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Message from the President

At WODWICHEE, we hold steadfast to the belief that a thriving society isn't built on wealth or power, it's built on the laughter of children, the wisdom of elders, and the strength of women who know their worth. The true measure of a progressive society lies in the care and respect afforded to its senior citizens, the safety and empowerment of its women, and the nurturing of its children.

WODWICHEE doesn't only hope but also believes that together we can make a society where the elders are revered and provided with seamless access to healthcare, women thrive in an environment of security and dignity, and children grow in a world that cherishes their innocence and potential. Education, as the cornerstone of opportunity, is accessible to all.

In recent years, WODWICHEE has not only witnessed but actively driven transformative progress in these areas. Our unwavering commitment to child protection, women's empowerment, senior citizen welfare, and the expansion of education has yielded remarkable strides. Yet, we acknowledge the persistent challenges - particularly in ensuring the safety of women and children, issues compounded by complex, multifaceted factors. While incremental progress is evident, we recognize the need for bolder, more innovative strategies to address these concerns effectively. In collaboration with government and non-government agencies, WODWICHEE is intensifying efforts to curb violence against women and children, fostering a safer and more equitable society.

To sustain and amplify our impact, we are strategically diversifying our funding streams to ensure financial resilience, especially in the face of unforeseen crises. Simultaneously, WODWICHEE is heavily investing in the professional development of its team, equipping them with the skills and expertise to accelerate its mission with greater efficiency. Community engagement remains at the heart of our approach. Through targeted sensitization programs, grassroots mobilization, and robust volunteer networks, we are building safer, more inclusive spaces for women and children. Organizational capacity building is also a priority, ensuring we remain agile and impactful in our pursuit of systemic change.

I am thrilled to share that WODWICHEE has successfully met the ambitious goals we set for the year across these critical areas. This milestone is a testament to the collective dedication of every individual; staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters- who has propelled our mission forward. Together, we are steering this organization toward its noble purpose: a society where every citizen is valued, protected, and empowered.



Bidyut Debnath

(BIDYUT DEBNATH)
PRESIDENT

A BRIEF PROFILE

About WODWICHEE

Founded in 1989 at Hailakandi District, Assam, WODWICHEE is a voluntary organization established by a visionary group of young change-makers committed to uplifting marginalized communities. Over the decades, it has grown into a dynamic force for social transformation, implementing a wide range of initiatives focused on child care and protection, senior citizen welfare, women's empowerment, skill development, education, and the inclusion and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. Today, WODWICHEE operates across every corner of South Assam, backed by a dedicated and diverse team of professionals and volunteers. With a strong belief in inclusive development and collaborative action, WODWICHEE continues to champion meaningful, grassroots-driven social change.

Mission Statement: WODWICHEE is committed to the development, protection, and empowerment of marginalized and vulnerable communities- especially women, children, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and the unemployed through holistic support systems, community-based interventions, and strategic partnerships. Our mission is to combat exploitation, trafficking, and social injustice by enhancing access to education, healthcare, livelihood, and justice.

Vision Statement: WODWICHEE envisions a just, inclusive, and empowered society where every individual - regardless of their background can live with dignity, safety, and opportunity. We strive to create sustainable change by nurturing resilient communities free from exploitation and discrimination.

MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION

WODWICHEE's key areas of intervention include the care and well-beings of senior citizens, child protection, women empowerment, education and multidimensional development for the youth, health and nutrition, livelihood promotion, access to justice, and community development. The organization works to rescue and rehabilitate trafficking survivors, prevent child marriage and child labor, empower women through legal aid and livelihood training, promote education and skills among youth, and improve health outcomes for vulnerable groups including children, persons with disabilities, and the elderly. Through grassroots mobilization, legal empowerment, and strategic partnerships, WODWICHEE aims to build resilient, self-reliant communities free from exploitation and social injustice.

LEGAL STATUS

- Registered under S. R. Act, XXI of 1860
- Registered under FCR Act, of 1976
- Registered under CSR-1
- Registered U/S 12(A) & 80(G) of IT Act, 1961
- Registered under PWD Act, 1995
- Registered under D V Act, 2005
- Registered under Juvenile Justice Act, 2000
- Registered under Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act, 1956

CHAPTER-I

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

DDAC: DISTRICT DE-ADDICTION CENTRE - KARIMGANJ

Berajal, Nilambazar. Dist: Sribhumi (Karimganj), Pin-788723

Objectives and activities of the project: The District De-Addiction Centre established by WODWICHEE under the sponsorship of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India at Nilambazar, Karimganj on 1st April 2020 aimed at preventive education, raising awareness, and identifying, counselling, treating, and rehabilitating individuals struggling with substance abuse. There are a total of three components under this project which cover a wide range of issues to combat addiction among the youth. The centre, with 15 beds, offers a comprehensive program for individuals battling addiction to alcohol, heroin, and other substances. It offers a range of community-based services for identifying, motivating, counselling, providing de-addiction treatment, aftercare, and rehabilitation, all aimed at achieving Whole Person Recovery (WPR) for those affected by drug abuse. The three components under this project are as follows:



IRCA: INTEGRATED REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ADDICTS

Objectives of IRCA: The motto of IRCA is to liberate the young generation from all kinds of addiction by taking preventive measures, interventions, and rehabilitation. It emphasizes the importance of rebuilding relationships, restoring connections with friends and family with a focus on fostering personal development to combat addictive behaviours.

