

# Reconciliation and peaceful co-existence in Dhubri of Assam

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## Overview of Ethnic Conflict in Dhubri, Assam

### Introduction:

This report aims to provide an overview of the ethnic conflict in Dhubri, a district in Assam, India. Dhubri has been a region of historical significance due to its diverse ethnic composition, which conflicts and tensions between different ethnic communities have unfortunately marred. This report will examine the key factors contributing to the ethnic conflict, the parties involved, and the impact on the local population.

### 1. Historical Background:

Dhubri district, situated in the western part of Assam, has a long history of ethnic diversity. It is home to various ethnic groups, including Bengali-speaking Muslims, Bodos, Assamese, and other indigenous communities. The complex historical backdrop, marked by demographic changes, land disputes, and cultural differences, has contributed to the emergence of ethnic tensions in the region.

### 2. Key Factors Contributing to the Ethnic Conflict:

**a. Identity and Cultural Differences:** The clash of identities and cultural differences plays a significant role in the ethnic conflict. The diverse ethnic communities in Dhubri have distinct cultural practices, traditions, and languages, which can lead to misunderstandings and frictions.

**b. Land and Resources:** Land-related disputes have been a major source of conflict in Dhubri. Competition for land and resources, such as agricultural land and forest areas, has fueled tensions between different ethnic groups, particularly between the indigenous Bodo community and Bengali-speaking Muslims.

**c. Political Factors:** Political dynamics, including issues of representation, power-sharing, and resource allocation, have influenced the ethnic conflict in Dhubri. The struggle for political dominance and the perception of unequal distribution of resources have exacerbated tensions between different communities.

### 3. Parties Involved:

**a. Bengali-speaking Muslims:** This community constitutes a significant portion of the population in Dhubri. They have faced issues related to land rights, political representation, and cultural assimilation, leading to their involvement in the ethnic conflict.

**b. Bodos and Indigenous Communities:** The Bodo community and other indigenous groups in Dhubri have voiced concerns over land encroachments, preservation of their cultural heritage, and the protection of their identity. They have been active participants in the ethnic conflict.

**c. Assamese Community:** The Assamese community, representing the broader Assamese-speaking population, has also been involved in the ethnic conflict, primarily due to concerns regarding identity, cultural assimilation, and political representation.

### 4. Impact on the Local Population:

**a. Violence and Displacement:** Ethnic conflicts in Dhubri have often resulted in episodes of violence, leading to loss of lives, injuries, and displacement of communities. The conflicts have disrupted the social fabric of the region, leaving lasting scars on the affected populations.

**b. Economic Consequences:** The ethnic conflict has had adverse effects on the local economy. Disruptions in agricultural activities, trade, and business due to the conflict have impacted livelihoods and economic development in the region.

**c. Social Cohesion and Trust:** The ongoing ethnic conflict has strained social cohesion and trust among different communities in Dhubri. Inter-community relationships have been affected, leading to a sense of fear, suspicion, and animosity.

The ethnic conflict in Dhubri, Assam, is a complex issue rooted in historical, cultural, and political factors. The clash of identities, land disputes, and unequal resource distribution have created tensions between various ethnic communities. The conflict has had significant social, economic, and political ramifications, disrupting lives and hindering the region's overall development. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach that promotes dialogue, inclusivity, and equitable resource allocation, while respecting the rights and aspirations of all communities involved.

### **The Project : Reconciliation and Peaceful Coexistence Project in Dhubri, Assam**

#### **1. Introduction:**

This report provides an overview of the initiative undertaken by the non-profit organisation EMPOWER PEOPLE in collaboration with the Niwano Peace Foundation to address the issue of ethnic conflict and promote peaceful coexistence in Dhubri, Assam. The "Reconciliation and Peaceful Coexistence in Dhubri of Assam" project aimed to engage youth from diverse ethnic and religious communities in the peace process, fostered dialogue, and created opportunities for all. This report outlines the completed project's objectives, activities, and expected outcomes.

#### **2. Objectives of the Project:**

**a. Engaging Youth:** The project's primary objective was to actively involve young people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds in the peace process. The project aimed to promote understanding, empathy, and reconciliation among the youth by providing them with a platform to discuss their concerns.

**b. Peaceful Coexistence:** The project aspired to create an environment of peaceful coexistence in the highly polarised society of Dhubri. It sought to bridge gaps and promote harmony, tolerance, and acceptance by facilitating dialogue and fostering community relationships.

**c. Community Development:** Besides promoting peace, the project aimed to empower young individuals to work for the development of their respective communities. The project encouraged active participation in socio-economic development initiatives by equipping them with skills and resources.

#### **3. Project Activities:**

**a. Dialogue Forums:** The project organized regular dialogue forums where youth from different ethnic and religious communities came together to express their concerns, share experiences, and discuss potential solutions. These forums provided a safe space for open and honest conversations, promoting understanding and empathy.

**b. Peacebuilding Workshops:** The project conducted workshops focused on peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and communication skills. These workshops equipped young participants with the necessary tools to engage in constructive dialogue, manage conflicts peacefully, and promote harmony within their communities.

**c. Audio-Visual Content Creation:** To amplify the message of peace and justice, the project trained youth to create audio-visual content. This included producing videos, podcasts, and social media campaigns that promoted peace, diversity, and inclusivity. By harnessing the power of media, the project aimed to reach a wider audience and inspire positive change.

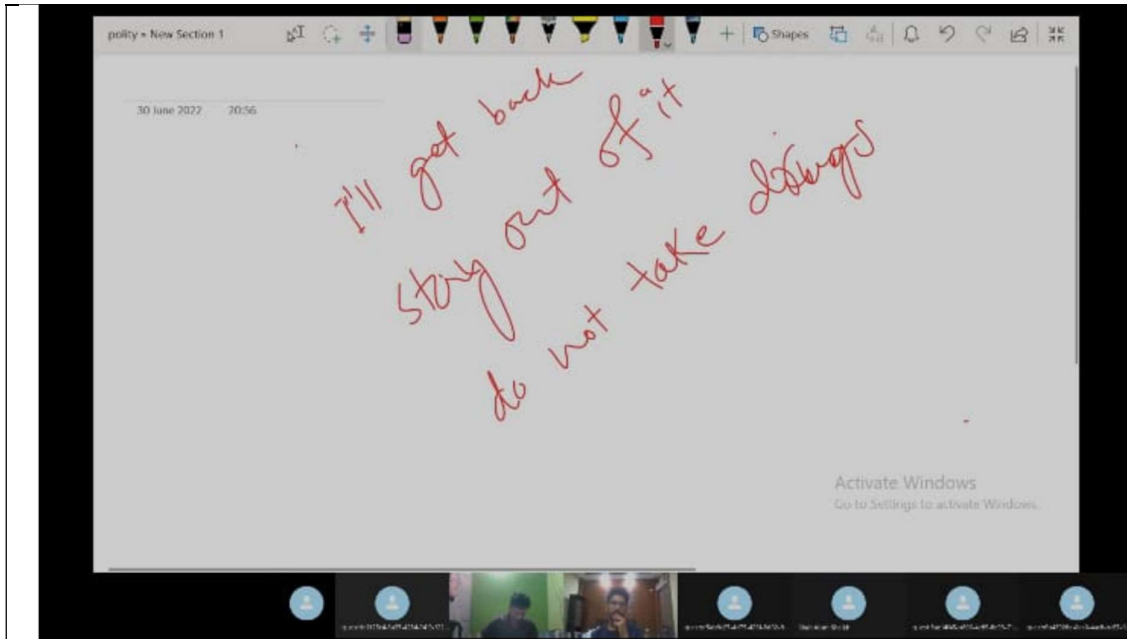
#### **4. Achievements and Outcomes:**

**a. Increased Understanding and Empathy:** Through the project's activities, participating youth developed a deeper understanding of the perspectives, pain, and aspirations of other communities. This increased empathy contributed to a more inclusive and harmonious society.

