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UTSAH

**Universal Team for Social Action
and Help**

ASSAM | INDIA

ABOUT UTSAH

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.

PROGRAMS

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.

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 2021-22	24	
2.	Number of cases carried over from previous years	92 (Statistics of carried over cases already given in the previous year's data above)	
3.	Total cases handled during 2022-23	116	
4.	Age and Sex profiles of victims	Male	Female
		Age: 1 to 5 years	
		0 (0%)	3 (12.6%)
		Age: 6 to 12 years	
		0 (0%)	7 (29%)
		Age: 12 to 18 years	
		0 (0%)	14 (58%)
5.	Accused Profile	Relationship with the Victim	%
		Neighbour	46.43
		Landlord	3.57
		Self-proclaimed Godman	3.57
		Romantic partner	17.86
		Husband	3.57
		Trainer/Coach	10.71
		Pharmacist and ayurvedic practitioner	3.57
		Father's friend	3.57
		Employer	3.57
		Schoolmate	3.57
		Friend of Romantic Partner	7.14
		Father	3.57
		Step-father	3.57
		Stranger	3.57
		Acquaintance from same village	3.57

POCSO Centre

6.	Highlights	
i	Total Children supported to register Police Complaints	0
ii	Total cases in which family counselling services have been provided	24
iii	Total cases in which regular follow-ups have been made to Investigating Officers for timely completion of investigation	24
iv	Total cases in which investigation has been completed within 2 months as a result of regular follow-ups	4
v	Total cases in which mental health support has been provided	14
vi	Total cases in which children have been assisted to access Safe Shelter in a CCI	4
vii	Cases in which children have been supported to access Safe Medical Termination of Pregnancies	2
viii	Total cases in which follow-ups have been made with Special Public Prosecutor about case progress	21
ix	Total cases in which follow-ups have been made with Juvenile Justice Boards about case progress	2
x	Total cases in which children are being supported during appeals at the High Court	0
xi	Total cases in which children are being accompanied during evidence	1
xii	Total cases in which children are being accompanied during bail rejection appeal	1
xiii	Total Special Relief applied in	2 cases
xiv	Total Special Relief secured	₹ 4,000/- in 2 cases to 2 victims
xv	Total Interim Compensation applied in	12 cases
xvi	Total Interim Compensation secured	₹ 1,00,000/- in 2 cases
xvii	Total Convictions	17
xviii	Linkages with Skill Development agencies and subsequent placement (New)	0

26 May 2022: Knowledge sharing and conversations around POCSO and Support Person Services – National best practices - with practitioners and data experts, hosted by Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore. (UTSAH, Enfold, Civic Data Lab)



29 May 2022: Our write-up on few of the legal provisions/rights of children who are victims of Sexual violence, under the POCSO Act; published by The Sentinel Newspaper

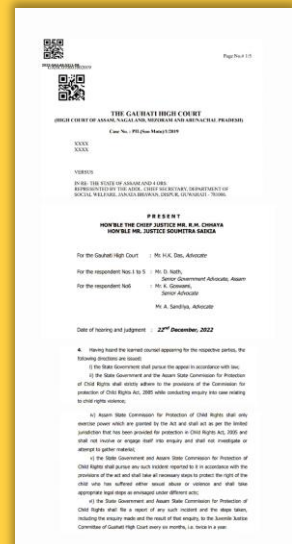


23 Nov 2022: We took a workshop on Child Safeguarding and the POCSO Act, for teachers and parent of RHINO Army Pre-Primary School, Army Cantonment, Narengi, Guwahati, Assam



22 Dec 2022: In a case where a Child Sexual Abuse victims case in Sivasagar district, was being tried in an Adult Court due to connivance of the local Police and the false report by the Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights; our constant advocacy led to a **Suo moto PIL by the Gauhati High Court (1/2019)**– following which

- The trial was transferred from the Adult Court to the Children's POCSO Special Court in Sivasagar district
- The Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights was directed to function within the framework of the law and not to overstep its authority
- The Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights was directed to submit 6-monthly report of its functioning to the Gauhati High Court



POCSO Centre

We were invited to take technical sessions on 'POCSO Act and UTSAHs Support Person Model' at Juvenile Justice Consultations by Rajasthan High Court, Jammu & Kashmir High Court and Gauhati High Court