Activities under IRCA: IRCA incorporates both individual and group therapy sessions while also raising awareness about addiction issues. Our core services include preventive education, detoxification, counselling, vocational rehabilitation, and aftercare. These services aim to address both the physical and psychological aspects of addiction, promoting long-term sobriety.



ODIC: OUTREACH AND DROP-IN CENTRE

Objectives of ODIC: ODIC is aimed to address drug abuse in the Barak Valley Region, particularly among youth, who are vulnerable due to the area's proximity to Tripura, Mizoram, and Manipur etc. It aims to protect School and College-going students from falling prey to drugs and drug-traffickers. The main activity of ODIC is to conduct community outreach activities targeting vulnerable populations and provide a safe drop-in space for the victims of drug abuse. The services include screening, counselling, consultations with medical professionals and follow-up care, including continued family counselling. It prioritizes sustained support and recovery for affected individuals and their loved ones.



CPLI: COMMUNITY BASED PEER LED INTERVENTIONS

Objectives of the CPLI: CPLI is focused on early drug use prevention at Sribhumi (Karimganj) District to conduct primary prevention activities, mitigate substance use risks among youngsters, and raise awareness about referral services. The team reaches out to people, emphasizing proactive measures against substance dependence among the youth in the community. It also engaged in various endeavours, including training adolescents as Peer Educators, offering psychosocial therapies, and providing follow-up care such as family counselling.



Beneficiary summary of DDAC for 2024-25

No. of beneficiaries covered by (IRCA)	No. of indoor clients admitted	No. of out-door clients	No. of IPD clients rehabilitated	No. of beneficiaries covered(ODIC)	No. of beneficiaries covered(CPLI)	Total no. of beneficiaries covered
285	179	4161	179	4267	1216	5768

IRCA : INTEGRATED REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ADDICTS

584/B/4, Ward No. 14, Sarat Pally, M M Road Bylane, Sonai Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar

The Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA) in Silchar, Cachar district, has been dedicated to liberating youth from addiction through preventive measures, interventions, and rehabilitation. The centre focuses on rebuilding relationships, restoring connections with friends and family, and fostering personal development to combat addictive behaviors. Actively engaged in de-addiction, treatment, training, and rehabilitation, IRCA offers a comprehensive 15-bed program for individuals battling addiction to alcohol, heroin, and other substances.

Core services include preventive education, detoxification, individual and group therapy, counselling, vocational rehabilitation, and aftercare, addressing both physical and psychological aspects of addiction to promote long-term sobriety and raise awareness about addiction issues.



Beneficiary summary of IRCA for 2024-25

No. of beneficiaries covered	No. of indoor clients admitted (IPD)	No. of out-door clients (OPD)	No. of IPD clients rehabilitated	No of drop out	Total no. of beneficiaries covered
391	181	210	166	02	950

ODIC : OUTREACH AND DROP-IN CENTRE

584/B/5, Ward No. 14, Sarat Pally, M M Road Bi-lane, Sonai Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar

Overview: The Project ODIC was launched by WODWICHEE in Silchar, Cachar on January 1, 2020, following NISD grant approval. This initiative addresses drug abuse in the Barak Valley Region, particularly among youth who are vulnerable due to the area's proximity to Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura. ODIC aims to protect School and College going students from falling prey to drugs and drug-traffickers. It conducts community outreach activities targeting vulnerable populations and provides a safe drop-in space for drug users.

Services include screening, counselling, consultations with medical professionals. Follow-up care, including ongoing family counselling, is prioritized to ensure sustained support and recovery for affected individuals and their loved ones.



Beneficiary summary of ODIC for 2024-25

No of client contacted	No of indoor client	No of outdoor client	No of client detoxified	No of clients referred to other center	No of outreach program conducted	No of clients referred to IRCA	No of client discharged
4257	1143	3114	10	15	10	181	168

CHILDREN'S HOME (Under Mission Vatsalya)

(Hailakandi-Silchar Road, Rangauti, Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788155)

Project Objectives:

Since 2012, WODWICHEE has been operating the Children's Home for Boys under the guidance of the Assam State Child Protection Society, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD). The primary aim of this initiative is to provide a safe, caring, and supportive environment for vulnerable children especially orphaned, abandoned, or victims of abuse. The home is dedicated to nurturing their overall development and strengthening their life skills and capabilities.