**b. Enhanced Conflict Resolution Skills:** The workshops and training the project provided taught young individuals valuable conflict resolution skills. They gained the ability to address conflicts peacefully and work towards mutually beneficial solutions.

**c. Promotion of Peaceful Coexistence:** By fostering dialogue, encouraging collaboration, and promoting the idea of peaceful coexistence, the project successfully created a more harmonious social fabric in Dhubri. It laid the foundation for a society where people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds could live together with respect and understanding.

**Activities carried out during the project:**



**ENGLISH COACHING for conflict resolution:** Online English-speaking classes were initiated as part of the project's efforts to engage youth from different communities affected by the conflict. Recognising the importance of effective communication and language skills in fostering understanding and promoting collaboration, these classes provided an opportunity for young individuals belonging to communities in conflict to enhance their English proficiency. The project aimed to break barriers and bridge gaps between communities by facilitating language learning through interactive online platforms, enabling participants to engage in meaningful dialogue and contribute to peaceful coexistence. The online English-speaking classes not only equipped the youth with valuable skill but also fostered a sense of unity and shared purpose among the participants, promoting inclusivity and creating a foundation for mutual understanding.



Date -06/04/22
Place – Gutipara, Nayeralga Block
Title of activity– <b>Celebration of International Day for Sports</b>
Number of participant - 68
Chief guests –Shomsher Ali, Teacher & Shona Ullah, Theacher

On the occasion of the International Day of Sports, which was celebrated on June 4, 2022, a special event was organized to bring together youths from different communities. The event's objective was to promote unity, friendship, and mutual respect through the medium of sports. The celebration aimed to transcend barriers and foster a sense of camaraderie among participants, regardless of their ethnic or religious backgrounds.

The event featured various sports activities and friendly competitions encouraging teamwork, cooperation, and healthy competition. Participants from different communities actively engaged in sports such as football, cricket, basketball, and athletics. The emphasis was on physical prowess and fostering a spirit of inclusivity, fair play, and sportsmanship.

Through these activities, the **International Day of Sports celebration** provided a platform for young individuals to interact, build connections, and develop a better understanding of each other. It offered an opportunity to break down stereotypes, prejudices, and misconceptions that might exist between communities in conflict. By coming together on this day, the youths showcased the power of sports in promoting peace, unity, and social harmony.

The event was marked by enthusiasm, energy, and a shared sense of celebration. It served as a reminder of the transformative potential of sports in bridging divides and promoting dialogue. The youths actively participated, cheered for one another, and celebrated each other's achievements, fostering a sense of belonging and unity.

Overall, celebrating the International Day of Sports with youths from different communities proved to be a meaningful and impactful event. It highlighted the importance of sports as a tool for social integration, breaking down barriers, and promoting understanding among diverse groups. The event served as a stepping stone towards building a more inclusive and harmonious society, where youths from different communities can come together, celebrate their shared humanity, and work towards a peaceful coexistence.



Date –17/04/22

Place – Doikhowa, Bilasipara Block

Title of activity – **Awareness on peace with youth**

Number of participant - 72

Chief guests – Shumer Ali, Ajumala Begum

On April 17, 2022, a special event focused on raising awareness on peace was organized specifically for youth. The event aimed to engage young individuals in meaningful discussions, activities, and initiatives that promote peace and peaceful coexistence.

The awareness program began with interactive sessions that encouraged open dialogue and reflection on the significance of peace in our lives and communities. Facilitators and guest speakers shared insights, personal experiences, and stories to inspire and motivate youth to pursue peace. The event also included workshops and activities designed to enhance understanding conflict resolution, empathy, and effective communication among the youth. Through role-plays, group discussions, and experiential exercises, participants learned practical skills and strategies for resolving conflicts peacefully and fostering understanding and empathy in their interactions.

In addition to the educational aspect, the event incorporated creative activities such as art installations, music performances, and poetry readings, where young individuals had the opportunity to express their perspectives on peace. These artistic expressions served as powerful mediums to communicate messages of peace, unity, and social harmony to a wider audience.

The program also highlighted the importance of youth-led initiatives in promoting peace and encouraged the participants to become ambassadors of peace within their communities. Youth were encouraged to actively engage in community service, volunteerism, and advocacy for peace-related causes, thereby making a positive impact and inspiring others to join the journey towards a peaceful society.

Furthermore, the event provided a platform for networking and collaboration among youth from different backgrounds. It fostered a sense of unity, friendship, and shared purpose, emphasizing that peace-building efforts are most effective when individuals from diverse communities come together and work towards common goals.

The awareness program on peace with youth served as a catalyst for promoting peace-consciousness and active participation among young individuals. It encouraged them to be agents of change and to actively contribute to building a more peaceful and inclusive society. By empowering youth with the knowledge, skills, and motivation to promote peace, the event aimed to create a ripple effect, inspiring a new generation of peacebuilders and change-makers.

The program concluded with a call to action, encouraging the youth to continue their efforts in promoting peace, not just on that day, but as an ongoing commitment. It emphasized that every individual, regardless of age, has the power to make a difference and contribute to a more peaceful world.

Overall, the awareness program on peace with youth on April 17, 2022, provided a platform for young individuals to explore, discuss, and take action towards building a more peaceful and harmonious society. It aimed to empower youth with the necessary knowledge, skills, and motivation to actively promote peace in their personal lives, communities, and beyond.



Date –22/04/22

Place – Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block

Title of activity – **Drawing Competition on peace & Development**

Number of participant - 44

Chief guests – Hasina Khatun

A **drawing competition** on the theme of peace and development was organized on April 22, 2022, providing a creative platform for participants to express their perspectives and ideas visually. The competition aimed to engage individuals of all ages and backgrounds in reflecting on the importance of peace and its connection to sustainable development.

Participants were encouraged to showcase their artistic skills and imagination through their drawings, focusing on themes such as harmony, diversity, equality, social justice, and community empowerment. The competition sought to inspire participants to envision a world where peace and development coexist, and where individuals from different communities can thrive together.

The event attracted a diverse range of participants, including children, teenagers, and adults from various communities. The competition was open to individuals of all skill levels, fostering an inclusive environment that encouraged participation and creativity.

Participants were provided with art supplies and given a designated time to create their artwork. They were encouraged to incorporate symbols, imagery, and colors that represented peace, unity, and progress. The competition promoted artistic expression as a means of conveying powerful messages and inspiring positive change.

The submitted artworks were displayed for public viewing, allowing participants and visitors to appreciate the talent and creativity of the participants. The artworks not only showcased individual perspectives but also contributed to a collective understanding of the significance of peace in fostering development at both local and global levels.

Winners were selected based on criteria such as originality, creativity, and adherence to the theme. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners as a recognition of their artistic achievements and contributions to promoting peace and development through their artwork.

The drawing competition on peace and development served as a platform to engage individuals in meaningful dialogue, foster creativity, and raise awareness about the interdependence of peace and sustainable development. It provided an opportunity for participants to express their aspirations for a peaceful world through the universal language of art.



