



**DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

**2024 - 2025**

**UTSAH**

**Universal Team for Social  
Action and Help  
ASSAM | INDIA**

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Founded in 2011, UTSAH is a leading Child Rights Organisation based in Guwahati, Assam, Northeast India.

## Vision

### **Making Child Protection, a reality**

Child Protection Rights remains imaginary till children have access to safety and justice. We envision a world where every child can experience and feel the real essence of being protected, supported, healed and gaining justice.

## Mission

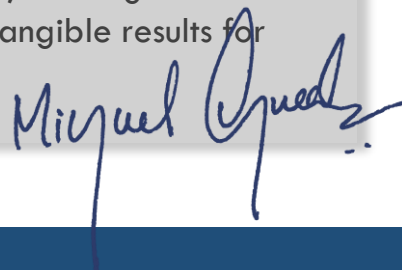
### **Implementing the law & Strengthening the System**

Translation of letters of law into practice is critical for achieving Child Protection. Our mission is to implement child protection laws through direct intervention or through engagement with duty bearers within the child protection system.

## **Approach**

Our work is driven by narratives of the widespread violence and abuse children face every day, and the urgency to act and secure the fundamental rights of children to protection. We believe that strong and responsive child protection systems are critical to ensuring that every child is protected from violence and abuse, and therefore, we focus on addressing the complex systemic challenges within the child protection system. In doing so, we often deploy innovative, and demonstrate new problem-solving approaches.

Deeply rooted in the philosophy that as much as systems have an impact on individuals, individuals too have an impact on systems; UTSAH's approach in systems-change work therefore, relies on an advocacy strategy that centers on fostering meaningful relationships and partnerships with duty bearers, including leaders, to bring in transformative shifts within the system, that can drive tangible results for children.



## POCSO Centre

The POCSO Centre was started to address gaps in Support Person services in Assam. Support Person is a provision within India's Anti-Child Sexual Abuse law - known as the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (referred to as the 'POCSO Act'). Under this provision a district-level Child Welfare Committee can appoint any credible individual or organisation as a 'Support Person' to assist a victim child throughout the process of investigation and trial. Under this segment, we also undertake or partake in initiatives for prevention and response to Child Sexual Abuse.

## Assam Police Sishu Mitra

Started in 2019, the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme (or 'Assam Police Child Friendly Police Programme' in English) is one of the largest child-friendly policing programs in India, focused on strengthening child-friendly policing practices in the State. We have been active partners with the Assam Police throughout the entire process, from conceptualization to execution, of the Sishu Mitra Programme. Currently, UTSAH is responsible for rolling out the various components of the programme, along with a team of Police Officers designated vide Government notification.

## Sashakti

Under this broad segment aimed at empowerment, we engage in several initiatives to (i) educate communities on various child protection issues and the mechanisms for child protection responses and services; (ii) train and orient stakeholders such as panchayats, media houses, zila parishads, teachers, child welfare committees, juvenile justice boards, district child protection units, and other relevant entities on child protection laws; and (iii) provide technical support to system stakeholders while advocating for legal reforms or enhanced implementation of existing laws.



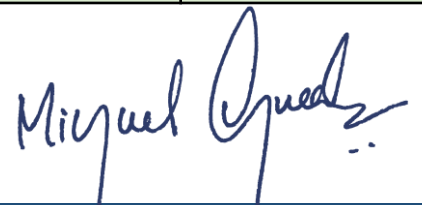
Services and data trends:

Sl.	Service	No.	
1	Number of cases referred to UTSAH during 2024-25	79	
2	Number of cases carried over from previous years	129 (Statistics of carried over cases already given in the previous year's data above)	
3	Total cases handled during 2024 - 25	208	
4	Age and Sex profiles of victims	Male	Female
		Age: 1 to 5 years	
		0 (0%)	2 (2.40%)
		Age: 6 to 12 years	
		0 (0%)	15 (18.07%)
		Age: 12 to 18 years	
		0 (0%)	67 (79.53%)
5	Accused Profile	Relationship with the victim	%
		Romantic Partner	35.48
		Neighbour	11.83
		Stranger	11.83
		Father	4.30
		Stepfather	4.30
		Alleged Husband	2.15
		Employer	2.15
		Landlord	2.15
		Romantic Partner's Friend	2.15
		Uncle	2.15
		Acquaintance & Stranger	1.08
		Aunt	1.08
		Brother	1.08
		Cousin	1.08
		Dance Teacher	1.08
		Employer's brother	1.08
		Employer's brother-in-law	1.08
		Employer's father	1.08
		Employer's mother	1.08
		Employer's wife	1.08
		Family acquaintance	1.08
		Friend	1.08
		Friend's Brother	1.08
		Grandfather	1.08
		Grandfather's friend	1.08
		Healthcare Staff	1.08
		Police personnel	1.08
		School Principal	1.08
		School van driver	1.08
		Uncle's friend	1.08

Michael [Signature]

