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**Agia, Goalpara, Assam-783120**

## MISSION

*“To improve the socio- economic status of underserved area in North Eastern region through increased access to institutional service and financial services for livelihood support in sustainable manner. Ajagar Social Circle intends to offer diverse activities with exemplary community services while striving to become a people friendly institution.”*

## VISION

*“To be the most respected and preferred organization of the North Eastern region with exemplary community service, by serving 75,000 underserved people by 2020.”*

### VALUE

*A*ctive Team Work

*J*ust and Fair in actions

*A*ccountability, Professionalism and Discipline

*G*enuine Concern about Community and Staffs

*A*cceptance towards Changes

*R*espect for all

## **About Us:**

Ajagar Social Circle, Agia is a non profit, non political, secular and development oriented voluntary organization. The organization is initiated by eight likeminded young practitioners to bring about a change in social, economic, cultural spheres by supporting low income segment and increasing the livelihood opportunities of the people in the North Eastern Region. The organization at present is engaged in a number of activities that are clearly demarcated and collectively aims at providing social and economic security to the farming, allied and non farming community living in the Assam -Meghalaya belt in the of North Eastern Region.

The Circle was formally registered in the year 2001 under Society Registration Act 1860 XXI Vide Registration No. RS/GOAL/125/B/26 OF 2001-02. The Organization has also been registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act Vide Registration No. 020760016 in 2008 and under Section 12A and 80G under Income Tax Act.

The area of our operation is entire North Eastern Region of India. But at present, the organization is working in Goalpara, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Tinsukia, Kamrup district in Assam, Chirang district in BTAD and Baghmara in South Garo Hills of Meghalaya.

## **About the geography of Goalpara District:**

The Goalpara district is located between 25.53<sup>0</sup> and 26.3<sup>0</sup> N latitudes; 90.07<sup>0</sup> and 91.05<sup>0</sup> E longitudes with a geographical area of 1832 sq km, is bounded by Garo Hills in the South and Kamrup district on the East, Dhubri district on the west and the Brahmaputra all along the North. There are 8 development blocks and as per the 2011 census, Goalpara had population of 1,008,183 of which male and female were 513,292 and 494,891 respectively. The economy of the district is primarily agrarian and 90% of the population depends on agriculture for livelihood. The principal agricultural commodities are -rice, jute, green / black gram and potato. Areca nut had been a major cash crop in some pockets, but the crop is being replaced by rubber plantations. Banana is major crop in some pockets.

Average literacy rate of Goalpara district in 2011 were 67.37 compare to 58.03 of 2001. If things are looked out at gender wise, male and female literacy were 71.46 and 63.13 respectively.

Goalpara District is a one of the most backward district of Assam. The education scenario of Goalpara District is quite poor in comparison with other districts of Assam.

### Strength of staffs:

The organization is fully equipped with a dedicated work force. Presently, 78 numbers of full time staff is working in different section of the organization. Beside them, organization engages part time project staff as per requirement.

### Profile of the Organisation:

- **Name of the NGO:** AJAGAR SOCIAL CIRCLE
- **Address:** Agia, P.O. & P.S: Agia  
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Email: [ajagarsocialcircle@yahoo.co.in](mailto:ajagarsocialcircle@yahoo.co.in)
- **Ownership:** Ajagar Social Circle, Registered under society registration act 1860.
- **Organization Structure:**-Ajagar Social Circle is an NGO headed by a governing body and implemented by the Executive body. The chief functionary of the organization is Mr. Ashok Nath.

### Activities and Achievements:

Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)



Ajagar Social Circle (ASC) received an opportunity to implement the scheme, “Installation of one lakh Shallow Tube wells for irrigation in the state of Assam under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) of NABARD” in Goalpara district of Assam. This scheme is focused in infrastructure development in rural areas, through which the standard of rural livelihood would be increased.

