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AIAS and Pratham Education Foundation Collaborate to Strengthen Learning Outcomes in Forest Fringe Schools of Balipara

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Assam Investment Advisory Society (AIAS) and Pratham Education Foundation have come together to implement the Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) approach in forest fringe schools of Balipara, aimed at improving foundational learning outcomes in language and mathematics.

To formalize this collaboration, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between AIAS and Pratham Education Foundation, marking a significant step towards strengthening quality education in forest fringe communities.

As part of the initiative, Pratham Education Foundation conducted a virtual orientation and training programme in August 2025 for teachers from forest fringe schools in Balipara. A total of 22 teachers from 10 forest fringe schools participated in this initial training, gaining exposure to the TaRL methodology and its classroom applications.

Following the training, a baseline assessment was carried out among students to understand their existing learning levels. Based on the findings of this survey, a second round of intensive, in-person teacher training was organized. This four-day training programme was conducted from **18th to 21st December 2025** at **Gamani High School, Balipara**. Pratham Education Foundation appointed a dedicated tutor to facilitate the sessions, with a focused emphasis on effective teaching strategies for language and mathematics.

Teachers from **nine forest fringe schools** participated in this four-day programme, where they learned innovative, child-centric teaching techniques aligned with students' actual learning levels. The training equipped educators with practical tools to address learning gaps and support improved classroom outcomes.

The next phase of the collaboration will focus on the **implementation of the TaRL approach within participating schools**, translating the training into structured classroom practice for sustained impact on student learning.

Assam Investment Advisory Society has extensive experience working closely with forest fringe communities in Balipara. Over the years, AIAS has supported the development of **five forest fringe schools**, directly contributing to the education of **more than 500 students**.

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Through this partnership with Pratham Education Foundation, AIAS aims to further strengthen foundational learning and ensure equitable education opportunities for children in remote and marginalized communities.

One of the participating teacher's, Shri Prema Basumatary said, "For educators like us coming from far-flung forest fringe areas, opportunities for such trainings are very limited. Due to challenges related to communication and travel, we are often unable to access capacity-building programmes. This training has been deeply beneficial and motivating for us. I sincerely thank Assam Investment Advisory Society for organizing the programme at a convenient location, enabling teachers from all participating schools to come together, learn, and grow."

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