

IGS NEWSLETTER

(January - March 2026)



Kaayam Rozgar – Khush-haal Pariwar

(Sustainable Livelihoods – Prosperous Households)

Indian Grameen Services (IGS) is a Section 8 not-for-profit company and established on February 26, 1987 as an action research organization. The vision of IGS is to create an equitable world where the poor and marginalized in rural areas have access to livelihood opportunities on a sustainable basis, are prosperous and happy.

Human Capital



Outreach



Impacted Households



Live Projects





Key Highlights of the Quarter



OPERATIONS

Arunachal Pradesh:

HIGHLANDs Project: Under the HDFC Bank Parivartan Initiative -

- I. 21 Rural Entrepreneurs attended Rural Tourism Planning Meet at Shi-Yomi, covering homestays, trekking, licensing, food safety, storytelling, conservation, youth training etc.
- II. 2 Anganwadi Centers and 1 Lower Primary School were renovated, benefiting 212 children and 33 mothers, with improved safety, hygiene, learning spaces, and strong community participation.
- III. 48 women and adolescent girls participated in awareness program on menstrual hygiene and safe practices.

Assam:

HIGHLANDs Project: Under the HDFC Bank Parivartan Initiative -

- I. The Jeevika Food Processing Unit, inaugurated in Naduar, Sonitpur, is a women-led enterprise that produces pickles, traditional Assamese pitha, snacks, and packaged spices, while expanding its product range to include value-added items such as jams, squash, sharbat, and ketchup for future commercialization.

Bihar:

Formation & Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) -

- I. 20 farmers from Manpur Agro FPC & Barachatti Agro FPC participated in the exposure visit program at Patna, Bihar.

Chhattisgarh:

High Impact Mega Watershed Project (HIMWP) 2.0 -

- I. On 23 Jan 2026, SPMU reviewed livelihood works in Ramanujganj, emphasizing planning, PG formation, irrigation convergence, crop diversification and enhancing farmers' income.
- II. 62 farmers participated training on PG concepts, production and marketing opportunities, ridge-to-valley approach, stakeholders' role and input-to-market systems.

Delhi NCR:

Rawta's Green Revival: Building Climate Resilience through Sustainable Practices Project -

- I. 8 nos. of villagers participated in an exposure-cum-training on homestays to understand project components, generate ideas for their villages, and broaden their perspectives on physical infrastructure, social aspects, and marketing for developing homestays.
- II. 150 farmers participated in field demo on customized PoP of land reclamation and improved farming practices.

Support Ecological Security and Livelihoods of Ghamroj and Alipur village at foothills of the Aravalli hills, Gurugram -

- III. IEC-based wall paintings were completed at seven locations in two villages to promote waterbody rejuvenation, plantation, biodiversity education, and waste management practices.

Maharashtra:

Maha Samruddhi Yojan (MSY)

- I. A residential Five-Point Program training was held at Nandurbar (Jan 27–30, 2026) for a total of 114 Samruddhi Sakhis selected from 7 wards and 113 village groups. Sessions covered roles, rural challenges, women's empowerment, and mission insights. Participants received training kits to support village-level implementation.



Key Highlights of the Quarter



OPERATIONS

Maharashtra:

SAAKSHYAM Project: Under the HDFC Bank Parivartan Initiative -

II. A cluster level workshop for lead farmers was organised to train 175 farmers on crop disease control, soil health management, and improved practices.

Samruddha Kisan Project, Nandurbar -

III. 36 land levelling works were completed, covering 12 acres of undulated land, which has significantly enhanced the cultivable area and improved the overall agricultural productivity potential.

Madhya Pradesh:

Empowering Farmer Producer Organisations Through Agroforestry, Climate Smart Agriculture Practices, and Agribusiness Augmentation in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan -

I. Agroforestry, climate-smart agricultural practices, and agribusiness were promoted across 9 blocks of MP and Rajasthan covering 9 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs). A total of 36 climate-resilient agriculture demonstration models have been established, and farmer field schools on climate-smart agriculture have been conducted, with 157 farmers participating so far. Additionally, 76,000 fruit saplings have been distributed to farmers, of which 32,000 have been successfully planted.

Shwetdhara Project -

II. A shop inaugurations were held at Sarra (Pipariya PVK) and Bachawani (Bankhedi PVK) by the IDFC FIRST Bank team and IGS SMG. The team interacted with Gramsakhis and farmers, discussing their journey, roles, business development, services, livestock practices, shareholders, village context and sustainability of the FPC.

Odisha:

Guava Orchard Management Project -

I. Vermicomposting was introduced among WSHG members at 3 demonstration sites. The initiative aimed at promoting organic cultivation and pest control, including Handikhata preparation.