By encouraging artistic expression and showcasing the power of creativity in promoting peace and development, the competition contributed to nurturing a culture of peace and inspired individuals to become advocates for positive change within their communities.

Overall, the drawing competition on peace and development was a successful and impactful event, encouraging participants to reflect on the importance of peace while promoting creativity, dialogue, and understanding among diverse individuals. It reinforced the idea that art can play a significant role in shaping a more harmonious and inclusive society.



Date –27/05/22

Place – Nayeralga, Nayeralga Block

Title of activity – **Child Social & Financial Education (CSFE)**

Number of participant - 45

Chief guests – Litfa Begum

**On May 27, 2022**, a program focused on Child Social and Financial Education (CSFE) was conducted with the aim of equipping children with essential knowledge and skills related to social and financial aspects. The program recognized the importance of empowering children with the necessary tools to navigate the complexities of the modern world and make informed decisions for their personal and financial well-being.

The CSFE program included interactive workshops, educational activities, and engaging discussions tailored to the age group of the participants. Through these activities, children were provided with a comprehensive understanding of various social and financial concepts, such as budgeting, saving, responsible spending, basic financial literacy, and the value of community engagement.

The workshops were designed to be age-appropriate and interactive, encouraging active participation and fostering a love for learning. Children were encouraged to share their thoughts, ask questions, and engage in group activities that promoted teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

The program also incorporated real-life examples and scenarios to help children apply their newfound knowledge to practical situations. By doing so, the program aimed to instill a sense of financial responsibility, independence, and social awareness in the participating children.

In addition to the educational aspect, the CSFE program also emphasized the importance of ethical decision-making, empathy, and social responsibility. Children were encouraged to consider the impact of their actions on others and the broader community. This aspect of the program aimed to foster a sense of empathy, compassion, and a commitment to making a positive difference in society. The CSFE program concluded with an interactive session where children were allowed to showcase their learning through presentations, skits, or creative projects. This allowed them to demonstrate their understanding of the topics covered and their ability to apply the acquired knowledge to real-life situations.

The program received positive feedback from both participants and their parents or guardians, who acknowledged the value of the CSFE program in equipping children with crucial life skills. The program provided children with social and financial education and promoted their personal development, confidence, and a sense of empowerment.

By investing in children's social and financial education, the CSFE program aimed to lay a strong foundation for their future success, enabling them to make informed decisions, manage their finances responsibly, and contribute positively to society. The program's emphasis on social and financial education reflected a commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for personal growth and development.



Date –6/06/22

Place – Fokirpara, Bilasipara Block

Title of activity – **Awareness Meeting on Health and Conflict in Fokirpara, Bilasipara Block**

Number of participant - 46

Chief guests – Ajumala Begum

On June 6, 2022, a significant awareness meeting on "**Health and Conflict**" was organized in Fokirpara, Bilasipara Block, with the aim of addressing the health challenges faced by the community in the midst of conflict. The meeting sought to promote understanding and create awareness about the importance of health in conflict-affected areas and explore ways to enhance access to healthcare services for the betterment of the community.

The Fokirpara region had experienced its share of conflicts and was confronting various health-related issues due to the disruption of essential services. The primary objectives of the awareness meeting were:

- To highlight the health challenges faced by the community in the context of ongoing conflict.
- To raise awareness about the importance of health and well-being during challenging times.

- To encourage community members to actively seek and engage in healthcare services despite the prevailing circumstances.

- To discuss potential solutions and strategies for improving healthcare access in the area.

The meeting witnessed active participation from community members, local leaders, healthcare professionals, and representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the area. Expert facilitators led the discussions, providing insights into the health challenges specific to conflict zones and guiding the participants towards practical solutions.

#### **Discussions and Activities:**

**a. Health Challenges in Conflict Zones:** The facilitators commenced the meeting by shedding light on the unique health challenges faced by communities in conflict zones. They discussed issues such as limited access to healthcare facilities, shortage of medical supplies, and the impact of displacement on health outcomes.

**b. Importance of Mental Health:** The meeting also emphasized the significance of addressing mental health concerns during conflicts. Participants were encouraged to recognize the psychological toll that conflict can have on individuals and explore ways to cope with stress and trauma.

**c. Promoting Health-seeking Behaviour:** A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the importance of health-seeking behavior. The participants were educated about the early signs of common health issues and the need for timely medical attention.

**d. Role of Community Support:** The meeting highlighted the essential role of community support in promoting health during conflicts. Participants were encouraged to foster a sense of unity and cooperation, offering assistance to those in need and ensuring access to healthcare resources. The meeting concluded with a call to action, urging the community members to take an active role in addressing health challenges in their locality. Participants were encouraged to spread the awareness gained from the meeting to others and work collectively towards building a healthier and more resilient community.

The awareness meeting on "**Health and Conflict**" in Fokirpara proved to be a crucial step towards empowering the community to tackle health-related issues during times of conflict. By increasing awareness and promoting health-seeking behaviour, the meeting aimed to enhance the overall well-being of the community, fostering a spirit of resilience and support amidst challenging circumstances. Through community-led efforts, it is hoped that improved access to healthcare and enhanced well-being will gradually become a reality in the region.



Date –8/06/22

Place –Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block

Title of activity – **Meeting with SHG on peace**

Number of participant - 55

Chief guests – Umme Hani

Engaging Women in Peace and Reconciliation Meeting in Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block - June 8, 2022

**1. On June 8, 2022**, a significant meeting focused on engaging women in peace and reconciliation efforts was organized in Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block. The meeting aimed to recognize the vital role of women in promoting peace, fostering reconciliation, and building resilient communities. It sought to empower women to actively contribute to the peace process and create a platform for their voices to be heard.

## **2. Context and Objectives:**

In the context of ongoing conflicts and tensions in the region, it was imperative to acknowledge the impact of conflicts on women and their unique perspectives on peace and reconciliation. The objectives of the meeting were:

- To recognize and appreciate the role of women in peacebuilding and reconciliation processes.
- To provide a safe space for women to share their experiences, insights, and concerns related to conflicts.
- To empower women with knowledge and skills to actively engage in peace and reconciliation initiatives.
- To foster networking and collaboration among women from different communities to promote understanding and unity.

## **3. Participants and Facilitators:**

The meeting witnessed the active participation of women from diverse backgrounds, including community leaders, activists, representatives of women's organizations, and individuals interested in peace and reconciliation. Experienced facilitators with expertise in conflict resolution and gender issues guided the discussions and activities.

## **4. Discussions and Activities:**

**a. Sharing Experiences:** The meeting began with an opportunity for women to share their personal experiences and perspectives on the impact of conflicts on their lives and communities. This exercise allowed for a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by women and their unique insights into the peace and reconciliation process.

**b. Role of Women in Peacebuilding:** Facilitators highlighted the essential role women play in peacebuilding efforts, emphasizing their inherent qualities of empathy, resilience, and community-

building. Participants discussed various ways in which women could actively contribute to peace and reconciliation initiatives at the grassroots level.

**c. Capacity Building:** The meeting included interactive sessions focused on capacity building, providing women with practical skills and tools for conflict resolution, dialogue facilitation, and community engagement. Workshops and training sessions were conducted to enhance their understanding of peacebuilding strategies and empower them to initiate and lead peace initiatives in their communities.

**d. Networking and Collaboration:** A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to fostering networking and collaboration among the women participants. Group activities, discussions, and brainstorming sessions allowed for the identification of shared goals and potential joint initiatives for peace and reconciliation.

