



## Queer Xanjug

### Connecting Young Queer\*, Ally for Gender Justice in Assam

We launch Queer Xanjug, a nine-month program designed to empower young queer youth and their allies. The program combines residential workshops with virtual sessions, focusing on youth leadership, capacity building, and fostering understanding around gender and sexuality. The first phase of the program commenced with a four-day residential workshop focused on perspective-building around gender and sexuality. The workshop brought together 29 participants from across Assam. Following this, the next phase featured seven virtual sessions, engaging participants from across Assam on understanding Trans\*, Queer Leadership journey from India. Resource persons brought diverse perspectives and expertise to enhance the learning experience. The workshops fostered community building and leadership skills among attendees.



# Library Programs by Akam Foundation

## Chandraprabha Saikia Feminist Library and Resource Centre

Chandraprabha Saikia Feminist Library has expanded its roles to serve as a vital resource center for the queer community. We recently welcomed transgender youth who gathered to share their stories as part of the Swabalamban research initiative. In the next step, we will provide economic support from their insights.

Daily Reader-  
Overall Footfall-

## Library at Community

### Location 1: Alubari, Jalan Nagar, Dibrugarh.

The community library at the tea estate continues to flourish with an increasing number of young readers. We are engaging children with art activities designed to spark their interest in books and building their imagination which help them appreciate the importance of literacy.

Read aloud sessions:

Story telling:

Reading circle:

Book circulation:

Art Session:

Book Reading:

Total no. members:

Overall footfall:

### Location 2: Kali Bari Road, Koila Patty, Dibrugarh

New readers are actively engaging with various library activities at Kalibari. We are trying to create a vivid vision that transforms the library into a vibrant community hub, where children can explore diverse genres, participate in interactive storytelling sessions, and develop essential skills.

Read aloud sessions:

Story telling:

Reading circle:

Book circulation:

Book Reading:

Total no. members:-

Overall footfall:-



## Akam at Awareness Program by DLSA

Akam took part in a sensitization program addressing the legal issues faced by the transgender community, organized by DLSA, Karbianglong, in partnership with the Railway Police Force at Diphu Railway Station. This initiative aimed to raise awareness and promote understanding of transgender rights. It marked an important effort to support the community and tackle the legal challenges they encounter in Karbi Anglong.

# Glimpses of Swabalamban



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## Swabalamban

### Bringing Sustainable Livelihood for Trans\* Queer Community in Assam

Swabalamban is a research-driven livelihood project for the transgender community, aimed at providing economic support through solar energy initiatives.

#### Research Work

In our community-level research, we successfully engaged with ten districts: Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong, Nagaon, Kamrup Metro, and Darrang, including Tezpur. Our team met with various district officials, such as DSW; Gender Specialist; District Program Manager, Assam State Rural Livelihood etc. to gather insights and collaborate on initiatives that address local needs. This outreach has enriched our understanding of the challenges and opportunities within each community, paving the way for impactful solutions.

#### District Level Workshop

We organized two impactful district-level workshops in Karbi Anglong in collaboration with Selco Foundation and the Assam State Transgender Welfare Board. These events brought together representatives from the District Legal Services Authority, District Industries Commerce Centre, National Urban Livelihoods Mission, and National Health Mission, and other governmental departments alongside the transgender community. The workshops provided a vital platform for dialogue, with government stakeholders reaffirming their commitment to support the transgender community. Together, we are working towards a more inclusive future.

Participants (Karbi Anglong): 20

Participants (Dibrugarh): 15

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