Key Functions:

The Children's Home is equipped with the necessary infrastructure to provide secure accommodation and holistic childcare. It offers a wide range of services focused on the physical, emotional, educational, and psychological well-being of the children. The program goes beyond basic shelter, ensuring access to quality education, nutritious meals, healthcare, and opportunities for personal growth. Special efforts are also made to work with the families of the children, with the goal of facilitating their rehabilitation and smooth reintegration into society.



Beneficiary summary of CCI- Hailakandi for 2024-25

Total number of children admitted	Total number of children restored/rehabilitated	Number of children as on 31.03.2025
47	52	24

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN PROJECT, PHASE – III (Hailakandi District)

PO. Lakshirbond, District: Hailakandi

Project overview: Launched on 1st May 2023, the Access to Justice for Children project is a collaborative initiative by WODWICHEE and the Kailash Satyarthi Children’s Foundation. The project addresses a broad spectrum of child rights issues and is committed to ending child marriage in India by the year 2030. In addition to tackling child marriage, it actively works to prevent and respond to cases of child sexual abuse, child trafficking, and child labour, while also supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of affected children.

Key Activities:

The project adopts a preventive and intervention-based approach to combat child rights violations. Regular awareness and sensitization programs are organized involving parents, children, community leaders, religious figures, and the general public. Its Community Social Workers operate at the grassroots level, conducting door-to-door campaigns to raise awareness, collect information about incidents, and build trust with both the community and survivors. To strengthen local response mechanisms, the project forms Community Vigilance Groups (CVGs) and Children’s Groups aimed at preventing child marriage and other forms of exploitation. These groups also play a crucial role in advocating for children’s education and rights.

The intervention strategy includes:

- **Rescue of victims.**
- **Provision of legal assistance**
- **Appointment of dedicated support persons for POCSO victims**
- **Psychosocial counselling**
- **Continuous support during court trials**
- **Facilitation of financial assistance**
- **Comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration**





Beneficiary Summary of Access to Justice for Children Project Hailakandi District 2024-25

Total number of child marriage cases intervened	Total number of child trafficking cases intervened	Total number of child trafficking victims rescued	Total number of POCSO cases supported
309	75	75	64

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN, PHASE – III (Karimganj District)

District: Sribhumi (Karimganj)

Project Overview:

Launched on 1st July 2024, in Karimganj District, the *Access to Justice for Children* project is a joint initiative of WODWICHEE and the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation. The project addresses a broad range of challenges faced by children, with the primary goal of ending child marriage in India by 2030. Alongside this objective, the project also focuses on the prevention of child trafficking, and child labour. It provides comprehensive support to victims and works actively toward their recovery and reintegration into society.

Core Activities:

The project adopts a proactive and community-centered approach to safeguard children's rights. Regular awareness and sensitization programs are conducted with parents, children, religious leaders, and the wider community to educate them on the dangers of child marriage, child labour and trafficking.

WODWICHEE's Community Social Workers operate at the grassroots level, engaging in door-to-door outreach to raise awareness, gather information on potential violations, and establish strong communication channels with both communities and victims.

To further strengthen local child protection mechanisms, the project establishes Community Vigilance Groups (CVGs) and Children's Groups, empowering them to take an active role in identifying risks, preventing child rights violations, and promoting education advocacy.

Intervention services under the project include:

- Rescue of affected children
- Provision of legal support
- Psychosocial counseling
- Financial aid
- Rehabilitation of the survivors.



Beneficiary Summary of Access to Justice for Children Project Karimganj District 2024-25

Total number of child marriage cases intervened	Total number of child trafficking cases intervened	Total number of child trafficking victims rescued
304	41	41

CHAPTER-II

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME – I : HAILAKANDI

138/A, Ground Floor, Vill. & P.O. Lakshirbond, Pin- 788155, Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

Objectives of the project: The Senior Citizens' Home at Lakshirbond, Hailakandi District has been operational since 1999, providing refuge in its permanent establishment for seniors affected by neglect or vulnerability. Residents receive comprehensive care, including shelter, nutritious meals, medical attention, recreational activities for mental well-being, and counselling tailored to their individual needs.

Facilities provided under the project: Beneficiaries at the Senior Citizens' Home receive comprehensive care including shelter, food, medical attention, recreational activities, and counselling. Some are reunited with their families after ensuring adequate care and protection. The Home boasts a serene environment with flower gardens and ample space for movement, along with good ventilation throughout. Vocational training opportunities are offered to promote active and productive aging, with elderly-friendly production activities providing opportunities for small earnings. This initiative, sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, aims to instil a sense of productivity and confidence among the elderly residents.