12 Nov 2022 :
Jammu & Kashmir High Court



20 Nov 2022 :
Rajasthan High Court



20 Nov 2022 :
Gauhati High Court

10 Dec 2022: Our Support Person work was featured in the movie screened at the Supreme Court of India, during the National Juvenile Justice Consultation, 2022



17 Dec 2022: Technical session on "Role of Support Person under the POCSO Act" for all Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards and Districts Child Protection Units of Assam - organised by Gauhati High Court, in colab with State Child Protection Society and UNICEF



25 Feb 2023: Trained Special Public Prosecutors of all POCSO Courts in Assam on "Role of Support Persons under the POCSO Act" ; Organised by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

16 Mar 2023 : Conducted a training session on POCSO Act & Rules, for Child Welfare Committees from North Eastern States; organised by NIPCCD Regional Centre, Assam (National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development)



On-Call Support to Investigating Officers:

Two Closed Unit Group (CUG) numbers have been provided to UTSAH, by Assam Police HQ, through which Investigating Officers are provided with technical support and regular follow-up on investigation is conducted

329

Districts disaggregates

Cases referred to the Helpline Number

GENDER DISAGGREGATE

Male	Female	Transgender
36	316	0

Districts	Number of cases supported by SMRC
Barpeta	1
Biswanath	6
Bongaigaon	33
Cachar	1
Chirang	5
Dhubri	155
Dibrugarh	2
Goalpara	23
Golaghat	3
Jorhat	1
Kamrup Metro	34
Karbi Anglong	1
Karimganj	1
Kokrajhar	18
Majuli	3
Sivasagar	37
Sonitpur	3
Udalguri	2

CASE DISAGGREGATE

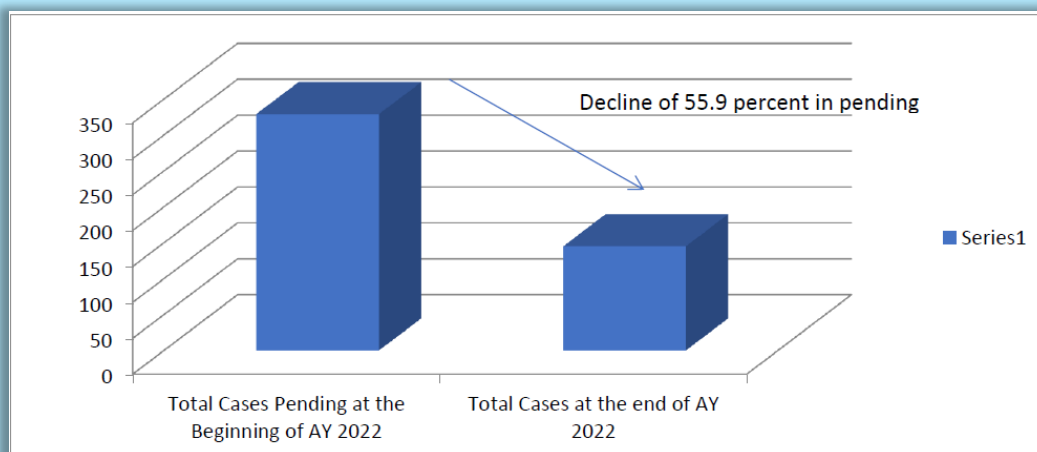
Type of cases	Number of cases
Assault	1
Child Labour	11
Child Marriage /Abduction	9
CICL	1
ELOPEMENT	3
IT Act	1
Kidnapping/ Abducting	38
Murder	2
NDPS	1
POCSO/CSA	257
Trafficking	1
Missing (Kidnapping)	4
Grand Total	329

Types of on-Call Support to Investigating Officers:

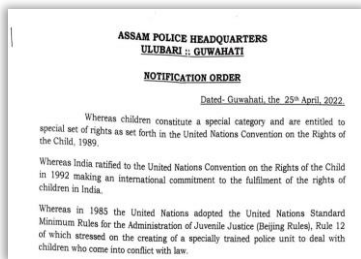
Services	Nos.
Follow-up for Chargesheet Status	329 Cases
Provided FORM-17 of the JJ Model Rules to Investigating Officers	49 Cases
Provided feedback on, and sample of, FORM B of POCSO Rules to Investigating Officers	29 Cases
Assisted Investigating Officers with linkage to Child Welfare Committee for Overnight and Short term Shelter for Children	53 Cases
Assisted Investigating Officers with linkage to Childline for Overnight and Short term Shelter for Children	10 Cases