II. A PRI team from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, along with the BDO of Sukinda, visited the 350-acre Guava Orchard in Sukinda, Jajpur. The IGS team explained WSHG members' involvement, orchard management, and benefits through guava production and MGNREGA-supported activities. Total participants were 52.

Rajasthan:

Formation & Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) -

I. An exposure visit and training program was successfully organized for the farmers of Pushkar Kisan Samriddhi Producer Company Limited. The objective of the visit was to enhance practical knowledge related to value addition, processing techniques, packaging, and marketing of agri-based products. In addition to processing techniques, the participants were also oriented on quality control, hygiene standards, storage practices, and basic branding concepts.

West Bengal:

Project SAMARTH -

I. Soil samples were collected from 500 farmers covering 15 villages enabling informed nutrient management, improved productivity, reduced input costs, and better soil health.

PARTNERS VISIT TO PROJECT



I. On 8-10 January 2026, Ms. Rachana Iyer (CSR Head, IDFC FIRST Bank), Mr. Lalit Vedula (Senior Manager CSR, IDFC FIRST Bank), Mr. Radheshayam Solanki (CEO, IGS) and Mr. Bhaskar Baghel (Regional Head, IGS) visited the Pipariya Headquarter, where they interacted with the team, Gramsakhis and discussed strategies to strengthen business performance, recovery, and the overall sustainability of the FPC.



II. On 9-11 February 2026, Mr. Vijay Mahajan (Co-founder, IGS), Dr. Somnath Ghosh (Chairperson, BMWv), Mr. Pankaj Patil (M&E Officer, ASK Foundation) and IGS SMG visited Nandurbar for reviewing the projects implemented in that area. Further, they reviewed farm ponds, orchards, irrigation, and VDC activities, interacted with farmers, and appreciated progress, strengthening motivation and future planning.



III. The Annual Reflection Workshop for the Maha Samruddhi Yojana was held from 9-11 February 2026 in Nandurbar. This event brought together key partners and stakeholders—including BRAC, IWWAGE, Indian Grameen Service (IGS), and the MSY PMU team.



IV. The NatWest Group stakeholders visit was held on 25 February 2026 at Rawta village to review ongoing CSR activities. The team assessed 35 biogas plants and 2 solar units, agricultural inputs, biodiversity documentation, and progress in homestay development, including planning for signage, marketing strategies, and strengthening sustainable livelihood opportunities.



V. On 11 March 2026, NatWest Group led by Ms. Victoria Cleverley, Chair NatWest Digital Services India Board, Mr. Ross Douglas - Head of Policy, Frameworks and Subsidiary Governance & Deputy Company Secretary, Mr. Kiranmayi Guduru - Head of Legal & Corporate Governance and Company Secretary, India, Ms Taniya Chatterjee, Head of Sustainable Banking Performance, NatWest Group, Gurugram and IGS SMG conducted a leadership visit under the Supporting Ecological Security and Livelihoods of Ghamroj and Alipur Villages at the Foothills of the Aravalli Hills project, featuring a team meeting, inauguration of a Biodiversity Interpretation Centre, and plantation activity.



VI. On 13 March 2026, IGS with the support of Bandhan Bank CSR, successfully hosted two impactful State-Level Project Launching Events in Jaipur, Rajasthan and Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. These events marked the launch of the transformative project: "Empowering Farmer Producer Organizations through Agroforestry, Climate-Smart Agriculture Practices, and Agribusiness Augmentation."

Knowledge Exchange, Conferences & Strategic Engagements:



I. The project team from Nandurbar, Maharashtra undertook a three-day inter-organization training and exposure visit from 8th January 2026 to Narmadapuram. They visited various projects like Shwetdhara, Restoration of Riparian Areas, Rural Tourism and Safe Tourism Destination for Women projects and received livestock training and guidance from Senior Management. A total of 20 team members participated in the visit.



II. On 7th February 2026, Dr. Sanjib Sarangi, COO was invited to the OTM Conference (India's premier tourism conference and trade show that brings together 2,200+ exhibitors from over 60 countries, including 45+ National Tourism Organisations) at Jio World Convention Center, for the honour of announcing the Indian Sub-Continent for Responsible Tourism Foundation (ICRT) Awards 2026. Dr Sarangi spoke on the crucial importance of Responsible Tourism as a vehicle for sustainable and inclusive development, and the importance of celebrating its champions.



