Internet Roshni is a program of the Digital Empowerment Foundation and Internet Society Foundation.

This program focuses on access and inclusion of the Tea Tribe and Adivasi Community in Assam. The Adivasi Community in Assam has one of the lowest social and economic indicators. The Covid-19 pandemic affected the community as the production and demand decreased so the wages became irregular.

With no steady, sustainable, affordable access to the internet, digital resources, opportunities, and welfare announcements, the community is further excluded and now faces challenges for response, recovery, and resilience.

With the current focus on shifting all information, and services digitally and online, the community needs major access and digital inclusion support and mainstreaming.

Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) over the last 20 years has been proactively working in rural and urban spaces to empower communities with ICT tools and digital interventions. Providing internet connectivity in remote areas, creating digital classrooms in villages, training and building capacity of youth has been some of the key areas of work.

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OBJECTIVES

- Improving Access to connectivity and network in tea gardens for the community.
- Meaningful connectivity and access to internet through enhanced mobile data network channelled through Community Internet libraries.
- Digital and Financial Literacy Mission for Tea Tribe (DFLM-TT) for the community.
- Digital empowerment through basic internet skills to explore, navigate meaningfully and beneficially.
- Improving and enabling access to Critical Public Schemes Information and Entitlements including digitally.

50,000 Beneficiaries will be connected through financial inclusion program
50 Soochnapreneur will be created and provided with training, capacity building and handholding
25,000 Households

50 Community Internet Libraries
500 Training & Capacity Building Programme

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