OUTCOME OF REGULAR FOLLOW-UPS W.R.T. INVESTIGATION

Total Cases Pending at the Beginning of AY 2022	Total Cases at the end of AY 2022	Decline Percentage of pending cases
329	145	55.9



Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



25 Apr 2022: As a result of our advocacy, the Assam Director General of Police notifies the Strengthening of Special Juvenile Police Units through training for five districts in Assam



10 June 2022: Dialogue with, and orientation of, VV Rakesh Reddy, IPS Superintendent of Police, Goalpara – on Special Juvenile Police Unit strengthening through trainings



11 June 2022: Dialogue with, and orientation of, Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon, Swapnaneel Deka, APS and Addl. Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon, Luna Sonowal, APS – on Special Juvenile Police Unit strengthening through trainings



11 June 2022: Dialogue with, and orientation of, Superintendent of Police, Kokrajhar, Prateek Thube, IPS – on Special Juvenile Police Unit strengthening through trainings



Video Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxdgcV9Wklc&t=10s>

12 June 2022: Upon our request the Joint Commissioner of Police, Guwahati, wrote Poem on “Child Labour”. We collaborated with Guwahati Police to prepare a video where the poem was recited by children from Assam Jatiya Vidyalay. This video launched by Guwahati Commissioner of Police on World Day Against Child Labour, 2022

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



"We will not spare anyone who employs child labour"
HARMEET SINGH, IPS
Commissioner of Police
Guwahati

12 June 2022: On World Day Against Child Labour, messages against Child Labour by Guwahati Commissioner of Police and Joint Commissioner of Police was published on Assam Police Social Media



"People who employ child labour often say that they are educating children. You don't need to make children from poor families wash your utensils, to provide them with an education. We have to stop this hypocrisy in our society."

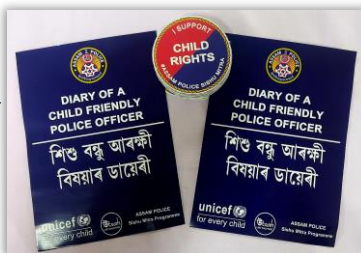
PARTHA SARATHI MAHANTA, IPS
Joint Commissioner of Police
Guwahati City



10 June 2022: Assam DGP, Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS, launches the 5-District Special Juvenile Police Unit (through training) in Goalpara district, Assam. IGP, Western Range; Superintendents of Police and senior Police Officers from six districts of Assam; Officers from UNICEF; Senior officers from Goalpara district including officers from DLSA, CWC, JJB, DCPU, Health Department, Special Court; children from various schools, also attended the launch ceremony.



16 June 2022: Dialogue with, and orientation of, Shubrajyoti Bora, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sivasagar; and senior Police Officers – on Special Juvenile Police Unit strengthening through trainings



18 July 2022: Child Rights themed diaries and badges were specially designed and distributed to 800 Investigating Officers across the 36 Police districts of Assam

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



21 Jul 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme, we commenced the day-long capacity-building session for 38 Police Officers. **The first batch of Officers from Guwahati Police Commissionerate** were trained on provisions and processes related to Child Rights. Harmeet Singh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Guwahati City, joined in the programme and interacted with the trainees.



28 Jul 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme, we conducted the day-long capacity-building session for 23 Police Officers. The **second batch of Officers from Guwahati Police Commissionerate** were trained on provisions and processes related to Child Rights. Hemanta Das, APS, Dy. Commissioner of Police, Guwahati City, joined in the programme.



31 July 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme a day-long capacity-building session for 60 Police Officer's under the Sivasagar, Charaideo and Dibrugarh Police.

Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS, Director General of Police (DGP), Assam, chaired the inaugural programme and presented the Keynote Address.



1 Aug 2022: We conducted an orientation on Role of Officer-In-Charge's in maintaining Child-Friendly Police Stations in Sivasagar district. Shubrajyoti Bora, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Sivasagar; Debajyoti Nath, APS, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Sivasagar; Sivasagar; Subhalakshmi Bora, APS, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Sivasagar and Daisy Gogoi, APS, Dy, SP, Sivasagar also attended the programme.