## Highlights

i.	Total cases in which family counselling services have been provided	All cases
ii.	Total cases in which regular follow-ups have been made to Investigating Officers for timely completion of investigation	All Cases
iii.	Total cases in which investigation has been completed within 2 months as a result of regular follow-ups	29
iv.	Total cases in which mental health support has been provided	4
v.	Total cases in which children have been assisted to access Safe Shelter in a CCI	1
vi.	Cases in which children have been supported to access Safe Medical Termination of Pregnancies	7
vii.	Total cases in which follow-ups have been made with Special Public Prosecutor about case progress	60
viii.	Total cases in which children are being supported during appeals at the High Court	12
ix.	Total cases in which children are being accompanied during evidence	8
x.	Total cases in which children are being accompanied during bail rejection appeal	5
xi.	Total Special Relief applied in	46 cases
xii.	Total Special Relief secured	₹ 307,000/- in 36 cases by 39 victims
xiii.	Total Interim Compensation applied in	37 cases
xiv.	Total Interim Compensation secured	₹ 6,75,000 in 10 cases by 10 victims
xv.	Total Convictions	3
xvi.	Linkages with Skill Development agencies and subsequent placement (New)	2



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Executive Director, UTSAH conducted training for staff of North East network (NEN), a leading Women's Rights Organisation from Assam. The programme was organised by North East network (NEN)

**23rd April 2024**



Executive Director, UTSAH conducted training for newly recruited staff of District Child Protection Units from across Assam, on the POCSO Act. The programme was organised by the Women and Child Development Department, Government of Assam

**16th May 2024**



Took session on Child Rights Protection in the Department of Social Works, Tezpur University.

**30th May 2024**



Took session on '**World Day against Child Labour**' observed by Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kamrup (M) & District Legal Services Authority Kamrup (M) in collaboration with Child Friendly Guwahati and Voluntary Organisation for Information and Community Development.

**12th June 2024**





Attended Juvenile Justice Consultation held at Administrative Staff College, Khanapara

**31st August 2024**



Conducted training as Key Resource Person on Early Childhood Care and Education to train the Amganwadi workers for districts of Biswanath Dhemaji and Lakhimpur organized by the Department of Women and Child Development, Assam.

**25th October, 2024**



Attended the Young India National Masoom Submit to speak about Child Protection

**28th November, 2024**



Conducted training as Key Resource Person on Early Childhood Care and Education to train the Amganwadi workers for districts of Darrang, Barpeta, Bajali and South Salmara organized by the Department of Women and Child Development, Assam.

**27th November, 2024**



Michael Das

## POCSO Centre

Conducted training as Key Resource Person on the POCSO Act for all staff of the programmes under Snehalaya, a Non-Profit Organisation working Child Rights in Assam.

**27th November 2025**



Conducted training as Key Resource Person on Early Childhood Care and Education to train the Anganwadi workers for districts of Darrang, Barpeta, Bajali and South Salmara organized by the Department of Women and Child Development, Assam.

**28th November 2025**



Conducted training as Key Resource Person on Child Protection Policy for CSOs supported by Child Aid Network.

**31st December 2025**



Attended an interactive programme as a key resource person focused on the POCSO Act. The program was organized by the North East Centre for Equity Action on Integrated Development (NEAID) as a part of its internal training of all team members - orientation on POCSO/CPP/POSH/Comms & program review. The participants included fellows and core team members who are working directly and indirectly with school children and the community.

**9th January 2025**





# Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program


## Assam Police Sishu Mitra Resource Centre (SMRC) has been allocated a permanent space

The Assam Police Sishu Mitra Resource Centre (SMRC) shifted from the one-room space to a 1200 sq. km space above the CPRO Office, opposite the Assam Police Headquarters.




## A full team official appointed to run the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme and the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Resource Centre (SMRC):


The Assam Police Headquarter notified a full team to co-ordinate the activities under the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme and the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Resource Centre




**Harmmeet Singh, IPS**  
Spl. DGP (HQ)  
**CONVENOR**




**Surendra Kumar, IPS**  
ADGP (V & AC)  
**ADVISOR**




**Partha S. Mahanta, IPS**  
IGP (Admin)  
**IN-CHARGE**




**Sarmistha Barua, APS**  
AIG (Welfare)  
**NODAL OFFICER**




**Geetanjali Doley, APS**  
ASP (CID)  
**COORDINATOR SMRC**




**Mwblik Brahma**  
Inspector  
**CASE MANAGER**




**Nancy H Vaiphei**  
Inspector  
**CASE MANAGER**




**Parimita Gogoi**  
Woman Sub-Inspector  
**CASE MANAGER**




**Altaf H. Barbhuiya**  
Lance Nayak (UB)  
**Constable (AB)**




**Karima Borah**  
Lance Nayak (AB)



**Pradyout P. Borah**  
Lance Nayak (AB)




**Bidyut B Baruah**  
Lance Nayak (UB)




**Manash J Sarma**  
Constable (AB)

**Technical Partner Team**




**Dr. Madhulika Jonathan**  
Chief, UNICEF NE




**Miguel Das Queah**  
UTSAH Assam


**UTSAH TEAM**



**Kishori Baruah**



**Nirmal Deka**

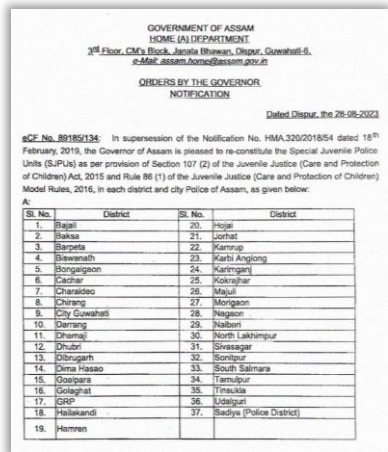


**Rakesh Borah**

*Miguel Das Queah*

SJPU STRENGTHENING

1. NOTIFICATION



Drafted the Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) which was notified by the Government of Assam dt. 28 August 2023