**5. Empowerment and Action:** The meeting concluded with a call to action, encouraging women to take the lead in promoting peace and reconciliation in their communities. Participants were inspired to create peace committees, initiate dialogue sessions, and engage in advocacy efforts to address the root causes of conflicts and promote understanding and harmony.

**6. Impact:** The engaging women in peace and reconciliation meeting in Jhawpara empowered women to play an active role in building sustainable peace and fostering reconciliation. By providing a platform for their voices to be heard, women gained confidence and skills to initiate and lead peace initiatives in their communities. The meeting fostered collaboration, networking, and solidarity among women from diverse backgrounds, promoting understanding and unity across communities. The impact of this meeting is expected to ripple beyond the event itself, as empowered women continue to work towards peace, reconciliation, and community resilience. By recognizing and supporting the crucial role of women in peacebuilding processes, it is hoped that a more inclusive, just, and peaceful society will be realized in Jhawpara and the broader Bilasipara Block.



Date –07/07/22

Place – Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block

Title of activity – **Drawing for Peace and Coexistence**

Number of participant - 25

Chief guests – Najima Khatun

**On July 7, 2022**, a remarkable event titled "**Drawing for Peace and Coexistence**" was organized in Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block. The event provided a creative platform for artists, enthusiasts, and community members to express their vision of peace, unity, and harmonious coexistence through art. It aimed to celebrate artistic expression to foster understanding, promote tolerance, and inspire positive change in the community.

The event brought together individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and artistic abilities. It was held at a central venue in Jhawpara, where participants were provided with art supplies, including canvases, drawing materials, and colors. The event was open to both amateur and professional artists, encouraging everyone to explore their creativity and contribute to the theme of peace and coexistence.

**a. Theme:** The event's central theme revolved around peace and coexistence. Participants were encouraged to reflect on the significance of peaceful relationships, cultural diversity, and the power of unity in creating harmonious communities.

**b. Artistic Expression:** The participants were given the freedom to express their ideas and emotions through various artistic styles, such as drawings, paintings, illustrations, and mixed media. They were encouraged to depict scenes of collaboration, harmony, and mutual respect.

**c. Engagement and Collaboration:** The event fostered an environment of collaboration and exchange. Artists had the opportunity to interact with each other, sharing insights, techniques, and inspiration. This collaborative atmosphere aimed to promote cross-cultural understanding and appreciation of diverse artistic expressions.

**Interactive Sessions:** The event included interactive sessions where participants could share the stories behind their artwork and the messages they intended to convey. This allowed for meaningful conversations and deeper connections among community members.

**Exhibition and Appreciation:** The drawings created during the event were displayed in an exhibition area, allowing the larger community to appreciate and engage with the artwork. Visitors were encouraged to leave comments and reflections, fostering dialogue and a sense of shared appreciation for peace and coexistence.

The Drawing for Peace and Coexistence event aimed to create a lasting impact on the community. By promoting artistic expression as a tool for peacebuilding, it sought to inspire individuals to actively work towards creating a more harmonious and inclusive society. The event organizers planned to continue organizing similar initiatives in the future, encouraging ongoing dialogue, collaboration, and artistic engagement for peace and coexistence.

The Drawing for Peace and Coexistence event in Jhawpara, Bilasipara Block, on July 7, 2022, provided a platform for artists and community members to express their visions of peace and coexistence through art. By embracing artistic expression and celebrating cultural diversity, the event aimed to foster understanding, promote tolerance, and inspire positive change. It is hoped that the impact of this event will resonate within the community, nurturing a collective commitment to peace, unity, and coexistence for years to come.



Date –12/7/22 to 17/7/2022

Place – Gutipara, Nayeralga Block

Title of activity - **Five-Day Workshop on Reducing Mental Pressure for Young People in Conflict Zones in Kazaikata, Bilasipara Block - July 12-17, 2022**

Number of participant - 10

### **1. Introduction:**

From July 12 to 17, 2022, a comprehensive five-day workshop was conducted in Kazaikata, Bilasipara Block, with the objective of reducing mental pressure among young people living in conflict zones. The workshop aimed to provide participants with effective strategies and activities to alleviate stress, promote mental well-being, and enhance resilience in the face of challenging circumstances.

### **2. Workshop Details:**

**a. Duration and Location:** The workshop spanned five days, taking place in Kazaikata, Bilasipara Block. The chosen location provided a safe and conducive environment for participants to engage in the workshop activities.

**b. Target Participants:** The workshop specifically targeted young people living in conflict zones who were susceptible to mental pressure due to the ongoing conflicts in the region. The participants were selected from the local community and represented diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

### **3. Workshop Activities:**

**a. Run Run Fire in the Mountain:** One of the key activities during the workshop was the "Run Run Fire in the Mountain" exercise. This activity involved physical movement, such as running or brisk walking, in a scenic natural setting. Engaging in physical exercise in nature has proven benefits for reducing stress and improving mental well-being.

**b. Singing Local Songs with Local Language:** Another activity focused on the power of music and cultural expression. Participants were encouraged to sing local songs in their native language, fostering a sense of connection to their roots and promoting cultural pride. Singing has therapeutic qualities and can serve as a creative outlet for emotional release and relaxation.

**c. Interactive Sessions:** The workshop included interactive sessions facilitated by mental health professionals and experts in stress management. These sessions provided participants with practical tools and techniques to cope with mental pressure, including mindfulness exercises, breathing techniques, and relaxation strategies.

**d. Group Discussions and Reflection:** Group discussions were held to encourage participants to share their experiences, challenges, and coping mechanisms. These discussions fostered a sense of community support and provided an opportunity for participants to learn from one another's perspectives and insights.

### **4. Empowerment and Support:**

The workshop aimed to empower participants by equipping them with knowledge and skills to effectively manage mental pressure. Participants were encouraged to develop personal resilience, seek support networks within their community, and practice self-care techniques learned during the workshop.

**5. Impact and Future Initiatives:** The five-day workshop on reducing mental pressure in conflict zones positively impacted the participants. The workshop aimed to improve their mental well-being and build their capacity to navigate the challenges of living in a conflict-affected environment by providing them with practical tools and engaging activities. It is anticipated that the skills and knowledge gained during the workshop will have a positive impact on participants' lives.

In the future, similar initiatives can be organized to sustain the support and engagement of young people in conflict zones. Continuous efforts to prioritize mental health and well-being will contribute to creating a more resilient and empowered youth population, capable of positively influencing their communities and contributing to the overall peace and stability of the region.





Date - 26/07/2022

Place - Ep office Dhubri Assam , Chapar-Salkocha Block

Title of activity - **Workshop on Vlogging for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Dhubri - July 27, 2022**

Number of participant - 20

Chief guests - Sohil Zaman

### **1. Introduction:**

On July 27, 2022, a significant workshop on vlogging for peace and conflict resolution was organized in Dhubri. The workshop aimed to empower and train 20 youths from diverse backgrounds, including Bengali Muslims, Tribals, Boro, and Caste Hindus, to actively participate in conflict resolution efforts within the district. Renowned vlogger and facilitator, Sohil Zaman, conducted the workshop, equipping the participants with skills and knowledge to utilize vlogging as a tool for promoting peace and resolving conflicts.

### **2. Workshop Details:**

**a. Venue:** The workshop took place at the Empower People office in Dhubri, providing a suitable environment for learning and collaboration.

**b. Target Participants:** The workshop specifically targeted 20 young individuals from various communities, reflecting the rich diversity present in Dhubri. The inclusion of Bengali Muslims, Tribals, Boro, and Caste Hindus aimed to foster cross-cultural understanding and unity.