III. The IGS team participated in the National Conference organized at Hyderabad on the theme "Transforming Rural Livelihood Landscape in India: Empowering Rural Communities through Investing in People, Planet and Prosperity (3Ps)" from 19th to 20th February 2026. The team displayed various project models like Shwetdhara Model, Restoration of Riparian Project, Rural Tourism model in the conference.



IV. During the National Conference, IGS chaired a Panel Discussion on "Inclusive Growth for Smallholder Producers: Challenges and Opportunities for Livestock-Based Rural Economies – Learnings from the Shwetdhara Initiative". The dignitaries present were Ms. Rachana Iyer, CSR-Head, IDFC FIRST Bank, Dr. Rajeshwar, Director, Livestock & Livelihoods, SERP, Government of Telangana and members from other partner organizations such as BAIF, End Poverty and Ananda Foundation.



V. On 11 March 2026, Dr. Sanjib Sarangi participated in a panel discussion at the Bharat Carbon Conclave, New Delhi. He emphasized the importance of community involvement in project design, community stewardship, highlighting the roles of civil society, CSR partners, and initiatives focused on carbon sequestration.



Glimpses of the Quarter



Training cum Exposure visit under the Guava Orchard Project, Odisha



Renovation of Anganwadi Kendra under the HDFC-FDP Highlands Project, Assam



CGM NABARD visited the FPC stall during the Kisan Mela at Bhagalpur, Bihar



Business Development Training for Gramsakhis & team, Shwethdara Project, MP



A seed workshop was held with the Sakhi Didi in collaboration with NRLM staff and IGS



Goat and Poultry Farming Training, KVK Nandurbar, Maharashtra



Inauguration of Jeevika Food Products Unit, Naduar, Assam



Women Workers at Guava Orchard, Jajpur, Odisha



Training with Homestay Entrepreneurs and local youths under the HDFC-FDP Highlands Project



Stakeholders Consultation Workshop under the project "Support Ecological Security and Livelihoods of Ghamroj and Alipur villages at the foothills of the Aravalli hills"



Sustainable Agriculture Training Program, Narmadapuram, MP



Monitoring visit under HIMWP 2.0, Chhattisgarh

Glimpses of the Quarter



Visit by Regional Head, MP & CG to Rajpur and Ramanujnagar block, Chhattisgarh to review the ongoing project activities.



PRA exercise at Sukarwada, Narmadapuram, MP under the Restoration Harit Bharat Program



Input support to 43 farmers (tomato and brinjal plants) by the Horticulture Department under HIMWP 2.0, Chhattisgarh



State-Level Project Launching Events advancing Climate-Resilient Agriculture & Rural Livelihoods



IGS celebrating its 40th Foundation Day



Women's Day Celebration, Shwethdara Project in Narmadapuram, MP.



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शिविराचे आयोजन...!

दैनिक लोक परिवर्तन । तालुका प्रतिनिधी, भंगेर पाटील

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अथर्व, सवित्र व सदस्य मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होते. उपवेडेनचे श्री. पंजळ पाटील, श्री. आर. डी. पाटील, उपवेडेनचे श्री. मंगरूळ येथील ग्राम मंडळ अधिकारी सी. ऐश्वर्या, व सरपंच सी. तेडगा वकी, भांगळ गावाच्या सरपंच सी. श्री. मानसिंग दसावे आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित होते समूह यांनी कार्यक्रमात संस्थेच्या आतापर्यंत झालेल्या कामांचा सारांश देत, ग्राम पंचायत कामकाज अधिक प्रभावी

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का सतत कृषि, जैव विविधता और ग्रामीण विकास को आयोजित कार्यक्रम में विशेषज्ञों ने रखे विचा-

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ग्राम पंचायतों में रोजगार दिवस का आयोजन

नईदुनिया न्यूज, राजपुर : बलरामपुर कलेक्टर राजेंद्र कटारा और जिला पंचायत सीईओ नयनतारा सिंह तौमर की निर्देशन पर राजपुर जनपद पंचायत के सीईओ संजय दुबे के मार्गदर्शन में राजपुर ब्लॉक अंतर्गत सभी ग्राम पंचायत में रोजगार दिवस का आयोजन किया गया।

कार्यक्रम विकसित भारत जी राम जी के अंतर्गत ब्लॉक एवं पंचायत स्तर की टीमों के समन्वय तथा परियोजना हाई इंपैक्ट मेगा वाटरशेड तहत सीएसओ इंडियन ग्रामीण सर्विसेस ब्लॉक टीम के सहयोग से संपन्न हुआ। कार्यक्रम के दौरान विकसित भारत जी टीम की अंतर्गत उपलब्ध सुविधाओं, वीकृत एवं प्रगतिरत कार्यों की जानकारी



