

Annual Report 2025-26

Sowing Support Reaping Smiles

Empowering Children | Strengthening
Families | Transforming Communities

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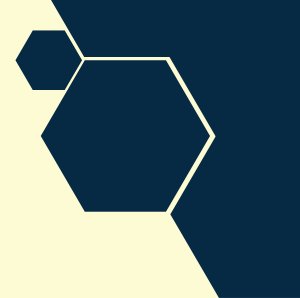


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About Ashajyoti

The Beginning of a light

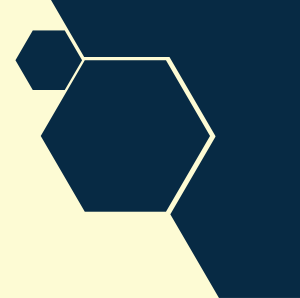
In many rural villages of Darrang District, children with disabilities often grow up quietly, away from classrooms, playgrounds, and opportunities to interact with the wider community. Many families once believed that little could be done to support their children, leaving parents to carry their concerns silently and struggle to find guidance or support. This reality led to a powerful realization: perhaps these children were not limited by their disabilities, but by the lack of opportunities and support around them.

As more conversations took place with families, similar stories continued to surface—children who had never attended school and parents who had never received proper guidance. Instead of accepting this situation, a small group of committed individuals decided to take action. They believed that with the right care, encouragement, and support, every child could learn and grow. From this belief, **Ashajyoti**—meaning **“Light of Hope”**—was born, beginning as a small initiative that has now grown into a mission dedicated to supporting children with disabilities and their families across communities.

The Birth of Ashajyoti – A Story of Hope

One afternoon in a small village of Darrang District, a mother quietly shared her concern about her child who rarely spoke, struggled to interact with others, and had never been to school. Like many parents in rural communities, she did not know where to seek help. As community visits continued, it became clear that her story was not unique. Many families were raising children with disabilities behind closed doors due to stigma, fear of judgment, and lack of awareness about available support. In 2014, an internal survey conducted across nearby villages revealed a concerning reality—more than 500 approx. children with different forms of disabilities were living in surrounding communities, most of whom had never received therapy, special education or professional guidance.

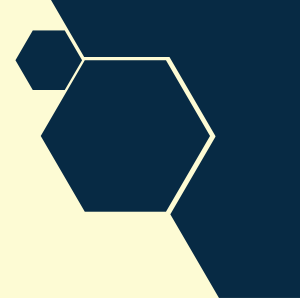
This discovery marked the beginning of a new journey. A small group of committed individuals came together with the belief that every child deserves dignity, opportunity, and care. They envisioned a supportive space where children with disabilities could access therapy, education, and encouragement to develop their abilities. From this vision, **Ashajyoti**—meaning **“Light of Hope”**—was born **under the Society Act, 1860**. What started as a humble initiative has grown into a community-centered organization providing **Physiotherapy, Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, Special education, Vocational readiness, Counseling session/Health camp for caregivers, Stakeholder engagement and Awareness programs**, while working to change community perceptions and promote inclusion so that every child has the chance to learn, grow, and shine.



Message from The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

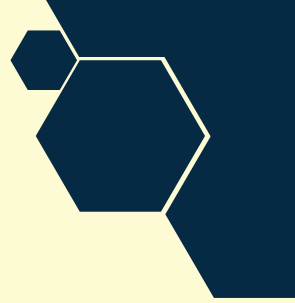


At Ashajyoti, we strongly believe that every child has unique abilities and deserves equal opportunities to learn, grow and live with dignity. Our journey since 2013 has been driven by compassion, commitment and the support of our community and partners. In the coming years, we aim to strengthen inclusive education, expand therapy and rehabilitation services, provided psychological and livelihood support to families, and reach more underserved areas across Assam. We envision Ashajyoti becoming a leading center of care and empowerment for children with disabilities, where every child can achieve their fullest potential and become an active part of society.