3. ORIENTATION



Virtual orientation on 'Strengthening Special Juvenile Police Units' for Nodal and Child Welfare Police Officers across the State- 20th August



Robust and well-structured system is the key to unlocking a child-friendly policing paradigm. By investing in the strengthening of district-level structures, we can guarantee that the rights of children are upheld, and their interactions with police are guided by the principles of empathy and compassion.

2. RE-CONSTITUTION

37 Police Districts + Guwahati Police Commissionerate + Government Railway Police



Police Districts have re-constituted the SJPU as per the new notification

- Tamulpur- 28th August 2024
- Golaghat- 31st August 2024
- Kokrajhar- 23rd September 2024
- Sonitpur- 30th September 2024
- Jorhat- 1st October 2024
- Sadiya- 5th October 2024
- Sadiya- 23rd November 2024

*Michael Guedes*

## SJPU STRENGTHENING 2.0.

Stats of all PS having Child  
Friendly Corners-

Districts	Total PS	No. of CFC
Tinsukia	14	13
Goalpara	12	12
Barpeta	10	10
Sivsagar	12	8
Charaideo	8	7
Karimganj	7	7
Biswanath	7	6
Kamrup	13	6
Nalbari	7	5
Bongaigaon	5	4
Guwahati	21	4
Hojai	7	4
Jorhat	7	4
Nagaon	15	4
Sonitpur	8	3
Dhemaji	7	3
Kokrajhar	8	3
Majuli	4	3
Cachar	14	2
Karbi Anglong	16	2
Lakhimpur	9	2
Morigaon	9	2
Sadiya	4	2
Udalguri	10	2
W.Karbi Anglong	4	2
Dibrugarh	13	2
Baksa	6	1
Chirang	7	1
Dima Hasao	8	1
Dhubri	8	1
Darrang	6	1
Hailakandi	7	1
S.Salmara	4	1
Tamulpur	2	1
Bajali	1	0
Golaghat	13	0
GRP	12	0

# 130/326

PS have functional Child  
Friendly-Corners



**Technical PPT on Child-friendly Policing indicators prepared and shared with all SPs and Nodal Officers of SJPU. Subsequently, all Nodal Officers briefed on the indicators outlined in the PPT.**

*Miguel Guedes*



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## ANNUAL RANGE LEVEL TRAININGS



**459** Officers Trained

**300** ♀

**159** ♂

## ONGOING ORIENTATION



**92** Police Officers trained on Child Rights during Special Orientation for Barak Valley Districts (Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi)



**551** Total  
Officers Trained  
in 2024-2025



*Michael Guedes*

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

## 2<sup>nd</sup> EDITION OF SISHU MITRA CHAMPION AWARDS 2024 1.0.

**Dt: 21.7.2024**

26

Awardees from Police Officers from the rank of IGP to Assistant Sub Inspectors were recognized

3

Awardees from Guwahati Medical College Hospital, Kamrup Metro POC SO Court & Directorate of SC and Backward Classes



GP Singh, IPS  
DGP, Assam



Harmeet Singh, IPS  
Spl.DGP, Assam

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Champions of change deserve recognition, not just for their own accomplishments, but for the potential they hold to inspire and mobilise others, creating a groundswell of transformation that can reshape entire systems.

*Michael O'Connell*



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT :

# RECOGNIZING CHAMPIONS 2.0.

**4** Investigating Officers who were nominated by the SMRC, were awarded with  
National and State Level Awards



WSI (UB) Shilpa Narah  
Sivasagar DEF



WSI (UB) Kalyani Dibra  
Morigaon DEF



SI (P) Pulin Borah  
Sivasagar DEF



SI(UB) Mazibul Islam  
Guwahati Police  
Commissionerate

**CM SPECIAL MEDAL IN CRISIS SITUATION 2024**



WSI M. Thadoi Singha  
Guwahati Police



**UNION HOME MINISTER'S MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN INVESTIGATION**

The Officers were awarded for outstanding investigation, and for  
achieving convictions, in POCSO cases 2024-25

*Michael Ouedraogo*

# Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program

## OUTREACH IN SCHOOLS

AIGP (W) & Nodal Officer Assam Police Sishu Mitra, Smt Sarmistha Baruah, & ASP Smt. Geetanjali Doley interacted with 500 students of Ulubari HS School, Guwahati during Child Rights's week 2024 on 19th November 2024

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Awareness programmes were organised across the Satte by Assam Police during Child Rights Week



## SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

51  
POSTERS  
Published

5000+  
LIKES  
On social media

1000+  
SHARES  
On social media





# CHILD RIGHTS WEEK 2025



**Sishu Mitra Vartalap:**  
On the occasion of Child Rights Week, DGP GP Singh, IPS, & Spl DGP Harmeet Singh, IPS, had dialogues on Child Protection and gathered feedback in Police response with 24 CSA victims dt. November 2024



**Child Friendly Logo:** A Child friendly crayon version of the Assam Police Logo created by a child. The display photograph of all Police social medial handles, was changed to this child-friendly version during Child Rights Week 2024



**Interactions in School:** AIGP (W) & Nodal Officer Assam Police Sishu Mitra, Smt Sarmistha Baruah, & ASP Smt. Geetanjali Doley interacted with students of Ulubari HS School, Guwahati on 19th November 2024 on Child Rights



**Public Message for Child Rights Week:**  
Messages on Child Rights from the DGP, Special DGP and IGP were published on all Assam Police Social Media handles at the start of the Child Rights Week 2024



**Awareness programmes** were conducted **across 36 Police districts** during Child Rights Week 2024 – with an outreach of 11, 190



**#Go Blue Campaign:** On #WorldChildrensDay, DGP Shri GP Singh ceremonially illuminated APHQ in Blue, symbolizing commitment to Child Rights. Assam Police establishments across 36 Districts of the State had joined in the Global #GoBlue campaign.



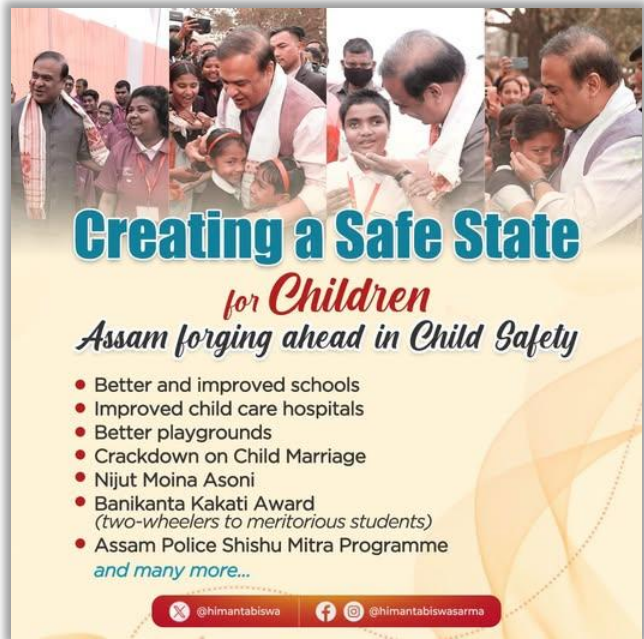
## KIDS TAKE OVER

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CSA victims sit on the Official Chairs of the DGP and the Special DGP during their visit to the Assam Police HQ



# SISHU MITRA RECOGNIZED



When a programme is hailed as a best practice on multiple platforms, it's a testament to its transformative power, and proves its efficacy and impact

During Child Rights Week the Assam Chief Minister shared the *Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme* as one of the best practices of the Government of Assam

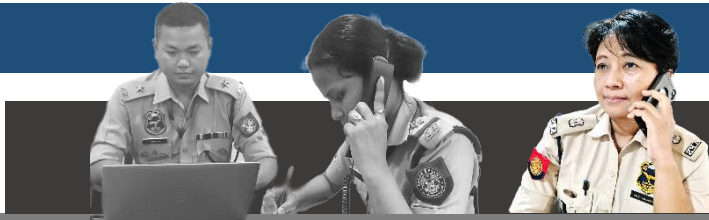


Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme was featured as best-practice in a short movie that commemorated UNICEFs 75 Years in India. In the movie, Harmeet Singh, IPS, Special DGP & Geetanjali Doley, APS, Addl. SP, spoke about the programme in the short movie, made by UNICEF.



Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program

# ON-CALL SUPPORT



2829

Total Cases  
reported in  
2024

24\*7 Legal and Technical Support Helpline Numbers at SMRC for  
Investigating Officers