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



18 Aug 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme, we conducted the day-long capacity-building session for 41 Police Officers. The **third batch of Officers from Guwahati Police Commissionerate** were trained on provisions and processes related to Child Rights. Partha Sarathi Mahanta, APS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Guwahati City, joined in the programme.



23 Aug 2022: We conducted an orientation on Role of Officer-In-Charge's in maintaining Child-Friendly Police Stations in Bongaigaon district. Swapnaneel Deka, APS, Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon, and Luna Sonowal, APS, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon; and Nitu Moni Das, APS, Sub Divisional Police Officer, North Salmara, also attended the programme.



24 Aug 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme, we conducted the day-long capacity-building session for 34 Police Officers of Bongaigaon district. Swapnaneel Deka, APS, Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon, inaugurated the training programme, in the presence of Luna Sonowal, APS, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon; Moni Chamua, APS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bongaigaon, and Nitu Moni Das, APS, Sub Divisional Police Officer, North Salmara. Dilip Kumar Dey, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Western Range, Assam, joined in the programme and presented the Key Note

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



6 Sep 2022: Provided technical assistance to Bongaigaon Police to organised an awareness Programme on Child Protection along with Village Defense Party and the community in Abhayapuri



7 Sep 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme, we conducted the day-long capacity-building session for 31 Police Officers. The **fourth batch of Officers from Guwahati Police Commissionerate** were trained on provisions and processes related to Child Rights. Mrinal talukdar, APS, Dy, Commissioner of Police, Guwahati City, joined in the programme.



9 Sep 2022: Under the SJPU Strengthening Programme, we conducted the day-long capacity-building session for 30 Police Officers of Goalpara district. VV Rakesh Reddy, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Goalpara; Pahary Konwar, APS, Addl. Superintendent of Police; and Anurag Sarmah, APS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, attended the training programme.



10 Sep 2022: We conducted an orientation on Role of Officer-In-Charge's in maintaining Child-Friendly Police Stations in Goalpara district. VV Rakesh Reddy, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Goalpara; Pahary Konwar, APS, Addl. Superintendent of Police; and Anurag Sarmah, APS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, attended the training programme.

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



14 Sep 2022: We provided technical support to Bongaigaon Police, to organise a Multi-stakeholder meet (CWC, JJB, DCPU) to present recurrent challenges faced in terms of convergence with line Departments.



4 Oct 2022: We provided Goalpara Police to design and put out Child Protection information Posters across all Durga Puja Pandals across Goalpara District.



20 Oct 2022: We provided technical support to Jogighopa Police Station to make the Police Station accessible by building a ramp for persons/children with disability.



GOALPARA DISTRICT BECOMES FIRST DISTRICT IN NE-INDIA TO HAVE CHILD-FRIENDLY CORNERS IN ALL ITS POLICE STATIONS

We provided technical assistance to the SP of Goalpara to create functional Child-friendly Corners in all the 12 Police Stations within the district.

22 Oct 2022

We supported GRP SP Bhanwar Meena, GRPS OC Inspector Prasenjit Das, Railway Childline Co-ordinator Abani Haloi, Railway Childline Member Gobinda Deka & his team, in rescuing a 16-year-old girl child from a trafficking nexus. The child's mother was extremely worried and her father had a stroke after the child went missing since the 7th of October 2022. The minor was reunited with her family.

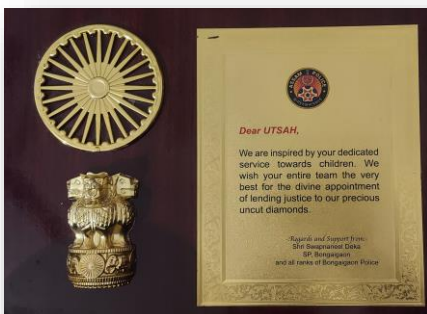
Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



31 Oct 2022: We provided technical assistance to Officer In Charge of Badarpur Police Station, Inspector Chandan Goswami, to develop a KIDS ZONE at Badarpur Police Station. Activities like classes for drawing, yoga, movie screening for children up to 10 years of age are organised in this KIDS ZONE every Sunday morning. Experts from nearby schools, NGOs are brought in as resource persons in every session.