कार्यक्रम में ग्रामीणजन • नईदुनिया

भुगतान, कार्यस्थल सुविधाएँ तथा अवसर पर मनोरंजा के कार्यक्रम शिक्षागत निवारण से संबंधित विषयों पर अधिकारी मानसय सलपर, पंचायत चर्चा की गई। उपस्थित श्रमिकों को प्रतिनिधि, रोजगार सहायक, मैट परियोजना टीम के सदस्य- राह

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नर्मदापुरम(ईएमएस)। नर्मदापुरम जिले में नर्मदा नदी के किनारे पर पर्यावरण संरक्षण और मिट्टी कटाव को रोकने के लिए इंडियन ग्रामीण सर्विसेस द्वारा सामुदायिक सहभागिता से एक सरसङ्गीर फलत को जल रीति है। सरसङ्गीर के प्रवासियों में

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Recognitions

COLLECTIVE EFFORTS, EXCEPTIONAL IMPACT —

APC SUKRULI SHINES WITH THE BEST APC BLOCK AWARD

APC Sukruli, Mayurbhanj, Odisha – The Indian Grameen Services Team from the State Scheme Blocks of Mayurbhanj district has been honored with the Best APC Block Award by the Department of Horticulture, Mayurbhanj, for outstanding performance and impactful grassroots implementation.

About the APC Programme:

Agriculture Production Cluster (APC) is an initiative of the Government of Odisha aimed at sustainably doubling the income of small and marginal women farmers through collectivization, synchronized production, and strong market linkages.



JHANJHARPUR FPC HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN BIHAR

Jhanjharpur FPC was awarded the State Entrepreneurship Award by the Bihar Entrepreneurs Association at the Bihar Entrepreneurship Summit, held at Gyan Bhawan, Patna, by the Honorable Agriculture Minister of Bihar.



Stories Of Change

CREATING LIVELIHOODS, BUILDING CONFIDENCE:

REENABAI'S SUCCESS UNDER PROJECT SAAKSHYAM INSPIRES CHANGE AT THE GRASSROOTS.

PRE- INTERVENTION:

Reenabai Jayantilal Valvi is a 33-year-old woman from Shivpur village in Nandurbar district. She lives with her family of four and is an active member of Shivmahima Self-Help Group. The family does not own land and depends on daily wage labour for survival.

Before the project support, work was irregular and seasonal. Her monthly income was around INR 2,500, and her annual income was approximately INR 30,000 to INR 35,000. It was difficult to manage household expenses, children's education, and savings. She did not have the capital to start any business.

INTERVENTION:

Under the project, with financial support from HDFC Parivartan and implemented by Indian Grameen Services, Reenabai received INR 30,000 as asset support in September 2025.

Through this support, she was provided with a Breakfast Hand Cart to start her own small business. She also received guidance during SHG meetings on how to manage and run a small enterprise under the Income Generation Activity.

She started her Breakfast Hand Cart business in October 2025 in her village.



OUTCOME:

Within five months of starting the business, she earned INR 52,066. Her monthly income increased from INR 2,500 to INR 10,000.

She has started saving money regularly. She also purchased an additional stove and other required materials from her own income. Her husband supports her in running the stall.

Migration has reduced, and she is now able to support her children's education. She feels confident and respected in the village.

FROM UNEVEN LAND TO THRIVING HARVESTS :

JAGDISH'S JOURNEY SHOWS HOW LAND DEVELOPMENT CAN UNLOCK A FARMER'S TRUE POTENTIAL UNDER PROJECT SAMRUDDHA KISAN.

PRE- INTERVENTION:

Jagdish Bhilya Valvi, a farmer from Pawla village, Nandurbar (Maharashtra), owns 5 acres of land. A large portion of his land was uneven and remained unused, leading to low agricultural production. Despite having a borewell, farming was largely rainfall dependent. Financial conditions remained weak due to limited productivity.

INTERVENTION:

In 2023, he joined the Samruddha Kisan Project. Participated in village meetings and registered with the Village Development Committee (VDC). Selected under the land levelling scheme, which converted unproductive land into cultivable land.

OUTCOME:

In 2024, Cultivated maize: 15 quintals, earning approx. gross income of INR 22,500. In 2025, Cultivated Panna variety brinjal: Earned approx. gross income of INR 64,000 so far. Now planning to cultivate cluster beans (guar) as the next crop on the same land.



Welcoming New Employees



Akanksha Mohite

Accountant



Akash Anand Padma

Accountant



Kalusing Nagya Patle

Block Resource Person



**Nisarg Bhaskar
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Block resorse person



Rojalini Behera

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Project Manager



Partners in Change

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