Beneficiary Summary of Senior Citizens' Home District 2024-25

Total no. of beneficiaries covered	New beneficiaries admitted	Beneficiaries restored	Nos. of beneficiaries as on 31.03.2025
46	18	20	26

SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME - II : CACHAR

Vill. & P.O. Uttar Bariknagar, B. K. Road, Fokir Tila Bazar, Silchar, Dist. Cachar

Objectives of the project: The Senior Citizens' Home in Cachar district has been operational since 2005, providing refuge in its permanent establishment for seniors affected by neglect or vulnerability. Residents receive comprehensive care, including shelter, nutritious meals, medical attention, recreational activities for mental well-being, and counselling tailored to their individual needs.

Facilities provided under the project: Beneficiaries at the Senior Citizens' Home receive comprehensive care including shelter, food, medical attention, recreational activities, and counselling. Some are reunited with their families after ensuring adequate care and protection. The Home boasts a serene environment with flower gardens and ample space for movement, along with good ventilation throughout. Vocational training opportunities are offered to promote active and productive aging, with elderly-friendly production activities providing opportunities for small earnings. This initiative, sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, aims to instil a sense of productivity and confidence among the elderly residents. In the year 2024-25, Senior Citizens received residential care and services at the Home.



Beneficiary Summary of Senior Citizens' Home District 2024-25

Total no. of beneficiaries covered	New beneficiaries admitted	Beneficiaries restored	Nos. of beneficiaries as on 31.03.2025
25	16	17	24

MOBILE MEDICARE UNIT (MMU) FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

138/A, Ground Floor, Village & P.O. Lakshirbond, District. Hailakandi, Assam

Project Goals

The Mobile Medicare Unit aims to bridge the healthcare gap for elderly individuals who are unable to access regular medical facilities. It is especially dedicated to serving senior citizens living in rural and remote areas where transportation and medical infrastructure are scarce.

Program Overview

During the 2024–2025 period, the Mobile Medicare Unit, supported by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, delivered essential healthcare services to elderly beneficiaries across underserved regions.

Operating from a specialized medical van, the unit is equipped with essential medicines, diagnostic tools, basic lab testing facilities, and emergency medical kits. The healthcare team conducts regular visits to pre-identified locations, offering the following services:

- General health check-ups and diagnosis
- Basic laboratory investigations
- Free distribution of prescribed medicines
- Physiotherapy sessions where required
- Home-based care and visits for bedridden elderly patients
- Referrals to higher medical centres when necessary

This initiative ensures that elderly residents, especially those with mobility constraints, receive timely and quality medical care at their doorstep.



Beneficiary Summary of Mobile Medicare Unit (MMU) for Senior Citizens Hailakandi District 2024-25

Total no. of beneficiaries covered	Referrals made	Lab tests conducted	Beneficiaries received treatment 31.03.2025
4820	313	2691	4820

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CARE AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

SHAKTI SADAN - HAILAKANDI DISTRICT

(Under Mission Shakti)

Village & P.O. Lakshirbond, District. Hailakandi, Assam

Project Overview

Shakti Sadan is a dedicated initiative aimed at supporting women in distress and those facing socio-economic hardships, survivors of domestic violence, abandoned women, disaster-displaced individuals, and other vulnerable groups. The project provides a secure and nurturing environment that includes shelter, nutritious food, psychological counselling, legal assistance, vocational training, educational support, and comprehensive rehabilitation services.

Key Objectives

- Offering immediate protection and temporary shelter to women in crisis.
- Facilitating their social, legal, and economic empowerment through targeted interventions.
- Enabling their reintegration into society with dignity and independence.

Core Activities

- Safe accommodation for women in distress, along with access to healthcare, legal aid, and skill-building programs.
- Formation and capacity-building of Community Vigilance Groups and Balika/Balala Sanghas to create a safety net at the grassroots level.
- Conducting village-level awareness campaigns, orientation sessions, and workshops on women's rights, gender sensitivity, and legal literacy.
- Active identification and rescue of victims in collaboration with other child protection projects, local volunteers, police authorities, and civil society organizations.
- Linking beneficiaries to employment opportunities, vocational training, and educational resources during their stay at the shelter and through post-rehabilitation support.

Through these integrated services, Shakti Sadan aims to protect women through their empowerment and works towards reclaiming their rights, rebuilding their lives, and reintegrate into society as self-reliant individuals.



Beneficiary Summary of SHAKTI SADAN Hailakandi District 2024-25

Total no. of beneficiaries admitted	No. of beneficiaries restored/ rehabilitated	No. of women admitted in the session	No. of women admitted in the session	No. of women as on 31.03.2025	No. of children as on 31.03.2025
274	229	113	161	21	24

SAKHI SADAN

ONE STOP CENTRE

(Under Mission Shakti)

Lala 2nd Bypass, Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788163, Assam

Established on January 12, 2019, by WODWICHEE under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Sakhi Sadan offers integrated support to women affected by violence in both domestic and public settings. The center provides facility for essential services including emergency rescue, medical aid, legal support, psychological counselling, and temporary shelter.

Special attention is given to girls under 18, in collaboration with authorities under the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act and other projects working in the same field. The goal is to ensure timely and coordinated care for survivors, enabling them to access justice and rebuild their lives.