Legal Compliance

1	Societies Registration Act.1860 Registered Registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860
2	PAN Obtaining a Permanent Account Number for tax purposes
3	Niti Aayog Registering with the National Institution for Transforming India
4	RPwD Act. 2016 Registered Adhering to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act of 2016
5	12AA Registration Obtaining 12AA registration for income tax exemption
6	80G Registration Obtaining 80G registration for tax deductions
7	CSR1 Registered Complying with Corporate Social Responsibility guidelines
8	TIN Application Obtaining a Taxpayer Identification Number for tax purposes



Governing Body

Meet Our Board Members

**A passionate team
working together to
achieve great results.**

Teamwork makes
the dream work.



Jogendra Bania
Chairman



Pranjal Jyoti Nath
Vice-Chairman



Jayanta Barua
Member



Gita Rani Sarma
Member



**Dr. Nazneenara
F. Iliash**
Member



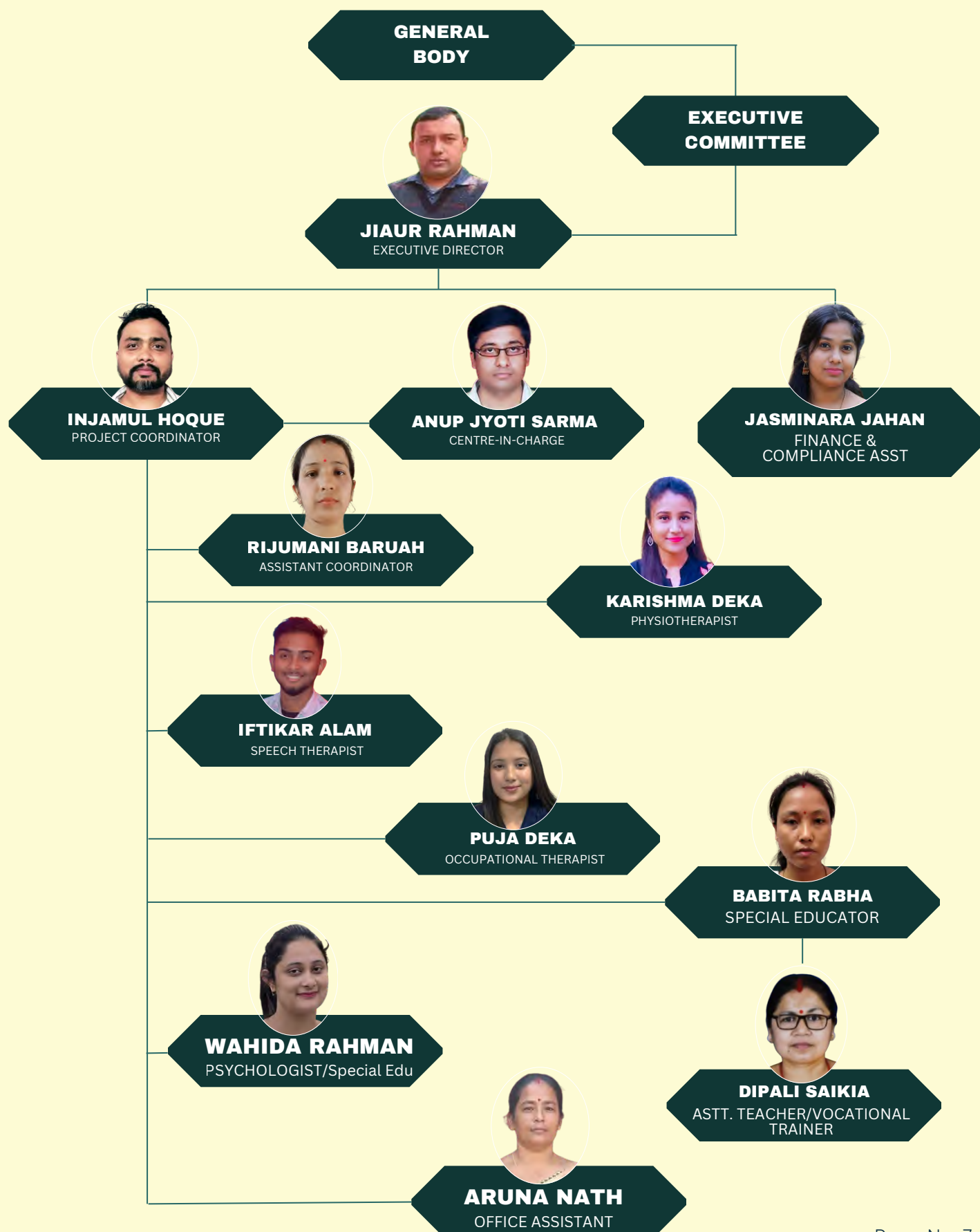
Rita Kalita
Member

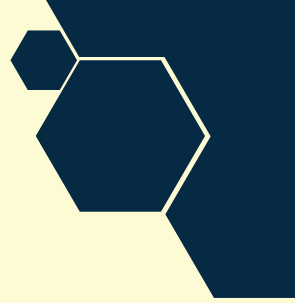


Jiaur Rahman
Executive Director



Structure of the Organization





Vision And Mission

Vision

“An inclusive society and an accessible world where each persons with disability lives with dignity.”

