

# CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (CDI)

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# Numerical Data Information

- ❑ Domestic Workers Identified & Registered: 51
- ❑ Group Meetings Held: 2
- ❑ Home/Workplace Visits: 17
- ❑ Domestic Workers Assisted for Placement: 10
- ❑ Health Camp Conducted: 1
- ❑ Village-Level Business Collectives Conducted: 8
- ❑ Bi-Annual Meeting of Business Collectives Conducted: 1
- ❑ Children's Club Orientation Programmes Conducted: 3
- ❑ Human Rights Day Programmes Conducted: 5
- ❑ Health & Hygiene Awareness Programmes Conducted: 1
- ❑ Interface Meetings Conducted: 2

# Annual Convention (15–18 December 2025)

## Special Highlights

The MSMHC Social Apostolate Annual Convention was held at CDI, Guwahati from 15th–18th December 2025 on the theme “*Dilexi Te – I have loved you.*” The gathering brought together Sisters and staff for reflection, learning, and renewal of mission.

Through various sessions and discussions, participants focused on human dignity, family life, professionalism, safeguarding, mental health, and care for creation. The convention concluded with a renewed commitment to serve the poor and marginalized with compassion and responsibility.



# ***Promotion of Women's rights and Empowerment***

## **Group Meetings of Domestic Workers**

Two group meetings were conducted to address the isolation experienced by domestic workers. These sessions provided a platform for sharing experiences, discussing issues related to wages, working conditions, and safety, and building collective solidarity. The meetings enhanced awareness of rights and encouraged collective advocacy for improved working conditions.

## **Stakeholder Collaboration on Women's Safety and Rights**

Staff participated in a consultative meeting organized by the State Commission for Women in Kohima, focusing on women's safety and gender-based violence. Additionally, domestic workers in Churachandpur attended a legal awareness program on poverty alleviation schemes, strengthening their understanding of entitlements and legal protections.



# ***Promotion of Women's rights and Empowerment***



## **Human Rights Day Observance**

Human Rights Day was observed across multiple districts with approximately 556 participants. The sessions focused on fundamental rights, gender equality, social justice and community responsibilities. Participants, especially women were encouraged to raise their voices against injustice and access available support systems.

## **Workplace and Home Visits**

Staff conducted 17 home and workplace visits to assess the well-being, safety, and working conditions of domestic workers. These visits provided an opportunity to address concerns related to wages, working hours, and treatment, while offering guidance and support.



# Child Rights and Child Protection

## Orientation of Children's Clubs

Orientation sessions were conducted in Kokrajhar, engaging 245 children across three locations. The sessions focused on children's rights, importance of education, health and hygiene, moral values, social media awareness, and the benefits of sports, contributing to holistic child development.

## Interface Meetings with Education Stakeholders

Interface meetings in Chirang and Udalguri, were conducted in which 132 participants took part including education officials and service providers. The key discussions focused on improving educational access, promoting career guidance, and strengthening support systems for children.

## Regular Tuition Support

Regular tuition classes continued under the Shelter Project to support children in their academic learning and retention in school. These sessions provided remedial education, helped improve learning outcomes, and ensured consistent academic engagement. The initiative plays a crucial role in preventing school dropouts and promoting a safe, supportive environment for children's overall development.



# ***Economic Empowerment through livelihood promotion***

## **Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood Practices**

Livelihood interventions emphasized the responsible use of natural resources and environmentally sustainable practices. Through business collectives, communities were encouraged to adopt resource-efficient livelihood options that balance economic growth with environmental conservation.



# Healthcare and Health Promotion



## Health Camp Services

A total of 50 domestic workers and their children received healthcare services through a health camp organized in Imphal East. The initiative improved access to medical care and promoted health awareness among vulnerable communities.

## Awareness on Health and Hygiene

A health and hygiene awareness session in Kokrajhar engaged 96 participants, focusing on personal hygiene, sanitation, and disease prevention. The session emphasized practical steps for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and environment.

