



# PROGRESS & IMPACT REPORT

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Assam Investment Advisory Society  
Guwahati, Assam, India



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# Introduction

## Who

Striving for the betterment of Forest Fringe School (FFS) communities, AIAS, found in 2010, promotes regional development by driving investment through sustainable strategies in Land, Energy, Waste, Water, Air, and Carbon (LEWWAC), guided by Naturenomics™ principles.

## What

AIAS provides access to education, preserves indigenous knowledge, and fosters community-driven development through joyful, experience-based learning. It also focuses on educating children and women in healthcare, environmental stewardship, human-elephant conflict mitigation, and sustainable use of water and land, promoting holistic community growth.

## How

Through the Forest Fringe School, - keeping in mind the location and the communities associated from within these communities - AIAS is in search of sustainability systems, traditional knowledge, and hands-on learning tools to empower the women and children while create a lasting environmental and social impact.





# Vision & Mission

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



## Vision

Empower communities through education.



## Mission

To unlock community potential through accessible and transformative education





# Objectives

## 1 To provide

a holistic education system to the students and a healthy environment to learn, dream and achieve.



## 2 To introduce

creative & interactive learning methods to build on the capacity of the students and the teachers.



## 3 To develop

sustainable & climate resilient revenue earning methods to make the school self sustainable.



## 4 To create

spaces for empowerment of women through the FFS model.



# Our Focus Areas



## Experiential-based and Joyful Education

Nurturing curious minds, fostering a love for learning, and cultivating creativity through hands-on, joyful experiences.



## Skill development

Empowering students with practical skills, enhancing their capabilities for a future of diverse opportunities and personal growth.



## Health

Promoting overall well-being by integrating health education, hygiene practices, and access to nutritious resources for students and the community.



## Sustainable Livelihood

Fostering economic resilience and environmental stewardship within the community, creating pathways for sustainable livelihoods through education and skill-building.

# Highlights 2023-2025

01



Local Experiential Partner in the IUCN Youth Climate and Conservation Fellowship Programme (YCCFP) Cohort 3.0. **30+** participation from schools across the country

03



Development of 1 community-run school & 3 Govt. aided schools supporting **400+** students



02



Association with Pollution Control Board, Assam for environmental awareness program in Balipara, Assam- **400+** participation from 6 schools

05



The Harmony Project - engagement of **200+** students



04

Students & Community engagement programs (waste management workshop, 5-day dance workshop, art & essay writing sessions, natural-dye making workshop, poultry workshop)- **300+** students and community members engaged



06



Association with The Woodland Festival engaging **100+** students from 8 schools in various activities

08



Agroforestry initiatives & Establishment of Nursery in Bogijuli High School, Balipara, Assam as a part of sustainable revenue generation initiative



07



Establishment of **IT Lab** in Bogijuli High School, Balipara, Assam supported by the Pollution Control Board, Assam

# Roadmap

## 2015-17

- Upendranath Brahma M.E School was established - 800 + students enrolled to date.
- Women's ITI Rehabari Computer donation - Women with Smart Education - 1000+ women drivers trained to date
- 100-bedded hostel at Amalgamated Plantations Private Industrial Training Institute (APPITI), Rowta-1000+ women benefitted to date

## 2018-19

- Educational Assistance
- Elephant Monitoring program in the border of Arunachal and Assam - 100+ families

## 2019-22

- Common Grounds Workshop
- Empowering Women through promoting local homestay -and other entrepreneurial ventures
- Ghar Bari program
- Jacquard based Handloom skill upgradation training
- Lawn Mower training
- Tourist Guide Training program
- Women Skill enhancement training