The vision of Ashajyoti is to build an inclusive society where persons with disabilities are reated equally and with respect. It dreams of an accessible world where schools, offices, roads and public places are easy for everyone to use. Ashajyoti wants to remove barriers discrimination faced by persons with disabilities. It believes that every person should get equal opportunities in education, work and social life. Through this Vision, Ashajyoti aims to ensure that each person with disability lives with dignity and self-respect.

Mission

“To ensure the wellbeing of Person with disabilities by enabling access to quality services, building community awareness and collaborating with stakeholders.”

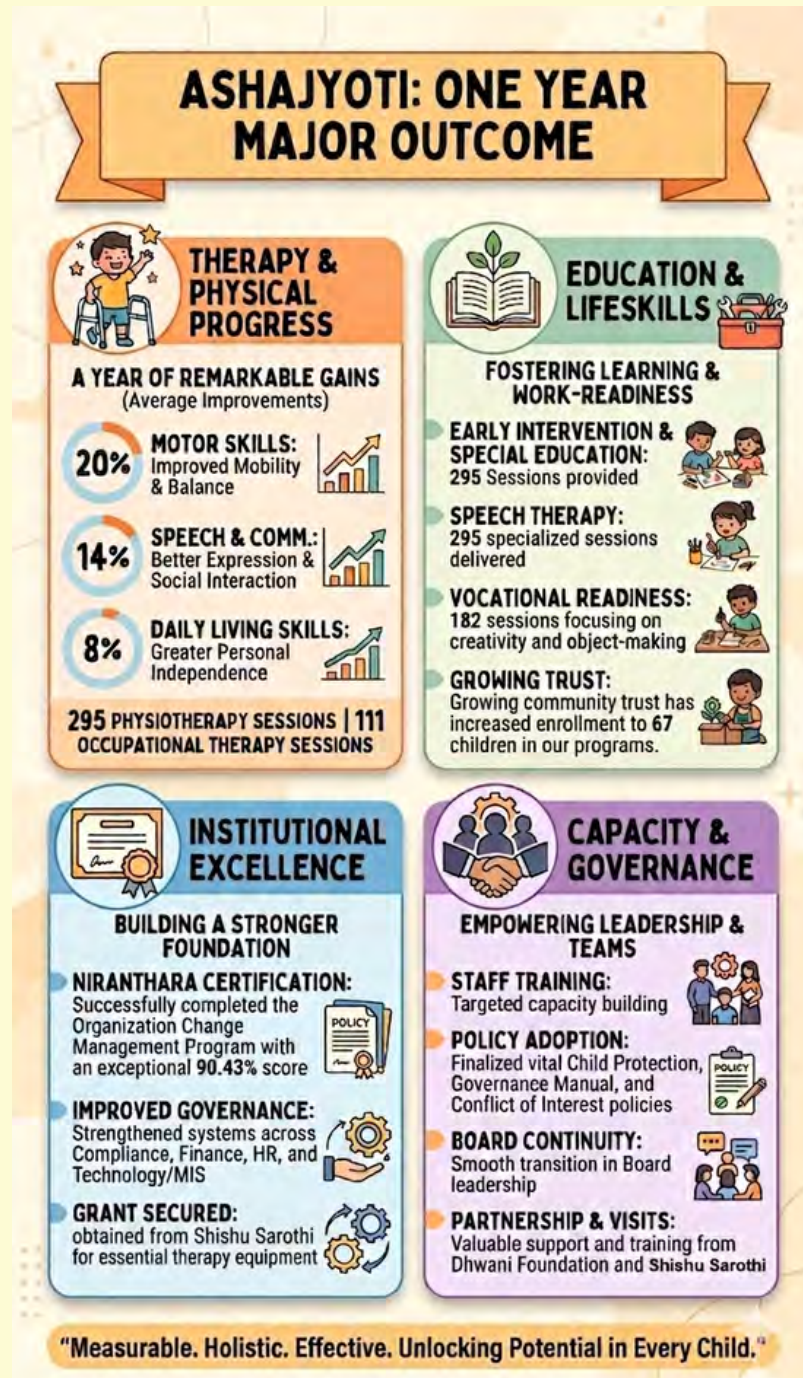
Ashajyoti has supported the wellbeing of persons with disabilities in every possible way. It works to provide access to quality services like education, therapy, and healthcare and skill development. The organization also builds awareness in the community so that people understand and respect the rights of persons with disabilities. Ashajyoti collaborates with families’ government department and other stalk holders to create better opportunities. Through these efforts, it helps persons with disabilities live safer, healthier and more independent lives.