5 Nov 2022: Bongaigaon, did not have an accessible Fit Facility which made it difficult for the Police to access rehabilitative stay especially Overnight Protective Stay for children. We assisted Bongaigaon Police to lead a massive Changemaking initiative and the result was remarkable. Due to the advocacy of Bongaigaon Police, a Children Home cum Fit Facility was inaugurated in Pahartoli, Bongaigaon with collaborative efforts of Police Administration, DCPU, CWC, Bongaigaon and WE CAN NGO. The journey started with support from Hon'ble District & Session Judge, Principal Magistrate, District Administration and UTSAH Child Rights Org. Accordingly, after couple of meetings, verifications, inspections & legal procedures a much needed dream materialized into reality.



Due to our constant support and assistance, Bongaigaon Police acknowledges UTSAH.

20 Nov 2022

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

We designed and supported Assam Police to celebrate World Children's Day



20 Nov 2022: The Assam Police HQ, CID HQ, Fire Services HQ, Guwahati Police Commissionerate, 36 SP Offices and 300 Police Stations across Assam illuminated in the Colour Blue in sync with the global GO BLUE Campaign, in solidarity with Child Rights,



Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS
Director General of Police
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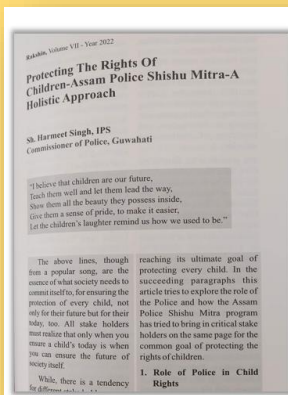


Harmeet Singh, IPS
Spl. Director General of Police
Assam



Surendra Kumar, IPS
Inspector General of Police
Assam

VIDEO MESSAGES FOR CHILDREN PUBLISHED ON GPLUS MEDIA PLATFORM



We were requested to co-author two academic articles along with Spl DGP Harmeet Singh, on the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program – one for **Rajasthan Police Academy**, the other for **National Police Academy**.

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Program



12 Dec 2022: Conversations on Child Rights Laws with ACP Bhanita Nath, APS, and Officer-In-Charge, Twinkle Goswami, of All Women Police Station, Guwahati

HELPING ASSAM POLICE TO ORGANISE THE **FIRST EDITION OF THE ASSAM POLICE SISHU MITRA CHAMPION AWARDS 27 JAN 2023**

We assisted the Assam Police to organise the first edition of the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Champion Awards, to recognise the remarkable efforts of Police officers across the Districts of Assam towards the promotion of child rights and implementation of the child-rights laws. The awardees had been selected by a reputed jury comprising of Justice (Retd.) Manojit Bhuyan; Padma Sharma, Member, Assam Public Service Commission; and Manjula Baruah, noted Assamese actress.

This year, the awardees are Surendra Kumar, IPS (ADGP, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption); Partha Sarathi Mahanta, IPS(Joint Commissioner, Guwahati); VV Rakesh Reddy P, IPS(SP, Goalpara); Swapnaneel Deka, APS (SP, Bongaigaon); Padmanabh Baruah, IPS (SP, Karimganj); Subhrajyoti Borah, IPS(SP, Sivasagar); Geetanjali Doley, APS(ASP, CID); Pahary Konwar, APS(ASP, CM Security); Luna Sonowal, APS(ASP, Bongaigaon); Jyoti Prasad Pegu, APS(ASP, Udalguri); Laba Kumar Deka, APS (DSP, Chirang); Runa Neog, APS(DSP, Lakhimpur); Daisy Gogoi, APS (DSP, Sivasagar) Upen Kalita (OC, Bongaigaon); Ajay Kumar Saha (OC, Manikpur); Nikhil Rajkhowa (OC, Ahayapuri); Thangjam Sanat Sinha (OC, Jogighopa); Chandan Jyoti Bora (OC, Lumding); Debajit Das (OC, Goalpara); Chandan Goswami(OC, Badarpur); Marchila D Sangma(SI, Sivasagar); Raj Kishore Das (OC, Mererchar); Sanjib Terang (OC, Paneri), Krishnakam Bordoloi (OC, Mornoj); Upendra Dev Sharma (SI, Lumding); Pranab Baruah (SI, Paneri); Sushil Dhanowar (SI, Paneri); Siba Prasad Kalita (SI, Kokrajhar) and Sanjeeb Bora(SI, Lakhimpur).

Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS, Director General of Police, Assam distributed the Assam Police Sishu Mitra Awards 2023, to Police Officers, ranging from SPs to Sub Inspectors, at a ceremony organised at the District Library, Bongaigaon.