## ● 2022-25

- IUCN youth climate conservation fellowship program (Experiential Partner) 30+ participation from schools across the country
- Association with Pollution Control Board, Assam for environmental awareness program in Balipara, Assam- 400 + participation from 6 schools
- Development of 1 community -run school & 3 Govt. aided schools supporting 400+ students
- The Harmony Project - engagement of 200+ students
- Students & Community engagement programs (waste management workshop, 5-day dance workshop, art & essay writing sessions, natural-dye making workshop, poultry workshop)- 300+ students and community members engaged
- Association with The Woodland Festival and engaging 100+ students from 8 schools in various activities (nature art, stone painting, folklore drama, singing, dancing & kite flying)
- Establishment of IT Lab in Bogijuli High School supported by the Pollution Control Board, Assam
- Establishment of Nursery in Bogijuli High School supported by the Balipara Foundation

Our Endeavours Have Helped To Address

# 4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

## 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

## 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

## 13 CLIMATE ACTION



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Out of the 17 that have been listed.





# Yearly Plan

## PHASE I

Expand FFS model  
in various districts of  
Assam



## PHASE II

Partnerships &  
Associations



## PHASE III

Expansion of Honey Bee  
Cultivation Project



## PHASE IV

Implementation of new  
revenue generation activities  
in the FFS



# On-Going **PROJECTS**



School Renovation  
in Sonitpur, FY 2024 - 25

Honeybee Cultivation

Community Based  
Elephant Monitoring  
Project



# School Renovation

in Sonitpur, FY 2024 - 25

## Baligaon Malsing LP School

Before



After





# Mainaogiri L.P School





## Gwjwnfwthar L.P School

Before



After





# Bogijuli High School

Before



After







## Honey Bee Cultivation

AIAS has launched a "Forest-Based Honey Enterprise" in Udalguri, Assam, with local forest committees, training youth in honey production to promote sustainable livelihoods and increase incomes.







# Community Based Elephant Monitoring Project



**TOTAL BENEFITED**  
**100+ Persons**

**CORPUS**  
**Rs. 1.5 Lakhs**

**TARGET**  
**Rs. 5 Lakhs by**  
**March 2026**



# Activities



Training Program on  
Indigenous and  
Integrated Organic  
Farming System

Teachers Training Program  
(Classroom Strategies for  
Interactive Learning)

The Harmony Project



# Training Program on Indigenous and Integrated Organic Farming System

**200**  
PARTICIPANTS

**15**  
DAYS

PABHOI GREENS





## Objectives and focus areas of the programs

**01** Promotion of organic farming practices

**02** Empowerment of farmers through elements of self-sufficiency

**03** Curation of sustainable livelihood models

- Organic paddy cultivation and horticulture
- Livestock rearing and fish cultivation
- Mushroom cultivation and apiculture
- Organic heirloom seed production and nursery
- Social and educational activities
- Vermicompost and pesticides

### An indigenous organic training program, followed by engagement from the community:

Creating opportunities for social transformation with quality education and infrastructure across communities in Assam

**Number of trainees – 200 participants from 5 different villages**





## Teachers Training Program

(Classroom Strategies for Interactive Learning)

- Teacher to student interaction
- Student to student interaction
- Use of interactive teaching resources and materials.



### Schools Covered By Aias's Trained Volunteers

Sl. No	Name of the School	No. of Students
01	Upendra Nath Brahma M.E	140
02	Sonaigudi L.P	71
03	Mainaogiri L.P	51
04	Maising L.P	78
05	Swamdham L.P	70
06	Bathoupuri L.P	104
07	Goibari L.P	97
	<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>







## OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

1. To equip teachers with strategies and tools for making classroom learning more effective and joyful
2. To guide teachers into making use of local knowledge and resources to teach better
3. To help teachers use non-intrusive and interactive methods of assessment
4. To develop confidence and creativity in teachers for teaching effectively
5. To foster bonding and understanding between students and teachers through the use of interactive learning methods and appropriate TLMs







## *The Harmony* **PROJECT**

"The Harmony Project" seeks to revolutionize education by integrating sustainability into the curriculum. Its Harmony Curriculum fosters a deep connection between young people and the environment through principles and inquiry-based learning. The project encourages learning from, about, and in nature.