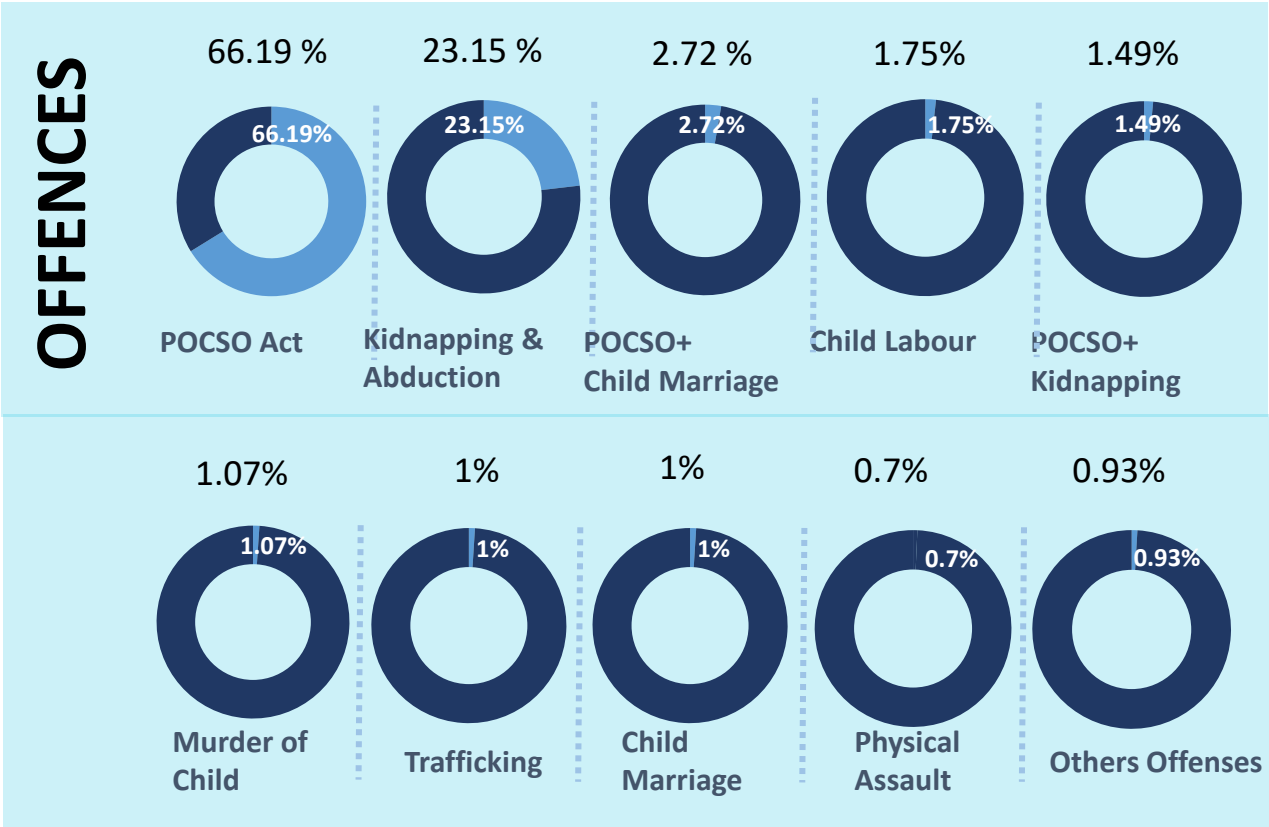
Districts	Cases Reported in 2024
Bajali	16
Baksa	74
Barpeta	49
Biswanath	131
Bongaigaon	142
Cachar	47
Charaideo	56
Chirang	84
Darrang	145
Dhemaji	70
Dhubri	251
Dibrugarh	80
Dima Hasao	20
Goalpara	30
Golaghat	63
Govt. Railway Police	5
Guwahati	122
Hailakandi	42
Hojai	175
Jorhat	75
Kamrup	43
Karbi Anglong	89
Karimganj	133
Kokrajhar	102
Lakhimpur	150
Majuli	35
Morigaon	99
Nagaon	92
Nalbari	46
Sadiya	20
Sivasagar	59
Sonitpur	65
South Salmara	27
Tamulpur	22
Tinsukia	99
Udalguri	47
West Karbi Anglong	24

*Michael J. [Signature]*

**Dt. 20 August 2024:** Assam Police SMRC Team conducted an online orientation programme on **‘Strengthening Special Juvenile Police Units’** for Nodal and Child Welfare Police Officers across the state



CASE DISAGGREGATE



CASE STUDIES

134/24, NOONMATI PS & 656/24 DISPUR PS  
KAMRUP OVERNIGHT PROTECTIVE STAY

In response to received tip-offs, the SMRC coordinated with the Guwahati Police, the District Child Protection Unit, the Child Welfare Committee, the Child Helpline, and the District Child Labour Task Force to successfully rescue two child labourers who were being unlawfully employed.

27/24, SADIYA PS  
TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

A case was reported to SMRC wherein a minor girl of 15 years was impregnated by her biological father. The victim and her family wanted to terminate the pregnancy. SMRC guided the IO with the all procedures that needs to be followed during investigation and the role of District Child Protection Unite and Healthcare institutions in facilitating safe MTP to the CSA victim.

162/24, DHING PS | NAGAON  
SUPPORT TO CSA VICTIM

In Dhing, Nagaon, a 12-year-old girl child was sexually assaulted by a group of three men. The SMRC team provided technical assistance to the IO on sections to be applied to the FIR and step-by-step procedure to be followed while dealing with the victim child.

Upon request of the SP, Nagaon, the SMRC coordinated with Guwahati Medical College Hospital and organised on-site counselling services for the victim child.

Dr. Mythili Hazarika, HOD, Counselling Psychology, Guwahati Medical College Hospital was taken to Nagaon for on-site counselling services. The IO was also provided with technical assistance to file for Special Relief and Interim Compensation which culminated in disbursement of INR 50,000 and INR 1,50,000 respectively. follow-ups ensured the chargesheet's timely submission within the statutory period.

