidence, and teamwork among the children. Various activities were conducted including drawing and painting, storytelling, group games, and music and dance. Children actively participated and showcased their talents. The weekend activities created a joyful learning environment and improved peer interaction, self-expression, and regularity of children at the centre.





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