In collaboration with The Harmony Project, Assam Investment Advisory Society(AIAS), along with Mahila Shakti Kendra(MASK) and the Forest Fringe Community, has successfully implemented the Harmony Curriculum at its Forest Fringe School "Upendra Nath Brahma ME School".





## The Three Phases Of *The Harmony* Project



### Phase I

Learning to identify the local plant species by their external features like leaves, bark, fruits, seeds etc. and collecting their seeds



### Phase II

Germinating the seeds.



### Phase III

Nurturing the planted seeds and seeing them turn into saplings



## PHASE I

Students collecting and displaying the seeds



Ficus Hirta



Gmelina arborea



Litsea Monopetala



Ficus Glomerata



## PHASE II & III

Students planting the dried seeds for germination & showcasing the saplings post germination





# Expansion of The **FOREST FRINGE SCHOOL(S)**

Expanding FFS Model In  
Chirang, Udalguri, Morigaon &  
Sonitpur

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School Survey In Sonitpur,  
Chirang, Morigaon & Udalguri  
District

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Expanding Honey Bee  
Cultivation Project In Udalguri &  
Sonitpur





## Expanding FFS Model In Chirang, Udalguri, Morigaon & Sonitpur

Following the successful implementation of our FFS model in 2 community-run schools and 3 government-aided schools, we are now planning to expand it to other districts in Assam.













## School Survey In Sonitpur, Chirang, Morigaon & Udalguri District

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### SCHOOLS SURVEYED

Balipara-10  
Chirang-4  
Udalguri -2  
Morigaon-9

### PROBLEM AREAS

Infrastructure  
Drinking Water  
Toilet  
Sustainable Model

### SOLUTIONS

1. Collaboration with Funding Agencies
2. Teacher Training
3. Creating a self-sustainable model for schools to generate its own revenue







## Expanding Honey Bee Cultivation Project In Udalguri & Sonitpur

After a successful stint of our honeybee project at Bhairabkunda, Udalguri, AIAS has also planned to expand the same in Udalguri & to also commence honey bee cultivation in Sonitpur district by providing them with all the required training & equipment's and by facilitating them a sustainable livelihood generation option & increasing their household income.



# Events & Workshops DURING THE YEAR



World  
Environment  
Day

Poultry Workshop  
on special focus  
on disease  
management.

Dance  
Workshop

Teacher's  
Day

Children's  
Day

Republic day  
exposure  
program at  
"the nursery"



## World Environment Day

### ACTIVITIES



Drawing  
Competition



Essay Writing



Cultural Event



Community  
Lunch

### IMPACT

Cost 16,603 INR

Learning and fun

180 students engaged

Team work

Creative space



## Poultry Workshop on special focus on disease management.

### Motive of the workshop:

to tackle the rapid death of local chicken due  
to Ranikhet disease

### IMPACT

- Cost 15,000 INR
- Information dissemination
- All disease related issues addressed
- New avenues for collaboration & capacity building





## Dance Workshop

### ACTIVITIES



3 Days  
Workshop



2-3 Hours Of Dance  
Sessions Per Day



Final  
Shortlisting



Video  
Production

### IMPACT

- Cost 31,100/- INR
- Skill enhancement
- Learning and fun
- Scope for bigger opportunities in future







## Teacher's Day

### ACTIVITIES



Teacher  
Felicitation  
By Aias



Teacher Felicitation  
By Students



Cultural Event

### IMPACT

- Cost 28,710 /- INR
- Recognition
- Engagement
- Motivation







## Children's Day

### ACTIVITIES



Waste  
Management  
Session



Natural Dye  
Making  
Workshop

### IMPACT

Cost 13,620/- INR

Awareness

180 Students  
Engaged

Learning And Fun

Team Spirit

## Republic day exposure program at "the nursery"

### ACTIVITIES



Drawing  
Competition



Botanic Trail  
at EHBA



Community  
Lunch

### IMPACT

- Cost 10,000 INR
- 30 students engaged
- Creative space
- Learning and fun
- Team Work





