



PRAGATI SAMVAAD

“To nurture, enlighten and empower the society.”

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President's Message

I am pleased to share with you the remarkable progress DSWS has made over the past year and to outline our plans for the future. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in our achievements, and together, we continue to make a profound impact on the lives of those we serve. We successfully conducted over 30 awareness programs, reaching thousands of community members with vital information on health, education, and social issues. Our teams organized rallies and skits, creatively engaging the community in discussions about key issues such as human trafficking, child rights, child abuses, health, and hygiene. We have strengthened our collaboration with local schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations. Working closely with government agencies and other NGOs has enabled us to amplify our efforts and resources, ensuring comprehensive support for our community. We plan to double the number of awareness programs, using innovative methods like digital campaigns and interactive workshops to engage more people. Special emphasis will be placed on critical issues such as mental health, environmental sustainability, and digital literacy.



In conclusion, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our supporters, partners, and community members. Your commitment and dedication are the driving force behind our success. Together, we are building a brighter future for everyone.

Thank you for being a part of our journey

Sincerely,
Mr. Amit Tirkey
 President
 DSWS, Udalguri.

Awareness Program on Women and children's right by DSWS:

On 7th January, at No.1. Bholatar and Dipabasti DSWS organized an awareness program to educate and empower women and children about their rights and privileges, promoting a culture of equality, safety, and well-being. The highlights of the program were:



- Interactive sessions and workshops on gender equality, domestic violence, and child abuse
- Legal rights and support services awareness.
- Access to resources and support networks.



Awareness on Child Trafficking:

On 10th January, at Farmline Tea Garden ME school, DSWS staffs conducted awareness Program Title: “Protecting Our Future: Awareness on Child Trafficking”. The awareness was conducted with an objective to educate students, teachers about the risks and consequences of child trafficking, promoting a safe and informed school community.



Awareness on Child Trafficking:

On 10th January, at Budlapara, DSWS staffs conducted awareness Program Title: “Protecting Our Future: Awareness on Child Trafficking”. The program successfully raised awareness about child trafficking in the community, promoting a culture of prevention, support, and empowerment. The session was conducted in evening where all the children from the nearby area gathered and benefited from the program.



Awareness on Importance of education and parental care:

On 14th January, at Bamunjuli Tea Garden, a highly impactful awareness program was conducted by DSWS staff focused on the Importance of education and parental care. The event aimed to enlighten the community about the critical role that education plays in a child’s development and the significant impact of parental involvement in ensuring academic and personal success.



Meeting with Self Help Group (SHG):

On 21st January, at Budlapara Tea Garden, the DSWS staff organized a crucial meeting with members of local Self Help Groups (SHGs) to discuss and promote the development of women in the community. The meeting aimed to empower women by discussing various development initiatives, providing resources, and encouraging active participation in community development.



Meeting with Matric Students:

On 15th February in our target areas, DSWS staff organized an inspirational individual meeting with matric students to provide encouragement and support as they approach their final examinations. The event aimed to motivate students, alleviate stress, and offer practical advice to help them excel in their studies and future endeavors.



**Four Awareness program were organized on 18th February at four different locations:
First session was at Farmline Tea Garden on POCSO ACT:**

DSWS organized an awareness program at Farmline Tea Garden focused on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The initiative aimed to educate the community on the provisions of the Act, emphasizing the importance of child protection and the legal mechanisms available to combat child sexual abuse. A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Ms Julie Steinherr, Social worker and a Psychotherapist by profession, covering essential aspects of the POCSO Act. This included definitions of various offenses, the procedure for reporting and investigating cases, and the rights of victims and their families. An interactive session allowed participants to ask questions and discuss their concerns. The event highlighted the crucial role of community awareness and legal literacy in safeguarding children.



Second session was at 2.No. Sonajuli on Health and Hygiene:

DSWS organized an awareness program focused on health and hygiene in 2.No.Sonajuli. The initiative aimed to educate the community about the importance of maintaining good health and hygiene practices to prevent diseases and improve overall well-being. The session was conducted by Ms Himakshi Kalita, by profession social worker and project coordinator of DSWS. A detailed presentation was delivered by Ms Kalita, covering topics such as personal hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, and disease prevention. Practical demonstrations were conducted to show effective handwashing techniques, proper dental care, and basic first aid procedures. These demonstrations helped participants learn and practice essential hygiene skills.