Beneficiary Summary of One Stop Centre Hailakandi District 2024-25

Total Case Register	Total Case Solved	Total Case Pending	Category Break-up	
			Domestic Violence	Others (Shelter-less, Trafficking, Elopement etc.)
148	109	39	56	92

SAKHI NIWAS – WORKING WOMEN’S HOSTEL

Old Hospital Road (Near Education Complex), District: Hailakandi, Assam – 788151

About the Facility

Many women travel to Hailakandi town for employment opportunities but struggle to find safe, affordable accommodation due to financial constraints. To address this gap, WODWICHEE operates Sakhi Niwas, a Working Women’s Hostel located beside Old Hospital Road, Hailakandi.

With a capacity to accommodate up to 50 women at a time, the hostel is designed to provide a secure and supportive environment for working women, particularly those from economically weaker sections.

Key Features

- Secure residential facilities for women employed in the town, ensuring peace of mind and dignity.
- The hostel serves women from diverse areas of Hailakandi district who are engaged in employment but require low-cost urban accommodation.
- Free access to recreational and communal facilities that support well-being and foster a sense of community.



Impact

During the year 2024-25, **36** nos. of working women from various parts of the district were successfully accommodated at Sakhi Niwas. The hostel continues to be a crucial support system for women striving for economic independence in a safe urban setting.

INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Tackling Domestic Violence at the Grassroots Level

Despite the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, domestic abuse remains a serious issue, often fueled by limited awareness of the law and deeply rooted gender biases. To address this, WODWICHEE launched a community-based initiative aimed at understanding and confronting the problem through participatory research. This effort brought together researchers, volunteers, and local stakeholders to gather data and raise awareness at the grassroots level.

In 2024–2025, as an officially registered service provider under the Act in Hailakandi district, WODWICHEE responded to numerous domestic violence cases. The organization offered legal guidance and counselling, successfully assisting several survivors in finding resolution or reaching settlements.

CHAPTER-IV

NEED BASED PROGRAMS & CSR INITIATIVES

Development of T. Baruah M.V. School, Bishnughar in partnership with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, GoI (Phase II)

Project Objectives:

Phase II of this CSR initiative focused on uplifting the community by enhancing the infrastructure of T. Baruah M.V. School located in the Bishnughar area of Hailakandi district. The project made a significant difference, evident in the increased student turnout in the subsequent academic session. By creating a more conducive teaching and learning environment, the initiative has contributed to rising enrollment rates, thereby positively impacting literacy levels in the area.

Key Activities:

Expansion of T. Baruah M.V School's infrastructure to accommodate the growing student population by

- (i) Constructing additional classrooms
- (ii) Replacing the damaged roof
- (iii) Constructing a well-equipped kitchen and storeroom
- (iv) Constructing a new toilet block for both girls and boys with modern facilities

Key outcomes include improved quality of education by providing fundamental facilities such as classrooms, kitchen, and toilets, enabling the school to deliver nutritious meals and essential amenities, thereby fostering an environment conducive to learning and holistic development.

FREE CAREER COACHING FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

Project Summary: To support students from minority communities in their pursuit of higher education, WODWICHEE operates a free coaching centre focused on competitive exams for medical, engineering, and other professional courses. The initiative is volunteer-driven, relying on the expertise of professionals and faculty members. Through peer-led learning and collaborative study, the model offers both cost-efficiency and motivation. This year, the centre supported 20 students, several of whom are preparing to appear in upcoming state and national level entrance exams.

DISASTER AWARENESS & PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE

Given the Barak Valley's vulnerability to frequent natural disasters like floods and cyclones, WODWICHEE launched a robust awareness and preparedness program during 2024-25. In partnership with the District and State Disaster Management Authorities, the organization conducted 15

sensitization sessions across multiple villages. These included mock drills and interactive training, particularly engaging school-children and local communities in emergency response, rescue, rehabilitation, and trauma management. The initiative emphasized building collective resilience through knowledge and proactive planning.

SPARROWS ACADEMY, A SCHOOL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

WODWICHEE runs Sparrows Academy, a free school dedicated to educating socially and economically disadvantaged children in Hailakandi district. The institution blends academic instruction with life skills, moral education, and creative development. Students benefit from exposure to sports, music, painting, martial arts, and study tour fostering both intellectual growth and personal confidence. In 2024-25, the school enrolled 250 children, with plans to expand next year and welcome 50 more students from marginalized backgrounds.



ADVOCACY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' RIGHTS

Launched on August 15, 2017, WODWICHEE's advocacy program champions the rights of elderly citizens, particularly those neglected or mistreated by family members or caregivers. Grounded in the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, the initiative raises awareness about senior rights and builds support networks to ensure dignity, care, and legal protection. Over time, a community-based support system has emerged, encouraging responsible and respectful behavior toward the elderly.