Michael Choudhary

# Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program

INDICATORS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH SERVICE HAS BEEN PROVIDED	IMPACT
100% FOLLOW-UP (Constant follow-up with IOs for completion of Investigation, and reminder on case deadlines)		
<b>CWC PRODUCTION</b> Provided feedback for production to Child Welfare Committee	<b>678</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implementation of production of victims to Child Welfare Committee as per <b>Proviso to S. 31(1), JJ Act</b></li><li>Data gap between Police and CWC reduced</li></ul>
<b>FORM 17 &amp; FORM B</b> Provided Form 17 of JJ Model Rules and Form B of the POCSO Rules	<b>965</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implementation of <b>Proviso to Rule 18 (2), JJ Model Rules &amp; Rule 14 (4), POCSO Rules</b></li></ul>
<b>ACCURATE SECTION</b> Feed back to <b>change previous Sections of law</b> and replace it with <b>new accurate Sections</b>	<b>895</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Accurate data</b> on crimes at the State Crime Records Bureau</li><li><b>Appropriate punishment</b> for the offender</li></ul>
<b>FORM A</b> Provided Form A of POCSO Rules	<b>346</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>Rule 4(14) POCSO Rules, 2012</b></li></ul>
<b>SPECIAL RELIEF</b> Guided IOs to apply for Special Relief for the victim child at Child Welfare Committee	<b>232</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>Rule 8 POCSO Rules, 2012</b></li></ul>
<b>INTERIM COMPENSATION</b> Guided IOs to apply for Interim Compensation for the victim child at Special Court.	<b>117</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>Rule 9 POCSO Rules, 2012</b></li></ul>
<b>GUIDANCE IN MISSING CHILDREN CASE</b> Guided IOs on legal procedures to be followed to recover missing child	<b>124</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>R.92 of JJ Model Rules 2016</b></li></ul>
<b>MISSING CHILD PUBLICATION &amp; RATIFICATION PROCESS</b> Guided IOs on publication of information on missing children and ratification process; Provided sample draft of letter for ratification	<b>16</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>R.92(4)(iv) of JJ Model Rules 2016</b></li></ul>
<b>LINKAGE WITH CWC</b> Facilitated linkage to Child Welfare Committee for production of CNCP to Child Welfare Committee	<b>18</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implementation of production of victims to Child Welfare Committee as per <b>Proviso to S. 31(1), JJ Act</b></li><li>Data gap between Police and CWC reduced</li></ul>

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# Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program

INDICATORS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH SERVICE HAS BEEN PROVIDED	IMPACT
<b>AGE DETERMINATION</b> Provided guidance to IO on age determination of CNCP & CCL	<b>42</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implementation of <b>Sec.94, JJ Act, 2015</b></li></ul>
<b>EVIDENCE PRESERVATION FOR FSL</b> Guided IO on evidence preservation for FSL analysis	<b>23</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Faster completion of investigation</li><li>More accurate evidence that aids in achieving conviction</li></ul>
<b>SHELTER</b> Provided Linkages to CWC and CCI for Short-Term Shelter	<b>12</b> Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>Section 37(c) of the JJ Act, 2015</b></li><li>Better access to safe overnight shelter by CNCP</li></ul>
<b>FORM 1</b> Provided Form 1 of JJ Model Rules,2016	<b>9</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>Rule 8(1) and Rule 8 (5) of the JJ Model Rules, 2016</b></li></ul>
<b>LINKAGE WITH DCPO</b> Facilitated linkage to District Chil Protection Officer for Interpreter Services & safe MTP	<b>11</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to <b>R.6(7) POCSO Rules, 2020, R.85(1)(xx) of JJ Model Rules, MTP Act, 1971</b></li></ul>
<b>ENTITLEMENTS OF THE CNCP</b> Briefed IO on the entitlements of a child as per Form A of POCSO Rules, 2020	<b>112</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IOs educated on and assisted to comply to <b>Form A(1) POCSO Rules 2020.</b></li><li>Fulfillment of the right of the child as per <b>Form A(1).</b></li></ul>
<b>DETAILED PROCEDURES IN POCSO CASES</b> Briefed IO on the procedures to be followed during investigation as per the POCSO Act	<b>118</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance to law and child-friendly procedures</li></ul>
<b>DRAFTING COVER LETTER FOR CWC</b> Providing assistance to IO in drafting letter to CWC during communication with CWC	<b>31</b> Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Better communication and linkage with CWC</li></ul>

## OTHER SERVICES

Only Form 17 of JJ Model Rules ( **15 cases** ) | Linkage with CWC for Medical Termination of Pregnancy ( **3 case** )  
Linkage with Support Person ( **2 case** ) | Contact details of Juvenile Justice Board ( **4 cases** )

- Contact of nearby Child Care Institution ( **3 cases** ) | Linkage with Juvenile Justice Board for Overnight Shelter ( **3 cases** ) | Only Form B of POCSO Rules ( **2 cases** ) | Linkage with District Child Protection Unit for counselling ( **2 cases** ) | Accessing Sponsorship Support ( **1 case** ) | Drafting Form 17 of the JJ Model Rules ( **1 case** )
- Linkage with Childline for Shelter ( **2 cases** ) | Sample of requisition letter for Medical authority ( **2 cases** )
- Rule of information to Child Welfare Committee ( **2 cases** ) | Explanation on Child in Need of Care and Protection ( **1 case** )

*Michael J. Quade*

# TRAFFICKING STUDY

Upon directions of the DGP and Special DGP, Assam, a team from the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Resource Centre (SMRC) visited Dhemaji, North Lakhimpur and Sonitpur Districts to assess the ground situation, understand socio-economic risk factors, analyze available police data on child trafficking; and to prepare preliminary report for the Assam Police HQ.