### **3. Facilitator and Training:**

**a. Sohil Zaman:** Sohil Zaman, a renowned vlogger known for his expertise in content creation and social impact, served as the facilitator of the workshop. His experience and knowledge in vlogging and conflict resolution provided invaluable guidance to the participants.

**b. Training Objectives:** The workshop aimed to train the participants in vlogging techniques, storytelling, content creation, and conflict resolution strategies. The goal was to empower them to effectively communicate their perspectives, promote peace, and contribute to conflict resolution efforts in the district.

**c. Hands-on Activities:** The workshop included hands-on activities where participants learned practical skills related to vlogging, such as video shooting, editing, and scripting. They were encouraged to share their stories, experiences, and opinions through the medium of vlogs, with an emphasis on fostering dialogue, empathy, and understanding.

#### **4. Building Bridges and Unity:**

**a. Cross-Community Collaboration:** The diverse composition of the participants provided a unique opportunity for cross-community collaboration. Through group discussions, interactive sessions, and team-building activities, the workshop promoted dialogue, understanding, and unity among the participants from different backgrounds.

**b. Conflict Resolution Approaches:** The participants were introduced to various conflict resolution approaches, emphasizing peaceful dialogue, negotiation, and mediation. They learned how to address sensitive topics, engage in constructive conversations, and promote reconciliation through their vlogs.

**5. Impact and Future Endeavors:** The workshop on vlogging for peace and conflict resolution had a profound impact on the participants. By equipping them with vlogging skills and conflict resolution knowledge, the workshop empowered them to become active contributors to peacebuilding efforts in Dhubri.

The participants' vlogs can serve as powerful tools to raise awareness, bridge divides, and promote dialogue within their communities. The workshop's impact is expected to extend beyond the event itself, as the participants continue to create and share impactful content, inspiring positive change and fostering peaceful coexistence in the district.

In the future, similar initiatives can be organized to continue building the capacity of young individuals from diverse backgrounds to utilize vlogging and other digital platforms as means for promoting peace, understanding, and conflict resolution. These efforts can contribute to the larger goal of creating a harmonious and inclusive society in Dhubri.



Date -16/09/2022

Place – Bilasipara town girls high school, Dhubri

Title of activity – **Daylong Workshop on Legal Framework for Peaceful Coexistence and Youth Participation in Conflict Resolution - Bilasipara Town Girls High School, Dhubri**

Number of participant - 164

Chief guests - DLSA secretary Surojit Burah, Advocate Dilar Hussain.

**1. Introduction:**

**On September 16, 2022**, Empower People, in collaboration with the District Legal Service Authority, Dhubri, organized a daylong workshop at Bilasipara Town Girls High School in Dhubri. The workshop aimed to educate and empower 164 youths on the legal framework for peaceful coexistence and their active participation in conflict resolution. Surojit Burah, serving as the Chief Judicial Magistrate of the district, played a crucial role as the facilitator of the workshop.

**2. Workshop Details:**

**a. Venue:** The workshop took place at Bilasipara Town Girls High School, providing a suitable venue for the event and ensuring the participants' comfort and engagement.

**b. Collaborating Partner:** The District Legal Service Authority, Dhubri, collaborated with Empower People to organize the workshop. Their expertise in legal matters and commitment to promoting peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution greatly contributed to the success of the event.

**3. Facilitator and Training:**

**a. Facilitator:** Surojit Burah, the Chief Judicial Magistrate of the district, served as the facilitator of the workshop. His vast knowledge and experience in the legal field provided valuable insights and guidance to the participants.

**b. Training Objectives:** The workshop aimed to familiarize the participants with the legal framework related to peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution. It emphasized the role of youths in actively participating in these processes and promoting harmonious relationships within their communities.

**c. Topics Covered:** The workshop covered various legal aspects, including laws related to peaceful coexistence, conflict resolution mechanisms, human rights, and youth participation in decision-making processes. Participants were provided with a comprehensive understanding of their rights and responsibilities in promoting peaceful relationships.

**4. Interactive Sessions and Discussions:**

**a. Interactive Sessions:** The workshop included interactive sessions where participants had the opportunity to engage in discussions, ask questions, and share their experiences related to conflicts

and peaceful coexistence. The facilitator provided guidance and facilitated meaningful conversations.

**b. Case Studies:** Real-life case studies were presented to illustrate the application of legal frameworks in resolving conflicts and fostering peaceful coexistence. Participants were encouraged to analyze the cases and propose possible solutions based on their understanding of the legal principles discussed during the workshop.

#### **5. Empowering Youth and Promoting Peace:**

**a. Youth Participation:** The workshop highlighted the importance of youth participation in conflict resolution processes. Participants were encouraged to actively engage in dialogue, mediation, and community initiatives aimed at resolving conflicts peacefully.

**b. Community Engagement:** The workshop emphasized the role of participants as change agents within their communities. They were encouraged to use their legal knowledge and skills to promote peaceful coexistence, mediate disputes, and advocate for the rights of marginalized groups.

#### **6. Impact and Future Initiatives:**

The daylong workshop had a significant impact on the participants, equipping them with a deeper understanding of the legal framework for peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution. The knowledge gained during the workshop empowered the youths to actively contribute to building peaceful communities and resolving conflicts amicably.

It is anticipated that the workshop's impact will extend beyond the event itself, as the participants apply their learnings in their daily lives and inspire others to promote peaceful coexistence. Future initiatives can build upon this foundation by organizing similar workshops, training sessions, and awareness campaigns to continue nurturing a culture of peace and encouraging youth participation in conflict resolution processes.

Collaborations between organizations like Empower People and the District Legal Service Authority can further strengthen efforts to promote peaceful coexistence, empower youth, and create a society that upholds justice, equality, and harmony.



#### Observance of Gandhi Jayanti by the Local Community

**Gandhi Jayanti**, which is celebrated on **October 2nd** every year, was observed with great enthusiasm and reverence by the local community in Dhubri. The occasion served as a reminder of the values and principles advocated by Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, and provided an opportunity for community members to reflect on his teachings and their relevance in the present context.

**1. Commemorative Activities:** The observance of Gandhi Jayanti included various activities that aimed to honor the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and promote his ideals of non-violence, peace, and social harmony. Some of the activities organized by the local community are as follows:

**a. Prayer and Reflection:** The day commenced with a prayer session where community members gathered to pay their respects to Mahatma Gandhi. They engaged in moments of silence and contemplation to reflect on his teachings and principles.

**b. Inspirational Speeches:** Renowned speakers from the community delivered inspirational speeches, highlighting the significance of Gandhi's teachings and their relevance in today's world. They emphasized the values of non-violence, truth, simplicity, and self-discipline, urging community members to incorporate these principles into their lives.

**c. Cultural Programs:** Cultural programs were organized to celebrate the diversity and unity of the community. Participants showcased various artistic performances, including songs, dances, skits, and poetry recitations, depicting the spirit of Gandhi's message.

**d. Peace Walk:** A symbolic peace walk was organized, where community members marched together in unity, holding banners and posters carrying messages of peace, tolerance, and social justice. The walk aimed to raise awareness about the importance of non-violence and peaceful coexistence.

**e. Community Service:** As an expression of Gandhian values, community service initiatives were undertaken on this day. Volunteers engaged in activities such as cleaning public spaces, organizing blood donation drives, and distributing food and essential items to the underprivileged.