We ***partnered with*** District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of Kamrup Metro District for organizing a series of capacity building programs and convergence meetings for system stakeholders.



27 & 28 Oct 2022: Training of staff of Child Care Institutions from Guwahati, on JJ Act, POCSO Act and Mental Health.

Guest: Pallav Gopal Jha, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup Metro



28 Nov 2022: Training of Child Welfare Police Officers from Guwahati in Child Protection Laws.

Guest: Harmeet Singh, IPS Commissioner of Police, Guwahati



5 Dec 2022: Training of School teachers from Kamrup Metro District in Child Rights Laws and Procedures

Guest: Prasanna Borah, AES Inspector of Schools, Kamrup Metro



22 Aug 2022: As part of Assam Governments *Surakshit Xoixob, Xunali Xoixob* Campaign, we organised a high level convergence meeting of all stakeholders Kamrup Metro, on addressing key challenges.

Chair: Pallav Gopal Jha, IAS, Deputy Commissioner Kamrup Metro



2 Sep 2022: As part of Assam Governments *Surakshit Xoixob, Xunali Xoixob* Campaign, we organised Training of Media Persons from Kamrup Metro, on Role of Media in Child Protection.

Guest: Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS (Retd) Chief Information Commissioner Assam

We also partnered with **District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of Kamrup Rural District** for organizing a series of capacity building programs for system stakeholders.



20 Dec 2022: Training of School Teachers of Kamrup Rural District, on Child Protection and other issues
 Guests: Kamal Baruah, ACS Addl. Deputy Commissioner Kamrup; Sujata Gogoi, Addl. Deputy Commissioner Kamrup; Apurba Thakuria, AES, District Elementary Education Officer, Kamrup



23 Dec 2022: Training of Child Welfare Police Officers of Kamrup Rural District, on Child Protection Laws
 Guests: Hitesh Roy, APS Superintendent of Police Kamrup; Sathkhokai Changsan, APS Addl. Superintendent of Police Kamrup;

28 Apr 2022 : Spoke on vulnerabilities and futures of Children in Modern India, on an online panel organised by TISS, Hyderabad.



11 June 2022: Spoke on "Child Protection during emergencies", at a panel discussion organised by NERSWN and NEDAN Foundation, in Kokrajhar, Bodoland Territorial Region, Assam



12 June 2022: On World Day Against Child Labour, we wrote an article on *"Multiple Facets of the Child Labour Problem"*, which was published by The Sentinel, a leading English daily from Northeast India



12 June 2022: On World Day Against Child Labour, The Assam Tribune English News Channel showcased a documentary on our work against Child Labour in Assam.

25 June 2022: We directly intervene in trafficking cases where there are challenges related to response from the system (otherwise our interventions are through the Police). In this case, we rescued two children belonging to Sonitpur district, who were sold off by a trafficker, and reunited them with their mother who was working in Bangalore.



26 June 2022: Our article on *"Unscientific Circumcision of Children in Informal settlements of Guwahati"*, was published by the Sentinel, a leading English daily from Northeast India

10 Jul 2022: We wrote an article on "Every Child's Right to Safe Housing", which was published by The Sentinel, a leading English daily from Northeast India



19 Aug 2022: The Brahma Kumaris conferred an Award to our Founder and Executive Director, for his work on Child Protection in Assam..

20 Aug 2022: Spoke on "Are India's Children Safe", an online panel discussion organised by Argumentative India, a youth led collective that regularly organizes dialogues and conversations around key social issues in India.



22 Aug 2022: We took a session on "Overview of Child Rights with reference to children in Assam", for the recently appointed members of Child Welfare Committees from across Assam. The programme was organized by the Judicial Academy, Assam in collaboration with the State Child Protection Society(SCPS), Department of Women and Child, Government of Assam.

AUTUMN INTERNSHIP AND LEARNING PROGRAMME

An Initiative by UTSAH Child Rights Org., Assam
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New Age Policing
Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, IPS
Director General of Police, Assam



Combating Drugs, Defending Youth
Partha Sarathi Mahanta, IPS
Joint Commissioner of Police, Guwahati



Protecting Youth in the Cyber World
Harmeet Singh, IPS
Commissioner of Police, Guwahati (Jt. DCP)



Child Rights and Child Protection
Nicole Menezes
Founder, Letter Child Rights Org.