# Partnerships & Associations



Youth Climate & Conservation Fellowship Programme (YCCFP Cohort 3.0) supported by IUCN-CEC

Environmental Awareness Program in association with Pollution Control Board, Assam

Inauguration of IT Lab at Bogijuli High School

Nursery and Agroforestry Initiative in Bogijuli High School, Balipara

AIAS & Woodland Festival 2025:  
A Celebration of Creativity and Culture



# Youth Climate & Conservation Fellowship Programme (YCCFP Cohort 3.0) supported by IUCN-CEC

**DATE: APRIL 16TH - APRIL 19TH, 2024**

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Local Partner: Assam Investment Advisory Society as the "Local Experiential Partner," facilitated logistics for the event
- Event Location: Held successfully in Chengelimari, Garogaon, Balipara, Assam
- Support & Funding: Sponsored by IUCN-CEC, inspired by IUCN #NatureForAll
- Program Design: Conceptualized by Dr. Biswajit De of Wildroots India
- Participants: Engaged 30 participants from various schools across Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru
- Expert Mentorship: Mentorship provided by experts, including Shri Gautam Gupta, GM, ITC Infotech





# Environmental Awareness Program in association with Pollution Control Board, Assam

**DATE: AUGUST 9, 2024**

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Event Overview:** AIAS in collaboration with PCBA, and supported by MASK, hosted an environmental awareness drive in Bogijuli High School, Balipara
- **Participation:** Students and staff from five regional schools actively engaged in sustainability-focused activities
- **Keynote Speakers:** Dr. Arup Kumar Misra (Chairman, PCBA), Shri Jayanta Kumar Saharia (Regional Director, PCBA) & Nitu Kumar Kalita (EOO, AIAS) emphasized environmental responsibility and education
- **Student Performances:** Students showcased eco-themed dances, songs, and skits, creatively promoting conservation
- **Collaboration:** The event's success was driven by the collective efforts of the school management, AIAS, and the community





## Inauguration of IT Lab at Bogijuli High School supported by the Pollution Control Board, Assam

The IT Lab at Bogijuli High School was officially inaugurated with valuable support from the Pollution Control Board, Assam. In a bid to improve educational access and opportunities for students, the Board contributed four computers to the school. This initiative aims to enhance digital learning, providing students with essential tools to better engage with technology and improve their academic growth. The newly established IT Lab will serve as a key resource in empowering students with vital skills for the future.





## Nursery and Agroforestry Initiative in Bogijuli High School, Balipara

Assam Investment Advisory Society (AIAS) has established a nursery on the school premises, while the Balipara Foundation has developed agroforestry systems to promote environmental sustainability.

This collaborative effort not only supports the school's financial sustainability but also promotes environmental conservation and offers valuable learning experiences for students in sustainable farming and resource management.







## AIAS & Woodland Festival 2025: A Celebration of Creativity and Culture

The Assam Investment Advisory Society (AIAS) collaborated with the Woodland Festival 2025 to celebrate creativity, culture, and community at Sonai Miri Village, Balipara, Assam. Over two days, 100+ students from eight schools engaged in activities like stone painting, folktale drama, and traditional games, showcasing their artistic talents and cultural heritage.

The festival provided a vibrant platform for students to perform, connect, and express themselves while fostering unity across schools. It was a celebration of local traditions and creativity, empowering students to connect with their culture and community.