Third session was at Dimakuchi Town- Skit Play on Human Trafficking:

The DSWS team performed a powerful skit on human trafficking at the Dimkuchi market area around 1.00.pm. The event aimed to raise awareness about the critical issue of human trafficking and educate the local community on recognizing, preventing, and combating this crime. The skit was carefully crafted to engage the audience and deliver a strong, clear message about the perils of human trafficking: The DSWS team performed a skit that depicted real-life scenarios of human trafficking, highlighting how traffickers lure and exploit their victims. The performance was emotionally gripping and aimed to resonate deeply with the audience.



Fourth session was at Kalikhola on Human Trafficking:

DSWS organized an awareness program to educate the community about the critical issue of human trafficking. The event aimed to inform residents about the dangers of human trafficking, how to recognize signs, and the steps to take if they suspect someone is a victim. A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Ms. Jharna Chakroborty, Social Worker by profession and Project Manager of DSWS on human trafficking, covering key topics such as the methods traffickers use, the impact on victims, and how community members can help prevent trafficking. Real-life case studies were presented to illustrate the different forms of human trafficking and the experiences of victims.



DSWS Staff assisting in Domestic Violence Case at Dimakuchi:

On 25th February, DSWS staff responded to a reported case of domestic violence in Dimakuchi police station. Upon receiving the report of domestic violence, DSWS staff took prompt action to address the situation. The intervention aimed to provide immediate support and assistance to the victim, ensure their safety, and connect them with necessary resources and legal aid. The victim was taken to a nearby healthcare facility for a medical examination and necessary treatment. DSWS staff coordinated with medical professionals to ensure comprehensive care. This case underscores the importance of prompt and compassionate response in addressing domestic violence.



DSWS Field staff training:

On 3rd March at DSWS head office, Sonajuli, DSWS conducted a comprehensive training program for field staff aimed at enhancing their skills and knowledge in conducting workshops on various critical topics. The training covered human trafficking, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and health & hygiene. The objective was to empower staff to effectively educate and engage with communities on these important issues. The training program was structured to provide a balanced mix of theoretical learning and practical skills development.



Meeting with Local Panchayat Members:

On 3rd March, DSWS organized meeting with Local Panchayat Members and few community members. The primary objective of the meeting was to strengthen collaboration between DSWS and the local Panchayat members, aiming to enhance community welfare initiatives and address local issues more effectively. And to discuss about reopening of a recently closed venture school in the area, addressing the community's educational needs and ensuring that local children have access to quality education.



Awareness Program and Rally on Human Trafficking at Sonajuli:

DSWS organized an awareness program and rally on human trafficking at Sonajuli, aiming to educate the community about the dangers of human trafficking, how to identify and prevent it, and the resources available for assistance. Distribution of pamphlets, brochures, and posters containing information on human trafficking, warning signs, and helpline numbers.



Celebration of International Women's Day:

On 8th March, The Dominic Savio Welfare Society (DSWS) celebrated International Women's Day with a series of events aimed at honoring the achievements of women, raising awareness about gender equality, and empowering women in the community in collaboration with Budlapara primary all adivasi woman's association of Assam (AAWAA). The Manager of Budlapara tea garden Mr. Debasis Dutta, along with Dr. Kimberlee of Dimakuchi model hospital Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and AASAA Leader's were the esteemed guest present for the program. An introductory speech by a DSWS representative highlighting the significance of International Women's Day and a keynote address by an esteemed guest, focusing on the progress and challenges in women's rights and empowerment.



Regular tuition classes for the school dropout and weak Students and community survey for dropout students:

The primary objective of this initiative is to provide regular tuition classes for school dropouts and academically weak students and to conduct a community survey to identify and address the issue of school dropouts.

Key Activities: - Identify the reasons behind school dropouts in the community. - Door-to-door surveys conducted by DSWS field staffs. - Interviews with parents, guardians, and the students themselves. - Conducting meetings with parents and community leaders to discuss the importance of education.



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