**2. Inclusivity and Participation:** The observance of Gandhi Jayanti brought together people from diverse backgrounds, including individuals from different age groups, religions, and socio-economic strata. It provided a platform for community members to unite in their commitment to Gandhian principles and foster a sense of unity and solidarity.

**3. Impact and Inspiration:** The observance of Gandhi Jayanti served as a source of inspiration for the local community, encouraging individuals to embody the spirit of Gandhi in their daily lives. The event instilled a sense of responsibility among community members to contribute positively to society, resolve conflicts peacefully, and promote social justice and equality.

**4. Conclusion:** The observance of Gandhi Jayanti by the local community in [location] was a testament to the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and his teachings. The event fostered a spirit of unity, non-violence, and communal harmony among community members. By organizing various activities and encouraging active participation, the community reaffirmed its commitment to Gandhian principles and the pursuit of a just and peaceful society.



Date - 22/10 /2022

Place - Young Club Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block

Title of activity - **Meeting for Peace with Youth Leaders from Different Communities - Young Club Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block**

Number of participant - 30

Chief guests – Dhroubo Ray

On **October 22, 2022**, a significant meeting for peace was organized at the Young Club in Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block. The meeting aimed to bring together youth leaders from different communities to foster dialogue, understanding, and cooperation towards promoting peace in the region.

The meeting took place at the Young Club in Chapor, providing a conducive environment for open discussions and engagement.

Participants: Youth leaders from various communities, representing different ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds, actively participated in the meeting. The diverse representation ensured a holistic perspective and inclusive discussions.

**Objectives and Topics Discussed:**

**a. Promoting Peace:** The meeting aimed to promote peace among the youth leaders and encourage collaboration for peaceful coexistence in the community.

**b. Dialogue and Understanding:** Participants engaged in open dialogue to foster mutual understanding, empathy, and respect for each other's perspectives, experiences, and aspirations.

**c. Conflict Resolution:** The meeting focused on exploring effective conflict resolution strategies and mechanisms to address conflicts peacefully within the community.

**d. Unity and Cooperation:** Participants discussed the importance of unity, cooperation, and collective action in building a harmonious society and resolving conflicts amicably.

**4. Key Outcomes and Discussions:**

**a. Sharing Experiences:** Youth leaders shared their experiences of conflicts, challenges, and successful initiatives in promoting peace within their respective communities.

**b. Identifying Common Ground:** Participants explored common values, interests, and goals that could serve as a foundation for collaboration and peaceful coexistence.

**c. Building Networks:** The meeting facilitated the establishment of networks among youth leaders from different communities, enabling future collaborations, information sharing, and joint initiatives.

**d. Action Plans:** The participants developed action plans to implement peacebuilding activities and initiatives within their communities. These plans included awareness campaigns, community engagement projects, and collaboration with local organisations and authorities.

**5. Inspiring Change and Future Endeavours:** The meeting for peace with youth leaders created a platform for constructive dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among different communities. The participants gained valuable insights, built connections, and developed strategies to promote peace and resolve conflicts within their respective communities.

The outcomes of the meeting are expected to have a lasting impact, as the youth leaders implement their action plans and inspire positive change within their communities. Continued engagement, networking, and collaborative efforts among youth leaders from different communities will contribute to a more peaceful and inclusive society.



Date - 24/10/2022

Place – Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block

Title of activity - **Meeting with Youth Groups from Different Communities - Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block**

Number of participant – 35

Chief guests – Ronjit Ray

**1. Introduction:**

On October **24, 2022**, a significant meeting was organized with youth groups from different communities in Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block. The meeting aimed to facilitate dialogue, collaboration, and understanding among the youth, fostering unity and peaceful coexistence in the region.

**2. Meeting Details:**

**a. Venue:** The meeting took place at a suitable venue in Chapor, providing a conducive environment for meaningful discussions and interactions among the youth groups.



**b. Participants:** Youth groups representing diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds actively participated in the meeting. The inclusive representation ensured a broader perspective and constructive engagement.

**3. Objectives and Topics Discussed:**

**a. Building Bridges:** The meeting aimed to build bridges of understanding and empathy among the youth groups from different communities. It emphasized the importance of dialogue, respect, and cooperation for peaceful coexistence.

**b. Breaking Stereotypes:** Participants engaged in discussions to challenge and break stereotypes associated with different communities, fostering a more inclusive and accepting society.

**c. Strengthening Relationships:** The meeting focused on building relationships and fostering unity among the youth groups. It aimed to promote a sense of belonging, common identity, and shared aspirations.

**d. Collaboration for Peace:** Participants explored opportunities for collaboration and joint initiatives to address common challenges, promote peace, and address conflicts within the community.

**4. Key Outcomes and Discussions:**

**a. Open Dialogue:** The meeting provided a platform for open and honest dialogue among the youth groups. Participants shared their perspectives, concerns, and aspirations, fostering a deeper understanding of each other's experiences.

**b. Identifying Common Goals:** The discussions highlighted common goals and interests shared by the youth groups, paving the way for collaborative efforts towards peacebuilding and community development.

**c. Building Trust:** The meeting focused on building trust and strengthening relationships among the youth groups. Trust-building activities and exercises were conducted to foster mutual respect and understanding.

**d. Action Plans:** Participants collectively developed action plans to implement joint initiatives aimed at promoting peace, unity, and development within the community. These plans included youth-led projects, awareness campaigns, and community engagement activities.

**5. Inspiring Change and Future Endeavors:** The meeting with youth groups in Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block served as a catalyst for positive change and collaborative efforts towards peaceful coexistence. The discussions, shared experiences, and action plans developed during the meeting are expected to have a lasting impact on the participating youth groups and the broader community. Moving forward, it is crucial to sustain the momentum generated by the meeting. Continued engagement, regular follow-up meetings, and joint projects can further strengthen the relationships among youth groups, foster intercommunity understanding, and contribute to a more harmonious and inclusive society.

By empowering youth to take an active role in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and community development, the meeting lays the foundation for a future generation that values diversity, respects differences, and works collectively towards a peaceful and prosperous community.



### Engagement with Government Stakeholders for Peacebuilding Efforts in Dhubri

The project team conducted several meetings and interactions with key government stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, government officials, education department, community development authorities, and other relevant departments. These engagements aimed to build partnerships, share project objectives, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

#### Law Enforcement Agencies:

The team actively engaged with local law enforcement agencies, particularly the police, to involve them in our peacebuilding initiatives. Through meetings and discussions, the team emphasized the importance of youth-led efforts in conflict resolution and prevention. These engagements helped create a collaborative framework and mutual understanding between the project team and law enforcement agencies.

**Government Officials:** Meetings were held with government officials, including representatives from the district administration, to apprise them of our project activities and seek their support. These interactions served to raise awareness about the significance of youth-led peacebuilding initiatives in Dhubri and fostered a supportive environment for our work.

**Education Department:** Engagement with the education department was crucial in integrating peace education and conflict resolution training into the school curriculum. The team collaborated with education officials to develop appropriate modules and training materials. These efforts aimed

to ensure the long-term sustainability of our peacebuilding initiatives by incorporating them into the formal education system.

**Community Development Authorities:** Collaboration with community development authorities played a vital role in aligning our project activities with existing community development programs. By leveraging their resources and expertise, we enhanced the impact of our initiatives and extended our reach to more communities in Dhubri. Regular meetings and consultations with these authorities facilitated coordination and joint planning.