Meeting with SP, ASPs, DSPs and OCs of Dhemaji DEF



Meeting with SP, ASPs, DSPs and OCs of Sonitpur DEF



Meeting with ASPs, DSPs and OCs of North Lakhimpur DEF

During the field visits, from 24-05-2024 to 2-06-2024, the SMRC team had in-depth meetings with SPs, ASPs, DSPs, OCs, IOs, and victims and their families. Case-by-case discussions were held at the SP Office, and Police Stations were visited, and data on

- (i) Trafficked children
- (ii) Missing children and
- (iii) Recovered children, from 2021 – 2024, were collected.

## FINDINGS

Total Cases referred: **342**

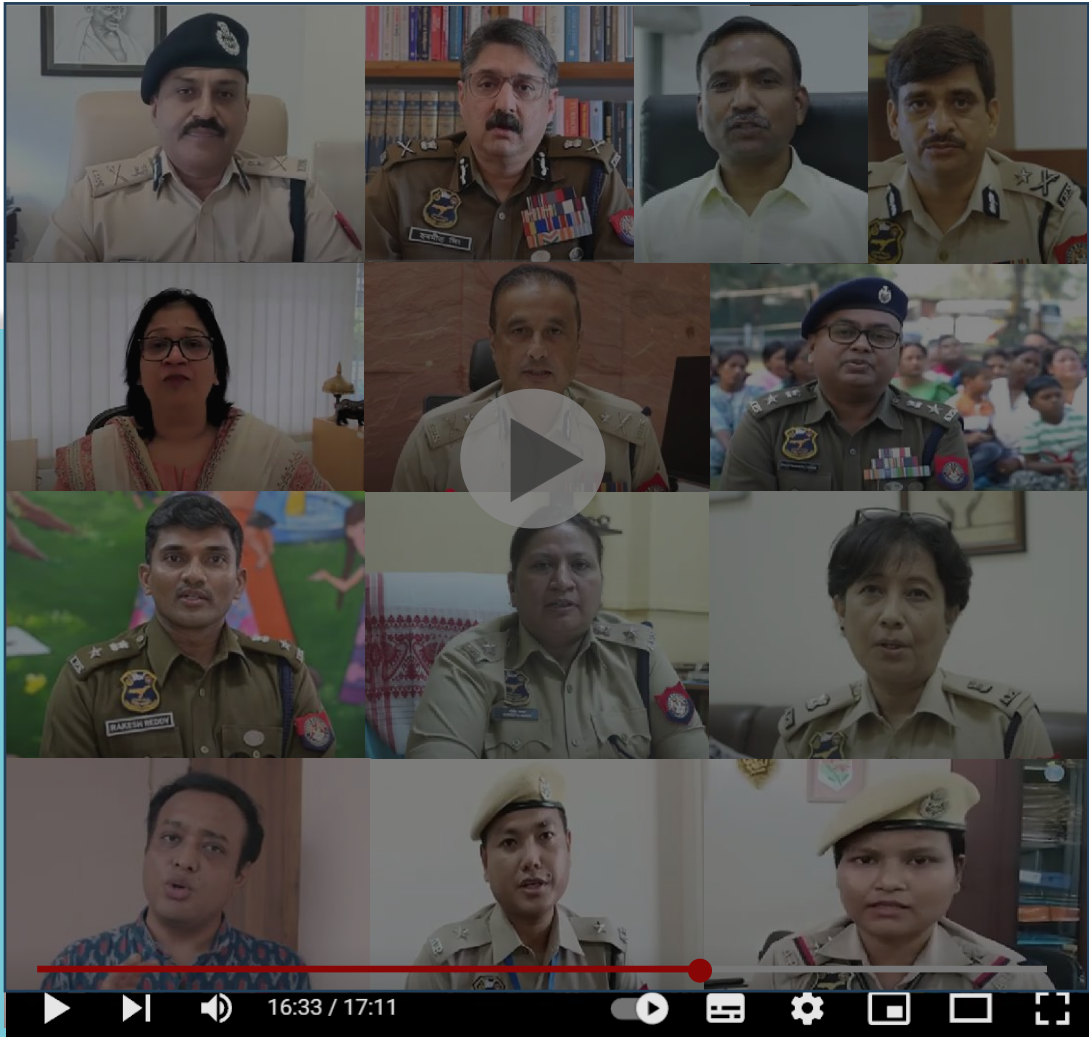


A total of 342 cases related to Child Trafficking and Missing children registered from 2021 to May 2024 were shared by Dhemaji, North Lakhimpur and Sonitpur.