**National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** is the prime funder in this project. The project had an objective to install 1 lakh shallow tube wells in the non irrigated areas of Goalpara district. In the ongoing project, a total of 7132 applications for STWs have been received and 5817 applications have been approved by DLSC. Till now, 895 STWs have been installed in various parts of Goalpara district and 42 motivational camps also held regarding the benefits and usefulness of STWs, which can increase the productivity of our agricultural land. This project is still under process and will be completed with due time. The remote villages have been very much benefitted with the implementation of this project. The department of Agriculture of Goalpara district has played a very crucial role in making this project a success.

### **Implementation of Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)**

The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) implementation is an Externally Aided Project (EAP) implemented by Ajagar Social Circle for the Public Works Roads Department (PWRD) through the Assam State Road Board (ASRB) for resettling the affected population in the region due to construction of roads in Bongaigaon and Barpeta district. The total project cost was Rs. 67, 01,150.00 which was funded by the World Bank. The project agreement was signed on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2013. The project covered 3 packages, i.e. SH 2/5 from Chapaguri to Manas Bridge (Bongaigaon), SH 2/6 from Manas Bridge to Barpeta Medical College (Barpeta) and SH 2/6A from Udmari to Jania (Barpeta).

Under the project ASC play the role in the identification and verification of affected person, Post Design Consultation, accompanying and representing the EPs at the Grievance Committee Meeting, assisting the EPs and the District R&R Cells identify and negotiate for the new Land for Resettlement, assisting the eligible PAP to take advantage of the existing Government Housing and Employment Scheme, representing the EPs in Market value Assessment Committee, Inter-Agency Linkages for income Restoration and other R&R Services, Monitoring & Evaluation, Recommending for the improvement of R&R Services& documenting of Task Carried out by the NGO and Evaluation of the Achievement of RAP



The primary objective of RAP was to ensure that Project Affected Persons (PAPs), who have suffered any economic or physical displacement resulting from the Project, whether permanent or temporary, will be resettled in a socially responsible manner and according to good international practice. Awareness camps on Road safety and HIV/AIDS were conducted in all the major

places which were included in the packages to make the local people of the region aware about these consequences.



Another scheme was included in this project which is known as Livelihood Income Restoration Programme (LIRP) whose intention was to provide professional skill training to the affected persons through whom they could resume their livelihood in future. Computer training camps were held in Bheragaon (Barpeta) and Lengtisinga (Bongaigaon) to provide computer knowledge and training to the youth. Another training camp which was mainly focused on women participants to participate was weaving. Weaving training camp was held in Jania (Barpeta).

## Krishak Samriddhi (An Income Enhancement initiative):



Krishak Samriddhi project is funded by National bank for Agriculture and rural development and ASC got an opportunity to implement this project in Goalpara district. This scheme had an objective to enhance the average income of the selected villages by 60%. The villages selected for this project were Saplengkata, Tisimpur, Ketkibari, Thakurbhilla, Gosaigadhowa, Narayanpara, Jagonapara, Hatighopa and Kisoridubi.

Areas in which this project focused were to enhance gross income, reduce costs and to stabilize income. Interventions of the project were to provide agricultural support to the farmers of the villages by providing HYV seeds and fertilizers to them, providing livestock support by encouraging them to invest in piggery and dairy farming in a commercial manner, water resource management by setting up Shallow Tube wells (STW), renovating natural streams and construction of ponds etc. were established in the villages. In this financial year, the natural streams have been renovated and irrigation has been increased in the villages. Piggeries and fisheries have been commercialized in large scale so that the villagers could increase their income up to maximum. The project is still under process and there is many more to be implemented.



## Ajagar Valley Academy



The legacy of Ajagar Valley Academy starts with the handover of Jupiter English School by the School Management Authority to give a proper shape and built up the institute as an ideal centre for learning. Since August 2007 Ajagar Social Circle tried its level best to uplift the school to an ideal one and during this process it has gained lots of experiences. The source of energy and the conviction to make the school as an ideal one derives from the community and their support in every step of its implementation.

Ajagar Social Circle believes that the responsibility to build up such an institution and fulfilling the aspiration of the community is one of the most delicate and prime factor. To make the institute as a centre of Excellency various steps are taken so far and road map has been drawn.