**Other Stakeholders:** The project team actively reached out to other relevant government stakeholders, such as local elected representatives, social welfare departments, and healthcare authorities. These engagements provided opportunities to promote our peacebuilding efforts, raise awareness about our activities, and seek their participation and support.

**Outcomes and Impact:** Engaging with government stakeholders yielded several positive outcomes, including:

- a. Increased awareness and recognition of youth-led peacebuilding initiatives in Dhubri among government stakeholders.
- b. Collaboration and support from law enforcement agencies, creating a conducive environment for conflict resolution and prevention.
- c. Integration of peace education and conflict resolution training into the school curriculum, ensuring sustainable peacebuilding efforts in the long run.
- d. Alignment of project activities with existing community development programs, maximizing impact and community reach.
- e. Enhanced coordination and networking among various government departments, fostering a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding.



**Birth Celebration of Birsa Munda at EP Office, Dhubri**

**Date: November 15, 2022**

**1. Introduction:**

**The birth celebration of Birsa Munda**, a revered Adivasi leader and freedom fighter, was organized at the EP (Empower People) office in Dhubri. The event aimed to commemorate the life and contributions of Birsa Munda in the struggle for the rights and empowerment of Adivasi communities. The presence of esteemed guests, Chandra Barman and Adivasi leader Marcus Demta, added significance to the celebration.

**2. Event Details:**

**a. Venue:** The event took place at the EP office in Dhubri, providing a suitable space for community members to gather and pay tribute to Birsa Munda.

**b. Guests:**

- **Chandra Barman:** Chandra Barman, a celebrated writer in the local language, graced the occasion as a guest. Her presence brought literary and cultural insights to the event.

- **Adivasi leader Marcus Demta:** Marcus Demta, an esteemed Adivasi leader, honored the event with his presence. His expertise and experience in Adivasi rights and empowerment further enriched the celebration.

**3. Commemorative Activities:**

**a. Speeches and Reflections:** Esteemed guests and community members delivered speeches, sharing insights about Birsa Munda's life, struggles, and his relentless fight for the rights and dignity of Adivasi communities. They highlighted his contributions to social justice, equality, and cultural preservation.

**b. Cultural Performances:** Various cultural performances were organized to showcase the rich heritage and traditions of the Adivasi communities. Songs, dances, and skits depicting the life of Birsa Munda and the Adivasi struggle for justice were performed, captivating the audience.

**c. Panel Discussion:** A panel discussion was conducted, engaging experts and community leaders to delve into the challenges and opportunities for the continued empowerment of Adivasi communities. The discussion aimed to raise awareness and generate ideas for further advocacy and support.

**d. Exhibition:** An exhibition showcasing the life and achievements of Birsa Munda was set up, featuring photographs, artifacts, and information about his legacy. It provided an opportunity for attendees to gain a deeper understanding of his contributions.

**4. Community Engagement:** The birth celebration of **Birsa Munda** brought together community members, including Adivasi individuals, local residents, and representatives from various organizations. It served as a platform for community engagement, fostering solidarity, cultural pride, and a collective commitment to carry forward the ideals espoused by Birsa Munda.

**5. Conclusion:** The birth celebration of Birsa Munda at the EP office in Dhubri was a significant event that honored the life and achievements of this legendary Adivasi leader. Through speeches, cultural performances, and panel discussions, community members were inspired to carry forward Birsa Munda's legacy and work towards the rights and empowerment of Adivasi communities.

The presence of esteemed guests, Chandra Barman and Adivasi leader Marcus Demta, added depth and insight to the celebration. Their contributions and perspectives further enriched the understanding of Birsa Munda's contributions and the ongoing struggles faced by Adivasi communities.



**Celebration of International Day for Tolerance in Gayan Joyti Jatiya Bidyaloy, Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block**

**Date: November 16, 2022**

**1. Introduction:**

**The International Day for Tolerance** was celebrated with great enthusiasm and participation at Gayan Joyti Jatiya Bidyaloy in Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block. The event aimed to promote tolerance, understanding, and respect among individuals from diverse backgrounds. The presence of renowned Boro writer Chandra Barman, local college principal Pasan Ali, and social workers added value and significance to the event.

**2. Event Details:**

**a. Venue:** The celebration took place at Gayan Joyti Jatiya Bidyaloy, providing a vibrant and inclusive environment for participants to engage in discussions and activities centered around tolerance.

**b. Key Participants:**

- **Chandra Barman:** Chandra Barman, a celebrated writer in the local Boro language, graced the event with her presence. Her literary contributions have greatly enriched the cultural fabric of the region.

- **Pasan Ali:** The principal of a local college, Pasan Ali, actively participated in the event, demonstrating the importance of education and fostering tolerance among the youth.

- **Local Social Workers:** Several local social workers joined the event, bringing their expertise and community engagement experience to promote tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

**3. Workshop Highlights:** The workshop organized on the occasion of the International Day for Tolerance featured a range of activities and discussions to promote understanding and respect among participants. Some key highlights of the event include:

**a. Speeches and Talks:** Renowned writer Chandra Barman delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of tolerance in building harmonious societies. Other esteemed participants, including Pasan Ali and local social workers, also shared their insights and experiences.

**b. Panel Discussions:** Engaging panel discussions were held, allowing participants to exchange ideas, perspectives, and personal experiences related to tolerance. These discussions explored ways to bridge cultural, religious, and linguistic differences for a more inclusive society.

**c. Interactive Sessions:** Interactive sessions were conducted to encourage active participation and engagement among attendees. These sessions included group activities, role plays, and open dialogues on fostering tolerance and empathy.

**d. Cultural Performances:** To celebrate diversity and showcase the richness of the local culture, participants presented various cultural performances, including music, dance, and poetry readings in different languages.

**4. Impact and Reflections:** The celebration of the International Day for Tolerance in Gayan Joyti Jatiya Bidyaloy brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds and provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and cultural exchange. The event aimed to foster a sense of belonging, respect, and acceptance among participants, inspiring them to become ambassadors of tolerance in their respective communities.

The presence of Chandra Barman, a celebrated writer in the local language, added significant value to the event, emphasising the importance of cultural preservation and appreciation. The participation of Pasan Ali, the local college principal, and social workers further reinforced the message of tolerance and its relevance in educational and community development settings.

Overall, the event served as a reminder of the need for tolerance and understanding in a diverse society like Chapor, Chapar-Salkocha Block. It encouraged individuals to embrace differences, respect one another, and work together for a harmonious and inclusive community.



### **Celebration of International Human Solidarity Day at EP Office in Dhubri**

**Date: December 20, 2022**

#### **1. Introduction:**

The International Human Solidarity Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and a spirit of unity and dignity at the EP (Empower People) office in Dhubri. The event aimed to promote solidarity among individuals and communities, emphasizing the importance of working together for a more inclusive and equitable society. The presence of Chief Guest Ritu Moni Nath added significance and inspiration to the event.

#### **2. Event Details:**

**a. Venue:** The celebration took place at the EP office in Dhubri, providing a warm and welcoming environment for participants to engage in discussions and activities focused on human solidarity.

**b. Chief Guest: -Ritu Moni Nath:** Ritu Moni Nath, a distinguished personality, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Her presence and contributions have greatly influenced and inspired the local community.

**3. Meeting Highlights:** The meeting organized on the occasion of International Human Solidarity Day revolved around the theme of unity and dignity. Some key highlights of the event include:

**a. Welcome Address:** The event commenced with a warm welcome address, setting the tone for the day's discussions and activities. The significance of human solidarity and the theme of unity and dignity were emphasized.