Key Highlights

Building Strong Foundations for Lasting Change

Points are

- Strengthened service quality through staff training and exposure to best practices.
- Built strong organizational systems through capacity building and expert support.
- Enhanced governance by developing and implementing key institutional policies.
- Increased community trust, leading to higher enrollment in programs.
- Achieved measurable improvements in children's motor, communication, and daily living skills.
- Supported children's creativity and independence through vocational activities.
- Strengthened leadership and governance through board restructuring.
- Improved service delivery capacity with essential equipment support.
- Achieved institutional excellence with a 90.43% assessment score in organizational development.





Ashajyoti's Journey

Over the last 10 Years

Key Thematic Points

- **Foundation to Recognition (2014):**

Establishment of Ashajyoti, governance strengthening, legal partnerships, and national recognition marked the beginning of a structured and rights-based approach toward disability inclusion.

- **Rights, Resilience and Continuity (2018):**

Registration under disability rights frameworks and uninterrupted services during the pandemic highlighted organizational resilience and commitment to beneficiaries.

- **Partnerships and Expansion (2021):**

Strategic collaborations, CSR engagement, and expansion of services such as special education and occupational therapy strengthened outreach and quality.

- **Collaboration to Growth (2023):**

Regional partnerships and alignment with social justice principles accelerated Ashajyoti's movement toward systemic impact and community empowerment.

- **Capacity and Sustainability (2024–2025):**

Focus on institutional capacity building, leadership development, and partnerships reflects a shift toward long-term sustainability and organizational excellence.



Early Intervention

Theme of Work

Physiotherapy

Ashajyoti delivers Early Intervention Physiotherapy services six days a week for children aged 5 months to 11 years with developmental delays and disabilities. Annually, approximately 30–35 children benefit from structured, individualized therapy plans tailored to enhance mobility, muscle strength, and functional independence. Consistent therapeutic intervention has resulted in measurable improvements in physical abilities, confidence, and overall developmental outcomes. This program serves as a critical component of early childhood intervention, ensuring sustained support for children while empowering families through accessible and quality care.



