Digitally Empowering the North East Community
Krisarthak

Krisarthak, also known as Financial Education and Counseling (FEC), is a program designed for the farm community of Assam. It is a one-of-a-kind program that aims to deliver financial literacy and counseling using digital and ICT tools. This aims to provide ICT-based financial education and counseling services to a significant proportion of APART beneficiaries and reach out to 2,50,000 farmers in core value chains (agriculture, horticulture, dairy, fishery, handloom, sericulture) of 24 districts in Assam.

SkillBot LMS is used for education
Dedicated call centre and SMS Service for financial counseling

Internet Roshini

Internet Roshini: We are working here to improve access to connectivity and network in tea gardens for the community through enhanced mobile data networks channelled through community internet libraries. The project has enabled access to internet, information, entitlements, linkage of govt. schemes to 13538 tea tribe and Adivasi community members through 50 CILS in 5 Districts of Assam. Read more about the digital empowerment of tea tribes in this blog: https://www.defindia.org/creating-information-hubs-in-tea-gardens/
Mentoring of Rural Women Entrepreneurs

Mentoring of Rural Women Entrepreneurs (RWEs): DEF, with a consortium of partners and supported by OAK Foundation, will be leading a mentorship program for 4 years where 10,000 rural women entrepreneurs from West Bengal and Assam will be mentored in establishing their businesses of different value chains.

This program was designed for promoting and strengthening the RWEs in West Bengal and Assam, and digital enablement requirements for rural entrepreneurs through ICT integration and access.

Community Networks
Connecting the Indigenous Communities of Ziro Valley

The objective of the project is to establish WiFi Internet connectivity for the communities in the Ziro valley and create a foundation for a digital ecosystem by setting up digital resource centres run by entrepreneurs. CIRC was setup along with the internet connectivity, which deployed wireless connectivity to five villages reaching 1000 household in the area. Read more about the project in this blog here: https://www.defindia.org/connecting-the-indigenous-communities-of-ziro-valley/
Sustainable Livelihood and Community Development Project

Sustainable Livelihood and Community Development Project in Char-Chapori Areas of Assam: In this project, we continue to focus on livelihood support of marginalized groups in char-chapori areas. With digital intervention and livelihood support to rural artisans, as many as 60 women artisans have been able to start their income generating activities by further developing their technical skills and providing both individual and group guidance to help with social awareness, confidence building, and managing their responsibilities to make time for economically beneficial work.

Strengthening Access to Social Security for Tea Garden Workers

DEF and Swaniti Initiative are working in the four districts of West Bengal to provide access to the schemes and entitlements to the tea garden workers.

DEF’s SoochnaPrenuer are present in Alipurduar, CoochBehar, Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri working for the community to generate awareness on the major entitlement provided by the government, through community mobilisation and door to door campaigns. Sixteen centers act as hub to get the access to various services under the pillars of governance, finance and education.
Major Research & Publication

Advancing Digital, Financial Inclusion and Empowerment of the Farm Communities in Assam

Digital Empowerment of Tea Tribe: Towards Vulnerability, Reduction and Unlocking Opportunities

Green Prakriya Accessing, evaluating, and mapping risks involved in the informal e-Waste sector in India

Violation of Human Rights Due to Digital Imposition
Major Research & Publication

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EU Roadmap for Civil Society's in India

Global Information Society Watch

Emerging Challenges of Internet Governance in North East India
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