**b. Speeches and Talks:** Chief Guest Ritu Moni Nath delivered an insightful speech, highlighting the importance of solidarity in fostering a compassionate and just society. Other speakers, including representatives from EP and community leaders, also shared their perspectives and experiences.

**c. Panel Discussions:** Engaging panel discussions were held, providing a platform for participants to exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices related to promoting unity and dignity in the



community. The discussions focused on practical strategies and initiatives to build solidarity and uplift marginalized groups.

**d. Group Activities:** Participants actively engaged in group activities, workshops, and exercises designed to foster a sense of solidarity and enhance understanding among individuals from diverse backgrounds. These activities aimed to promote empathy, cooperation, and respect for one another.

**e. Commitment and Pledge:** The event concluded with a commitment and pledge ceremony, where attendees collectively affirmed their commitment to upholding unity, dignity, and human rights in their daily lives. This symbolic act reinforced the importance of individual and collective responsibility in fostering a harmonious and inclusive society.

**4. Impact and Reflections:** The celebration of International Human Solidarity Day at the EP office in Dhubri created a space for reflection, dialogue, and action towards promoting unity and dignity. The event served as a reminder of the shared responsibility to uplift and empower marginalized communities, ensuring their participation and inclusion in social, economic, and political spheres.

The presence of Chief Guest Ritu Moni Nath added significant value to the event, inspiring participants with her insights and experiences. Her presence underscored the importance of influential individuals coming together to support and advocate for human solidarity.

The event left a lasting impact on the participants, fostering a deeper understanding of the importance of unity and dignity in building a just and inclusive society. It served as a catalyst for continued efforts and collaboration towards achieving sustainable development and social harmony in Dhubri.



## Celebration of National Girl Child Day with the Theme of Using Digital Literacy in Peace and Reconciliation

**Date:** January 24, 2023

### 1. Introduction:

**National Girl Child Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Empower People (EP) office in Dhubri, focusing on the theme of using digital literacy in peace and reconciliation. The event aimed to emphasize the importance of empowering girls through digital skills and technology for their active participation in peace-building and reconciliation efforts. The presence of Chief Guest Esua Tirky, a respected local tribal leader, added significance and inspiration to the event.

### 2. Event Details:

**a. Venue:** The celebration took place at the Empower People office in Dhubri, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for participants to engage in discussions and activities.

**b. Chief Guest: Esua Tirky:** Esua Tirky, a prominent local tribal leader, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Her leadership and advocacy have made a positive impact on the local community.

**3. Event Highlights:** The celebration of National Girl Child Day with a focus on digital literacy in peace and reconciliation was marked by various activities and discussions. Some key highlights of the event include:

**a. Welcome Address:** The event commenced with a warm welcome address, acknowledging the significance of National Girl Child Day and the theme of using digital literacy for peace and reconciliation.

**b. Speeches and Talks:** Chief Guest Esua Tirky delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting the importance of empowering girls through digital literacy and its role in fostering peace and reconciliation. Other speakers, including representatives from EP and local education authorities, also shared their insights and experiences.

**c. Panel Discussions:** Engaging panel discussions were held, providing a platform for participants to exchange ideas and perspectives on leveraging digital literacy for peace-building and reconciliation. The discussions explored ways to use technology and online platforms to empower girls and promote dialogue and understanding among different communities.

**d. Digital Skills Workshops:** Practical workshops on digital skills were conducted to equip girls with essential technological knowledge. The workshops focused on building their confidence in utilizing

digital tools for communication, collaboration, and advocacy in the context of peace and reconciliation.

**e. Interactive Sessions:** Interactive sessions were held to encourage dialogue and sharing of experiences among participants. These sessions allowed girls to express their thoughts and ideas on how digital literacy can contribute to peace and reconciliation efforts in their communities.

**4. Impact and Reflections:** The celebration of National Girl Child Day with a focus on digital literacy in peace and reconciliation served as a platform to empower girls and highlight their potential as agents of change. It showcased the transformative power of digital skills in fostering peace, understanding, and reconciliation.

The presence of Chief Guest Esua Tirky, a local tribal leader, underscored the importance of community leadership and involvement in supporting girls' empowerment and their active participation in peace-building initiatives.

The event left a lasting impact on the participants, inspiring them to embrace digital literacy as a tool for personal growth and community development. It emphasized the need for continued efforts to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all girls have equal access to digital resources and opportunities.



**The project collaborated with local schools and colleges to engage young people in peace-building activities. Workshops, seminars, and awareness programs were conducted within educational institutions to sensitize students about the importance of peace, tolerance, and conflict resolution.**



These outreach efforts aimed to create a conducive environment for young people to actively participate in the peace process and contribute to the development of their respective communities. By empowering young people with knowledge, skills, and opportunities, the project sought to cultivate a generation that values peace, harmony, and coexistence.



**Launch of District-level CSO Ami PARO (WE CAN) for Reconciliation and Peaceful Coexistence in Dhubri, Assam**

**Date: March 29, 2023**

The launch of the district-level Civil Society Organization (CSO) "**Ami PARO**" (WE CAN) marked an important milestone in the efforts for reconciliation and peaceful coexistence in Dhubri, Assam. The event took place at Bilasipara Ambedkar Bhawan, gathering community members and stakeholders who are committed to promoting harmony and understanding among different ethnic and religious groups in the district.

**Venue:** The event was organized at Bilasipara Ambedkar Bhawan, a central location that provided a suitable setting for the launch of the CSO and the subsequent discussions and activities.

**Chief Guest: - Dr. Hemanga Das:** Dr. Hemanga Das, a distinguished personality and advocate for peace, graced the event as the Chief Guest. His presence added prestige and credibility to the launch of the CSO.

**CSO Membership and Leadership:**

**Membership:** A total of 127 individuals registered as members of the CSO, demonstrating their commitment to working towards reconciliation and peaceful coexistence. The members represented diverse backgrounds, including different ethnic and religious communities in the district.

**Convenor and Secretary:** During the event, the members elected Rokiya Khatoon as the Convenor and Nitu Moni Nath as the Secretary of the CSO. These individuals were entrusted with leading the organization and guiding its activities in line with its aims and objectives.

**Aims and Objectives:**

The event provided an opportunity for the CSO members to finalize the details of the organization's aims and objectives. Through collective discussions and consensus-building, the following aims and objectives were agreed upon:

**a. Promoting Reconciliation:** Ami PARO aims to foster reconciliation among different communities by facilitating dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect.

**b. Peaceful Coexistence:** The CSO seeks to create an environment of peaceful coexistence, where all individuals can live harmoniously, irrespective of their ethnic, religious, or cultural backgrounds.

**c. Advocacy and Awareness:** Ami PARO aims to raise awareness about the importance of reconciliation and peaceful coexistence through advocacy campaigns, community outreach, and educational initiatives.

**d. Collaborative Efforts:** The CSO intends to collaborate with various stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and community-based organizations, to work towards reconciliation and peaceful coexistence collectively.

The launch of Ami PARO (WE CAN) as a district-level CSO signifies a collective commitment to building bridges of understanding and fostering peace in Dhubri, Assam. The elected leadership, led by Convenor Rokiya Khatoon and Secretary Nitu Moni Nath, will be vital in guiding the organisation towards achieving its aims and objectives.

The presence of Chief Guest Dr. Hemanga Das further emphasised the importance of such initiatives in promoting peace and harmony. Ami PARO is expected to become a significant platform for community members to actively contribute to reconciliation efforts and create a more inclusive and harmonious society.