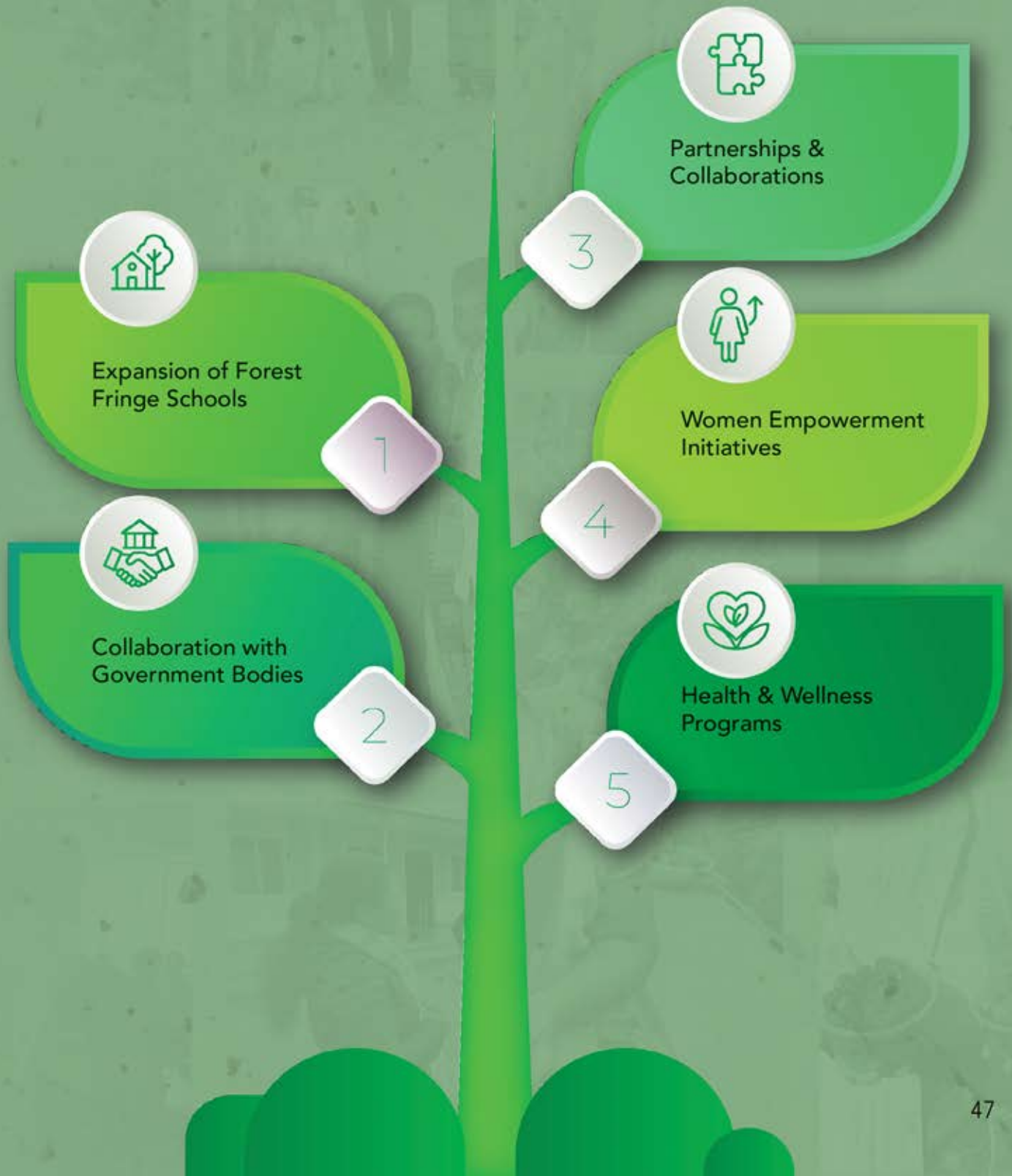




# Upcoming Plans for year **2025-2026**



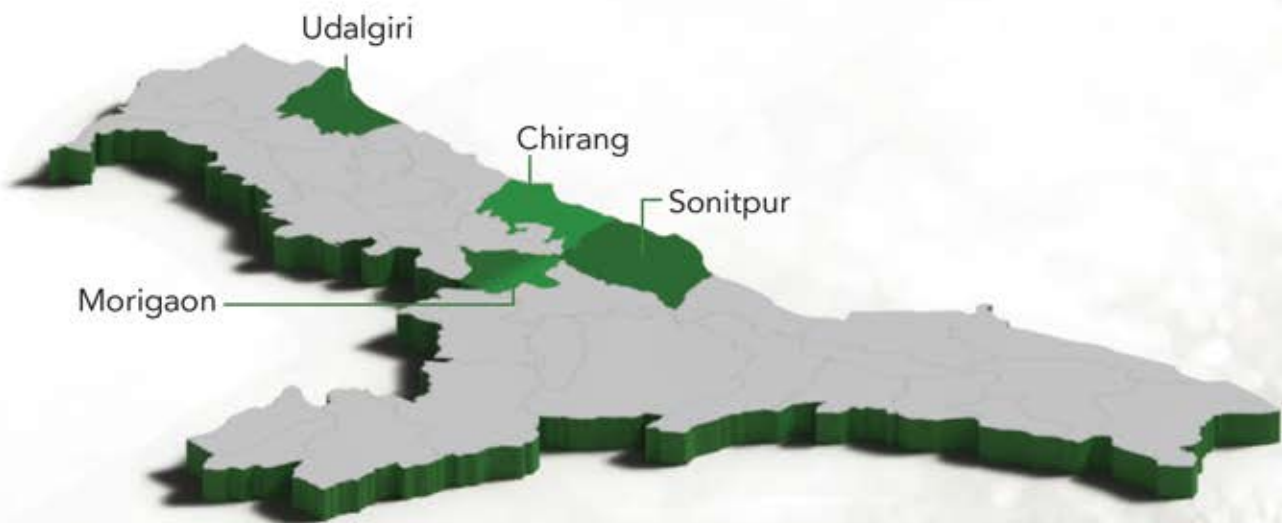








# Expansion of Forest Fringe Schools



To expand Forest Fringe School Project to 10 more schools


Estimated Budget Per School - 50 Lakhs


Total Funds to be raised - 05 Cr


School Type: Govt. & Community-Run Schools

## Requirements Identified:

 Infrastructure

 Separate washrooms for boys and girls

 Clean drinking water

 Self- Sustainable Model

 Solar Power

 Teacher's Training

 Foundational Literacy & Numeracy





## Collaboration with Government Bodies

- To focus on Govt. Collaborations and conduct awareness camps and collaborative projects
- Target - 5 Govt. Collaborations







## Partnerships & Collaborations

National & International Collaborations focusing on student & community welfare



## Women Empowerment Initiatives

To support 200 women through various vocational and skill development activities as a part of livelihood generation program.



## Health & Wellness Programs

Organise 3 physical and mental well-being camps for Forest Fringe School students and the communities.





## FUNDS: Current Status

### **INR 665 LAKHS**

Earned as Interest from the  
Corpus Fund since 2010

### **INR 570 LAKHS**

Interest earnings invested into  
various vocational training  
programs/ education & rural  
development projects.

### **INR 710.65 LAKHS**

Fund balance as on 31st March  
2025. This includes 700 Lakhs in  
Corpus Account and 10.65 Lakhs  
in Saving Bank Account.





# Picture Gallery: From The Field And Our Engagements



Waste Management  
Workshop  
At The Forest Fringe  
School.

Students engaged in  
various activities

AIAS President &  
Guest visit to FFS &  
community interaction

School Survey In  
Sonitpur, Morigaon,  
Chirang And Udalguri  
District

School visits &  
community mobilisation

Sapling Plantation  
Workshop At Tezpur  
University

Garo Homestay  
Handloom

Natural Dye Soap  
Making Pickle Making  
Pratham Education  
Foundation visit



## Waste Management Workshop At The Forest Fringe School.









## Students engaged in various activities





## AIAS President & Guest visit to FFS & community interaction







## School Survey In Sonitpur, Chirang, Morigaon and Udalguri District



# School visits & community mobilisation





## Sapling Plantation



## Workshop At Tezpur University





# Garo Homestay





## Natural Dye Soap Making Pickle Making









## Pratham Education Foundation visit





# FFS Students









## Teachers' Day Celebration





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