Preventing and Responding to Child Sexual Abuse
Suren Kumar, IPS
IGP, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Assam



Understanding Juvenile Justice
Anant Kumar Asthana
Juvenile Justice Expert, New Delhi



From Assam to Tokyo – The Story of Possibilities
Lovlina Borgohain
Olympic Bronze Medalist, Tokyo Olympics

ACTIVITIES:
Caption Contest
Social Media Poster
Open Mic
The Wall of Reflection

TAKEAWAYS:
Internship Certificate
Awards for Contest Winners
LOIs for outstanding performers
Become a Child Rights Ambassador
Exposure Field Trip for selected participants

Last Date of Registration:
29th September 2022

Registration Link:
www.utsahassam.org

INTERNSHIP DURATION:
16th Oct to 30th Nov 2022
(By weekends, subject to extension by mutual consent)

AUTUMN INTERNSHIP AND LEARNING PROGRAMME

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Practicing Sustainability
Shantanu Gotmare, IAS
Commissioner & Secretary, Assam
Former County Rep., Global Green Growth Institute



Mental Health Matters
Meenakshi Barthakur
Senior Clinical Psychologist, Assam



Youth Participation for Nation Building
Pallav Gopal Jha, IAS
Deputy Commissioner
Kamrup Metro, Assam



Radiowaves that can Change Lives
RJ Mandy
RED FM, Winner, Radio for Child Awards by UNICEF



From Kathir to Kennedy
Dr. Sanjay Kumar
President, Harvard Club of India



Being Gender and Sexuality Sensitive
Rituparna Neog
Queer Rights Activist and Storyteller (heyindia)



Entrepreneurship - The Real Deal
Ankit Agarwal
Founder & CEO, Preeti Co.
UN Young Leader Awardee

ACTIVITIES:
Caption Contest
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(By weekends, subject to extension by mutual consent)

16 Oct – 30 Nov 2022:

The second edition of UTSAHs Online Internship and Learning Programme (Autumn) 2022, in collaboration with G Plus . A distinguished faculty of fourteen experts, conducted a wide range of subjects and exciting activities - for 89 school and college going students. The programme started on the 16th October 2022 and went on till the 30th November 2022 (each session on selected weekends) Internship Certifications were awarded to each participant.

We collaborated with the District Child Protection Unit, Barpeta, to organise district-level training of IOs and CWPOs on Child Protection laws and procedures. This initiative is supported by State Child Protection Society, Govt. Of Assam.

Amitava Sinha, APS (SP, Barpeta); Dr. Pradeep Saikia, APS (ASP-HQ, Barpeta); Bidyut Bikas Borabhuyan, APS (ASP-Crime, Barpeta); Samirdaftar Baruah, APS (DSP-HQ, Barpeta) and Kakoli Patgiri, APS (DSP, Barpeta) attended the programme.

25 March 2023

DCPO, Barpeta, Dipankar Kalita, ACS; Mitali Talukdar, LPO, DCPU, Barpeta, also attended the program.

15 Nov 2022: TOPCEM cement in collaboration with UTAH Child Rights Org, distributed school stationery to Children's Organisations across Guwahati. This initiative is a part of TOPCEM's CSR initiative, in light of the World Children's Day that would be celebrated across the world on the 20th of November 2023.



Anajoree was live. - Follow
27 November 2022
Join our session on Education with Nirmal Deka this Sunday by following the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85946995387>

27 Nov 2022: We took a session on "Child Rights and Child Protection", in an online panel organised by Anajoree, an Assam-based CSO, that works on creating awareness on key social issues concerning Assam.

25 Feb 2023: Spoke at a panel discussion on "Child Protection issues in Assam, with special focus on Child Marriage"; organised by the Guwahati Press Club.



28 Feb 2023: Spoke at a Session on Child Protection, at the Bodoland University International Knowledge Festival, Kokrajhar, Bodoland Territorial Region



Other Highlights :

The Assam Special Director General of Police was invited to speak about Child Sexual Abuse Material. The technical presentation was prepared by us.
5 March 2023.



We developed content for awareness, that was published on Assam Police Social Media handles
2023.



Assam Bani published our viewpoint on addressing the problem of Child trafficking in Assam



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- Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee
- Inspection Committee for Child Care Institutions
- Vigilance Committee on Bonded Labour, Kamrup Metro