CHAPTER-V

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR SKILL DEV. & EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

ARECANUT PLATE MAKING TRAINING & PRODUCTION CENTRE

North East India, rich in natural resources, presents unique opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. Among its underutilized assets is the areca-nut leaf sheath, a durable, biodegradable material that holds great potential for eco-friendly product manufacturing. With over 1,000 million such sheaths available annually in India, transforming this resource into usable items can contribute to environmental preservation and economic upliftment.

Recognizing this, WODWICHEE launched a Training and Production Centre for arecanut plate making at Lakshirbond, Hailakandi. These biodegradable plates, suitable for use in social, religious, and commercial settings, offer a sustainable alternative to plastic. By mechanizing the production process, the initiative enables the creation of hygienic, cost-effective, and aesthetically appealing products.



In 2024-25, a batch of 10 women was trained under this program. The project aims to generate employment, foster entrepreneurship, and empower underprivileged groups by creating viable, green income opportunities in the region, marking the first such initiative locally.

SANITARY NAPKIN TRAINING & PRODUCTION CENTRE

Project Summary: Located beside Old Hospital Road at Hailakandi, this initiative by WODWICHEE addresses the persistent lack of access to affordable menstrual hygiene products among rural women and girls in the Barak Valley. Cultural taboos and economic hardship make quality sanitary napkins a luxury many cannot afford. To bridge this gap, WODWICHEE established a centre offering training in low-cost sanitary napkin production. The program has had dual benefits- improving menstrual health among underserved women and creating livelihood opportunities. In 2024-25, nine women were trained, with four of them successfully launching their own micro-enterprises in napkin production and sales.



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সেদিন অভিযুক্ত সুজান উদ্দিন আর ব্যক্তিও ঢুকে-ফাটবে, ধবন করে।
আজকের পরের পাশাপাশি ভোর করে পুরো বাড়িটা জিজ্ঞাসিত বৈধি করে
সেই জিজ্ঞাসিত বাস্তব করে তাহলে ব্র্যাকমেনিং করতে থাকে। (এমনকি এদিকে
কয়েকে কিছু জানালে মেয়ে যেবার ধর্মিক মেয়ে। তাহলেও সে
কয়েকে কিছু জানালে মেয়ে এবং তাহলেই না জানলে জিজ্ঞাসিত
সোশাল মিডিয়ায় পোস্ট করতে থাকে সে। যদিও কিশোরী ও তার
পায়-আপুণি মেয়েকে ধর্ষণ না। একই জিজ্ঞাসিত বাস্তব করে থাকে সে
কয়েকবার ধর্ষণ করে ছাত্রীটি। একপর সে হিন-চার হাস আছে সেসব
চাইতে যায় এবং সেজন্য থেকে তাকে তার সঙ্গে একটি বা জিজ্ঞাসিত করে
জিজ্ঞাসিত করে। কিন্তু যখন সে অধিকার করে, তখন সে সুজানকে
জিজ্ঞাসিত। সোশাল মিডিয়ায় পোস্ট করে এবং, তখন সে সুজানকে
সামাজিক মাধ্যম করে ভুক্তবেশী কিশোরী ছাত্রী তার বাড়ি থেকে
মেয়ে হতে পারবে না এবং অধিকার করে। কয়েক জিজ্ঞাসিত করে
কয়েকবার করে উঠেছে। বাই অভিযুক্ত সুজান উদ্দিন লক্ষ্যের বিরুদ্ধে
আজকের মায় সুজান তার অভিযুক্ত এবং অনুভবী মামলা নথিভুক্ত করে
অপর্যবেক্ষিত সিস্টার-আর-আর আদালত করবেন সোশাল
মাধ্যম জিজ্ঞাসিত বাড়ি বস্তুত।

এদিকে, আরও পুলিশ এভাবে জিজ্ঞাসিত মামলা নথিভুক্ত করে কয়েক
কয়েক জিজ্ঞাসিত মামলার মামলা আদালতের জিজ্ঞাসিত পুলিশকে মিলে
মিলেও এখনওও মামলার উন্নয়নের আদালতের পুলিশকে মিলে।

In response to the situation, Barabhuiya has urged the local administration to take swift action against Laskar and bring him to justice. The Lala police have registered the case and directed the in-charge of the Abdullapur Police Post to begin an investigation. However, no significant progress has been reported in the case so far.