- ☐ The biggest problem is related to Romantic Relationship leading to **elopement** i.e. 67.25 %
- ☐ The highest number of **elopement** cases have been reported from North Lakhimpur district i.e. 54.05 %
- ☐ The second highest number of **elopement** cases have been reported from Sonitpur district i.e. 31.73 %
- ☐ The second biggest problem is related to Children **moving out** of their homes voluntarily i.e. 19 %
- ☐ The highest number of children voluntarily **moving out** of their homes have been reported from North Lakhimpur district i.e. 44.61 %
- ☐ Most of the children voluntarily **moving out** of their homes are male children i.e. 53.62 %
- ☐ The third biggest problem is related to **Child Trafficking** i.e. 10.81 %.
- ☐ 79.16 % victims of **Child Trafficking** are **female children** and 20.88% victims are **male children**
- ☐ The highest **Child Trafficking** cases have been reported from North Lakhimpur i.e. 58.33 %
- ☐ Out of the total Child Trafficking cases, 64.86 % are linked with **Child Trafficking to Arunachal Pradesh**
- ☐ In cases related to **Child Trafficking to Arunachal Pradesh**, 82.35 % victims are female children and 17.64 % victims are male children
- ☐ The highest cases of **Child Trafficking to Arunachal Pradesh** has been reported from North Lakhimpur i.e. 58.33 % cases

Michael Guedes

# MOVIE ON SISHU MITRA



A short movie on the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme was made and launched during the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Champion Awards 2024, organised at the Assam Police Institute, Guwahati

YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRBLFOtPh9U>



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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**23rd April 2024:**

Women's Rights Activist Anurita Hazarika & her friends from St. Mary's School Past Pupils Association visited UTSAHs community programme and distributed umbrellas to the children.



**April 2024:**

30 Children in the No. 2 Hafiznagar Community School of UTSAH have been given prizes for good academic performance to encourage them to further pursue education



**9th December 2024:**

Distributed school stationary to organisations working with children across Guwahati city in collaboration with TOPCEM cement under their CSR initiative



## SCHOOL AWARENESS

A series of Outreach Awareness Programmes on the issue of Child Trafficking were organised with the objective of sensitizing students, teachers, and community stakeholders on the risks, indicators, and preventive measures related to trafficking of children. The sessions aimed to equip participants with knowledge about the various forms of child trafficking, the modus operandi of traffickers, legal safeguards under the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act, and BNS, and the roles that schools and local communities can play in early identification and prevention – **Partnership with Impulse NGO**

**23rd April 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Tetelia High School



**26th April 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Baladmari High School



**12th May 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Malaybari Higher Secondary School



**14th May 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Morigaon H.S. & M.P. School



## AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS

**15th May 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Sonapur Higher Secondary School



**20th May 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Swahid Kushal Konwar H.S. School



**25th May 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Kalyani Niwas



**20th August 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Falah Group of Institute



**22nd August 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Satya Sai Academy School





## AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS

**10th September 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Ulubari Higher Secondary School



**11th September 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Geetanagar High School



**13th September 2024:**

Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Sudershan Public School



**20th September 2024:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Pub Dimoria High School



**24th September 2024:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Dimoria High School



## AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS

**26th September 2024:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti School



**5th November 2024:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Chatabari Anchalik High School



**22nd November 2024:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Paschim Mayong High School



**29th January 2025:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Kamrup



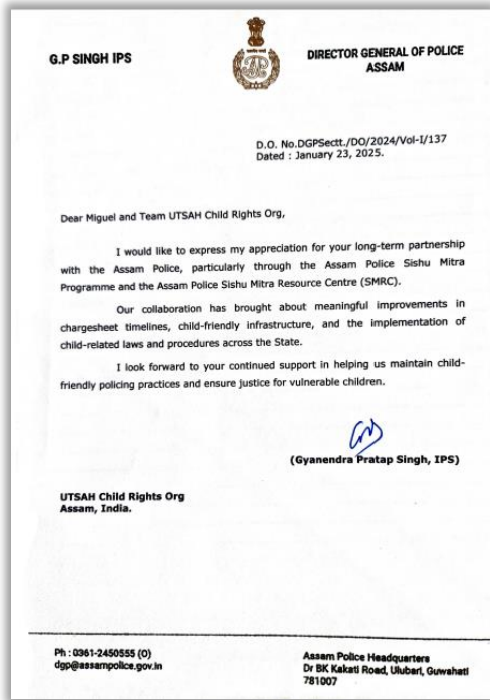
**4th March 2025:** Awareness Programme on Child Trafficking in Bamunimaidam Community



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## DGP Assam's Note of Appreciation



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- IQAC, National Law University & Judicial Academy
- Child Protection Committee, Kamrup Metro
- Child Labour Task Force, Kamrup Metro
- Joint Task Force for Women and Children, Kamrup Metro
- Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee
- Inspection Committee for Child Care Institutions
- Vigilance Committee on Bonded Labour, Kamrup Metro