

Empowering Rural Women as Community Livestock Resource Persons



Under SBI Gram Saksham, with support from SBI Foundation in Nadia district, 10 women from the project villages have been selected and oriented as Pashu Sakhis (Community Paravets)-one from each village. The initiative aims to strengthen their skills and create opportunities for rural women to become local resource persons in livestock care.

The Pashu Sakhis are being equipped with practical knowledge on scientific animal rearing, livestock health management, basic treatment, disease identification, shed management and timely referral for veterinary services. They conduct regular household visits, provide technical guidance to beneficiary families and monitor the health and wellbeing of livestock.

By developing the capacities of these 10 women, the initiative is creating a community-based support system for livestock farmers while strengthening women's skills, confidence and livelihood opportunities. Their growing role as trained community resource persons is expected to contribute to healthier livestock, improved productivity and more sustainable rural livelihoods.



Doorstep Healthcare Brings Hope to a Tea Garden Community

For 60-year-old Kiranbala Das of Kayakhata village, access to quality healthcare was a longstanding challenge. Suffering from hypertension for over two years, she experienced frequent dizziness, vertigo and weakness, while relying on treatment from a local unqualified practitioner.

Her situation began to change in April 2026 when she accessed the SBI Sanjeevani Clinic on Wheels, implemented by Sabuj Sangha with support from SBI Foundation. The medical team provided appropriate medication along with counselling on diet, reducing salt intake, physical activity and regular follow-up.



Within a month, her blood pressure improved to 150/80 mmHg, and by June it had reached the normal range. Her symptoms also reduced significantly, and she reported feeling healthier and more energetic.

Kiranbala's experience highlights the impact of bringing reliable healthcare directly to underserved communities. During April-June 2026, the Sanjeevani Clinic conducted 132 mobile outpatient camps across 22 villages, reaching 3,940 patients and providing 1,144 diagnostic tests.

For communities where distance and financial constraints often delay medical care, the initiative is helping make timely, affordable and quality healthcare accessible at the doorstep.

Aalor Disha Centre Celebrates International Yoga Day



Sabuj Sangha's Aalor Disha Child Support Centre-cum-School in Champahati supports 68 children from the most vulnerable squatter colony communities, providing them with opportunities for education, personality development and life skills.

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, the children participated in a special yoga session focused on physical fitness, mental well-being, concentration and discipline.

The celebration reflected Aalor Disha's holistic approach to child development, combining academic education with sports, computer education, drawing, singing and dancing. Through these activities, the programme aims to nurture confident, creative and well-rounded children, while providing them with the skills and opportunities needed to build a better future.



A Journey from Vision Loss to Independence: Krishna Ram Budhak's Story

For 70-year-old Krishna Ram Budhak, a resident of Raidighi Gram Panchayat, South 24 Parganas, deteriorating eyesight had increasingly affected his daily life and independence. With limited family resources, accessing timely eye care was a significant challenge.

A village eye screening camp organized by Sabuj Sangha brought an opportunity for timely intervention. Following an examination, Krishna Ram was diagnosed with cataract in his left eye and referred to Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan for surgery.



On 2 June 2026, he underwent successful cataract surgery with intraocular lens implantation. His vision improved from 6/60 before surgery to 6/18 after surgery, enabling him to see more clearly and carry out his daily activities with greater confidence.

Krishna Ram expressed his gratitude to Sabuj Sangha for providing accessible and free eye-care support. His experience reflects the wider impact of the SBIF Eye Care Program, which brings screening, referral and treatment services closer to underserved communities. In 2025, the program conducted 656 screening camps and reached 17,933 patients, helping identify and treat people with vision-related conditions.

Krishna Ram's journey demonstrates that restoring sight can also restore confidence, dignity and independence, highlighting the transformative impact of accessible eye care in rural communities.



World Environment Day 2026: Strengthening Community Action for a Resilient Sundarbans



World Environment Day was observed on 5 June 2026 across the four project blocks-Namkhana, Patharpratima, Sagar and Mathurapur II-under the SBIF Aranya Project, supported by SBI Foundation and implemented by Sabuj Sangha. The celebrations aimed to strengthen environmental awareness and encourage collective action for mangrove conservation, biodiversity protection and climate resilience.

Across the four blocks, activities included environmental awareness rallies, plantation drives, student competitions, cultural programmes, discussions and awareness sessions. Students, community members, SHG members, Mangrove Protection Groups, government representatives and other stakeholders participated actively.

In Namkhana, around 350 participants joined an awareness program, while Sagar hosted a two-day program featuring rallies, inter-school competitions, plantation activities and a workshop on environment-friendly agriculture. Patharpratima organized awareness rallies, quizzes and mangrove plantation activities. In Mathurapur II, a 2-km environmental rally was followed by sapling plantation and discussions on climate resilience and community-led environmental conservation.

The celebrations strengthened community engagement and reinforced the importance of collective responsibility in protecting the Sundarbans, restoring mangroves and building resilient coastal communities.