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DC Hailakandi

12.11.2024 এবং 13.11.2024 তারিখে, Pan India Rescue and Rehabilitation Drive অংশ হিসাবে, DLTF, হাইলাকান্দি হাইলাকান্দি এবং লানা শহর থেকে 07 টি শিশু এবং বিশেষ শ্রম উদ্ধার করেছে।

CMO Assam Jayanta Mallabaruah Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Assam



হাইলাকান্দিতে পক্সোর সাপোর্ট পার্সনকে সংবর্ধনা



কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরীকে সংবর্ধনা অর্পন করছেন আব্দুল আজিজ চৌধুরী।

সাময়িক প্রসঙ্গ, হাইলাকান্দি, ১৯ নভেম্বর : পক্সো অ্যাক্ট ২০১২-র নবনিযুক্ত সাপোর্ট পার্সন কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরীকে উদীচী সংস্থার পক্ষ থেকে বেওয়ার হলো সংবর্ধনা। মঙ্গলবার হাইলাকান্দির লক্ষীরবাসে উদীচী কার্যালয়ে আয়োজিত অনুষ্ঠানে কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরীকে সংবর্ধনা দেওয়া হয়। এ উপলক্ষে এক্সেস টু জাস্টিস ফর চিলড্রেন প্রজেক্টের এক পর্যবেক্ষণ সভা আয়োজিত হয়। সভায় প্রজেক্টের কো-অর্ডিনেটর আসাউর রহমান চৌধুরী, করিমগঞ্জ প্রজেক্ট কো-অর্ডিনেটর ইকবাল আহমদ

লস্কর, লিখ্যাল কো-অর্ডিনেটর তারামুদ পারবিন, সিএস, ডব্লিউ আরিফ মোহাম্মদ খান, জুহি সেন, আব্দুল গফুর, ইব্রাহিম আলি বড়ুইয়ার উপস্থিতিতে সভায় বাল্যবিবাহ, শিশুশ্রম, শিশুদের বৌন নির্যাতন ইত্যাদির বিরুদ্ধে অভিযানকে আরও তীব্র করার সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা হয়। ২৭ নভেম্বর হাইলাকান্দি এবং করিমগঞ্জ জেলায় ১০০টি সচেতনতা সভা-সমিতি করার প্রকৃতি গ্রহণ করা হয়। বাল্যবিবাহ, শিশুশ্রমের বিরুদ্ধে রণে মীড়ানোর আহ্বান জানান তারা।



Mobur Mazumder is feeling positive in Smart City Hailakandi.

We are the team of District Child Protection Unit Hailakandi, and Access to Justice for Children team along with Special Juvenile Police Unit of Lala P.S. HKD in a field level intervention of a child marriage case at Rajyeswarpur village under Lala Police Station, Hailakandi.

#StopChildMarriage
#empoweradolescent
#Call1098



বাল্যবিবাহের বিরুদ্ধে মোমবাতি মিছিল ও সভা-সমিতির মাধ্যমে প্রচার উদীচীর

বাহার লস্কর

হাইলাকান্দি, ২৮ নভেম্বর : সবার দেশের সঙ্গে সঙ্গতি রেখে হাইলাকান্দি এবং ঈশ্বরী জেলার কলকল্লা হাইড্রল-সহ বিভিন্ন স্থানে মোমবাতি মিছিল, সভা-সমিতির মাধ্যমে বাল্যবিবাহ বন্ধ করতে সচেতনতামূলক প্রচারাভিযান চালায় জেলাসভার সাহা উদীচী।

‘এক্সেস টু জাস্টিস ফর চিলড্রেন’ প্রজেক্টের অধীনে ‘বহুবার হাইলাকান্দি জেলার লক্ষীরবাসে ঈশ্বরী জেলায় কলকল্লা হাইড্রল-সহ বিভিন্ন স্থানে মোমবাতি মিছিল, সভা-সমিতির মাধ্যমে বাল্যবিবাহের বিরুদ্ধে প্রচারণা চালানো হয়।

লক্ষীরবাসে উদীচীর মুখ কার্যালয়ে এক সার্বজনিক সম্মেলন থেকে সংস্থার সাধারণ সম্পাদক কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরী বাল্যবিবাহ বন্ধ করতে সচেতনতামূলক কর্মসূচি সংবোধনকারী সমানে তুলে ধরেন। তিনি বলেন, বাল্যবিবাহ সামাজিক এক দূষণ। বাল্যবিবাহ-মুক্ত সমাজ গঠনের ডাক দেন তিনি।



বাল্যবিবাহ বন্ধ করতে লক্ষীরবাস ঈশ্বরী জেলায় মোমবাতি মিছিল।

এক্সেস টু জাস্টিস ফর চিলড্রেন হাইলাকান্দির উদ্যোগে একদিনের ওরিয়েন্টেশন ও প্রশিক্ষণ শিবির অনুষ্ঠিত

ইবাদুল্লাহ মাহমুদ

হাইলাকান্দি, ৩১ অক্টোবর : মহিলা ও শিশু অধিকার রক্ষা এবং অসামাজিক কাজকর্ম প্রতিরোধে তৎপর হাইলাকান্দির অনামদন্য সামাজিক সংস্থা উদীচী। এ সংস্থার অধীনে এক্সেস টু জাস্টিস ফর চিলড্রেন, ওয়ান স্টপ সেন্টার সহ অন্যান্য শাখা-সমিতি নিয়মিত কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। বিশেষ করে সচেতনতা সভা, প্রশিক্ষণ শিবির সহ নির্যাতন এবং অসামাজিক কাজকর্ম প্রতিরোধে উদ্যোগ করা, অসামাজিক কাজকর্ম প্রতিরোধ করা ইত্যাদির উপর কাজ চলেছে প্রতিদিন।