The School stands for comprehensive understanding and can feel the insight of human life and become competent enough to survive and prosper in the world with adequate & balance development in education, spiritual, moral, academic, physical, social and cultural aspects; & be a just citizen of our nation.

To fulfill the vision, the Ajagar Valley Academy facilitates an environment in which every student discovers and realizes his thrust area, ability, and potentiality. The school will provide the best of education possible within the ambit of its capacity and establish a noble relation among teachers, students, parents and other stakeholders attached with the teaching learning process.

The teaching learning methods will be based on the modern and latest one applicable and possible in respect of the ambit with due respect to the regional aspects followed by the heterogynous community belong to the same.

For an overall development and creating a sound and humanistic society the school aims at the development of the complete personality of its students by creating:

- An understanding and appreciation of India's rich culture heritage with a special attention towards regional themes, its value and relevance
- Develop a sense of integrity, ethics, and honesty with stern Self Respect & Value
- Leadership, with a sense of team work and fair play
- Create awareness towards environment & conservation of ecology
- Understanding the changing socio economic aspects and prepare for the future
- To be a good citizen in particular capable to project as a Global Citizen in general

At present the school has strength of 566 students and 60 teachers& supporting staff.

The World Environment Day, 5th June 2018 was observed in a grand way under the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". Under this programme, the teachers interacted with the students regarding environmental issues, cleanliness drive inside the school campus, placing indoor plants at school campus, demonstration of dustbins prepared by the students, distribution of seedlings to the students for plantation collaborating with social forestry. A procession was organised from AVA school premises to Agia Bazar and a street drama was also performed by the students of AVA on the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution".

During this year the achievement of HSLC examination is 100%. All total 13 students were appeared in the examination. In the Higher Secondary level; all total there are 23 students in Arts Stream and 13 in Science Stream. The success rate is 98%.

On 13.04.2018 at 11.00 am the Principal of AVA Mr. Hiranya Kumar Sarma attended "Celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June 2018: 'Beat Plastic Pollution' theme by National Green Corps "Eco clubs" of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change" to represent ECO CLUB of AVA. The meeting was held at Narmada Conference Hall, Jal Block, Ground Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, MoEF & CC on 13.04.2018.

The meeting highlighted and discussed on the theme “Beat Plastic Pollution”, the theme for World Environment 2018, and seeking cooperation from government, industry, communities, and individual to come together and explore sustainable alternative and urgently reduce the production and excessive use of single - use plastic polluting oceans, damaging marine life and threatening human health.

From 17.07.2018 to 23.07.2018 a workshop on ‘Boccia Games’ was organised at AVA to provide an exposure to the students and teachers to learn about the basic rules of the game. Considering it a summer camp was hosted in AVA on Boccia at district level. All total 67 students participated in this game incorporating 6 nearby schools. Each participant received Certificate for Participation and Prize for the successful one.

### **Ajagar Weaving**

By creating Wavers society, Ajagar Social Circle wanted to empower the traditional weavers and to protect and promote the indigenous designs and motives. Moreover it also organized training and exposure programme at different level with NEDFi and NABARD. Giving utmost importance to this sector Ajagar Social Circle put special attention on the following points.

1. To promote traditional weavers and to ensure a better livelihood through weaving.
2. To influence the new generation to be involved in weaving and maintain the traditional practices with value addition.
3. Conduct training programme and exposure visit to empower the weavers.
4. Encourage the weavers to work on cotton, eri and silk which have a high market value and thereby they will be able to earn considerably through it.
5. To upgrade the traditional looms to enhance the productivity.
6. Diversify and customize the product for an expended market.
7. Worked with natural color dyeing targeting the sensible section of the community.

### **Dairy Farming**

Considering the importance of Dairy Farming, Ajagar Social Circle maintaining a farm to provide training to the local people about Dairy Farming. The local farmers used to visit the dairy and get technical guidance for rearing cows.

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