বুধবার হাইলাকান্দি শহরের উদীচী কার্যালয়ের কনফারেন্স হলে একদিনের ওরিয়েন্টেশন ও প্রশিক্ষণ শিবির অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে। এক্সেস টু জাস্টিস ফর চিলড্রেন হাইলাকান্দির উদ্যোগে এই ওরিয়েন্টেশন ও প্রশিক্ষণ শিবিরে শিশুশ্রম বন্ধ করা, বাল্যবিবাহ রোধ করা, মহিলা ও শিশু সুরক্ষার

ব্যবস্থা করা সহ অসামাজিক কাজকর্ম প্রতিরোধ করা ইত্যাদির উপর বিশেষ আলোকপাত করা হয়েছে। এতে বিসেস পার্সন হিসাবে উপস্থিত হয়ে বক্তব্য রাখেন হাইলাকান্দির ডিএসডব্লিউ কোর্স ওয়ারিসা, ডিএলএস এর প্রতিনিধি আইনজীবী নমিতা সেননাথ, জেলা চাইল্ড প্রোটেকশন কার্যালয়ের প্রতিনিধি মাবরর আহমেদ মজুমদার, জেলা শিশু কল্যাণ সমিতির প্রতিনিধি বিনীতা সিনহা, এক্সেস টু জাস্টিস এর হাইলাকান্দি জেলা কো-অর্ডিনেটর আসাউর রহমান চৌধুরী, করিমগঞ্জের কো-অর্ডিনেটর অণু সেননাথ, উদীচী-র সাধারণ সম্পাদক কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরী সহ অন্যান্যরা। এদিনের শিবিরে হাইলাকান্দি ও করিমগঞ্জে জেলার প্রায় ৫০ জন প্রতিনিধি অংশগ্রহণ করেন। এর আগে এদিনের অনুষ্ঠানে আয়োজক সংস্থার পক্ষ থেকে আমন্ত্রিত অতিথিদের গামছা দিয়ে বরণ করা

হয়েছে। ওয়ান স্টপ সেন্টারের মনসুর আহমেদ বড়ুইয়া সহ অন্যান্যদের পাশে বেধে এদিন উদীচী-র সাধারণ সম্পাদক কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরী সংবাদ মাধ্যমের কাছে সংস্থার বিভিন্ন অ্যাক্টিভিটির কথা তুলে ধরেন। তিনি জানান, বাল্য উপত্যকা জুড়ে বাল্যবিবাহ রোধ করা, শিশু শ্রম বন্ধ করা, নারী নির্যাতন প্রতিরোধ করা, বিভিন্ন ধরনের অসামাজিক কাজকর্ম প্রতিরোধ করা যেমন নেশামুক্ত সমাজ গঠন করা ইত্যাদির উপর জোরদার কাজ চলছে। এতে প্রশিক্ষণ শিবির, সচেতনতা সভা ছাড়াও মাঝে মাঝে বিভিন্ন ধরনের অভিযানও চালাতে হচ্ছে। তাই সরকারের নিয়ম-নীতি মেনে সচিব সমাজ গঠনের আহ্বান জানান তিনি। এক্ষেত্রে সর্বস্তরের জনগণের সাহায্য ও সহযোগিতা কামনা করেছেন উদীচী-র সাধারণ সম্পাদক কবির আহমেদ চৌধুরী সহ অন্যান্যরা।

Message from the General Secretary

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the dedication and determination each of you has shown in advancing the mission of WODWICHEE. Together, we have made significant strides in some of the most critical areas of our work like senior citizen care, women's empowerment, child protection, youth welfare and so on.

This year was not without its challenges. Yet, in the face of limited resources and rising community needs, you demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment. Your efforts in building partnerships, strengthening our human resource base, and diversifying funding have been instrumental in sustaining and expanding our impact.

From delivering essential services to the elderly and advocating for women's safety, to creating supportive, educational environments for children, our collective work has touched many lives. The outcomes we've achieved are a testament to your hard work and the shared values that unite us.


Our initiatives in community mobilization, sensitization, and organizational development are beginning to show strong results. Much of this progress is thanks to the relentless energy of our team members and volunteers who continue to serve with compassion and purpose.

I am proud to share that we have not only met but, in several areas, exceeded our goals for the year. None of this would have been possible without your direct and indirect contributions.

As we move forward, let us carry this momentum with renewed determination. I am confident that, together, we will continue to bring meaningful, measurable change to the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being the heart of WODWICHEE's journey.

With deepest appreciation,


(K A Choudhury)
General Secretary
General Secretary
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