Early Intervention

Theme of Work

Speech Therapy

Ashajyoti delivers Early Intervention Speech Therapy services as a key component of its rehabilitation program, addressing the communication needs of children with developmental delays and disabilities. Speech therapy is essential because many children face challenges in speaking, understanding language, expressing their needs, and interacting socially, which can impact their learning and overall development. Through structured and individualized therapy sessions, Ashajyoti focuses on improving speech clarity, language development, and both verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

Each year, approximately 30–37 children benefit from these services, receiving regular, need-based interventions tailored to their specific conditions. Early identification and consistent therapy help children overcome communication barriers, reducing frustration and enabling them to express themselves more effectively. As a result, many children demonstrate significant improvements in verbal expression, comprehension, and social interaction. This progress enhances their confidence, supports better participation in daily and educational activities, and promotes greater independence.



Early Intervention

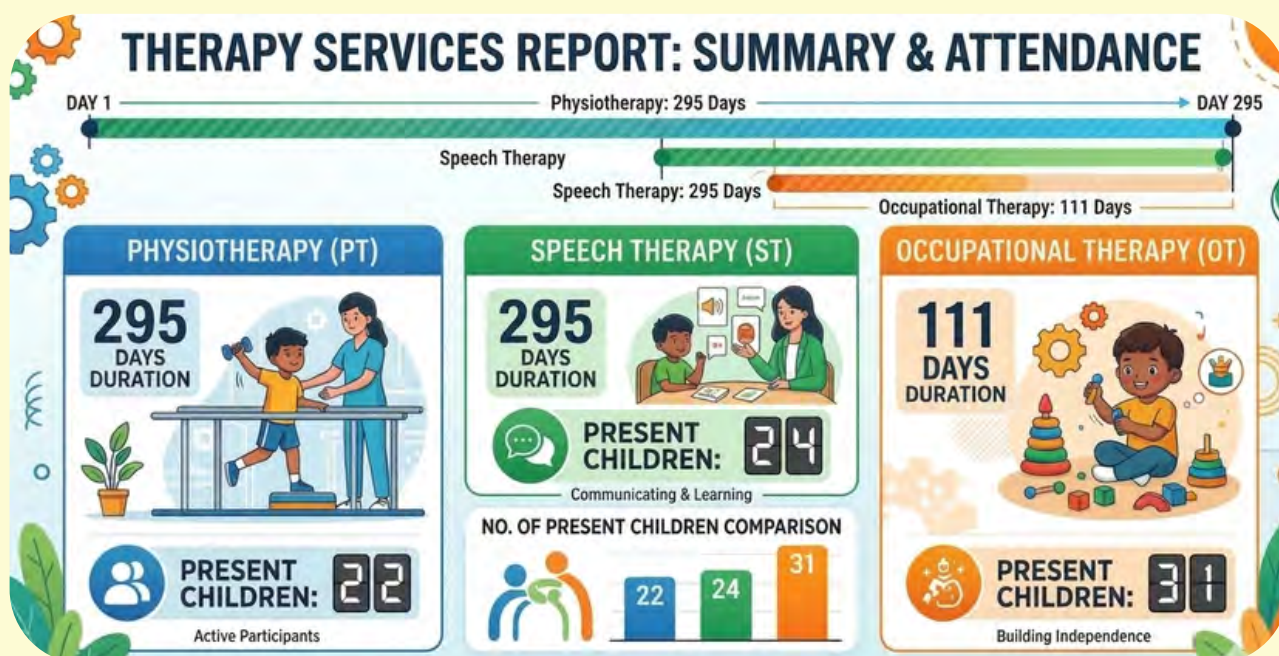
Theme of Work

Occupational Therapy

Ashajyoti provides Early Intervention Occupational Therapy services as part of its rehabilitation program to support children with developmental delays and disabilities in achieving functional independence. Occupational therapy is essential for children who face difficulties in daily activities such as self-care, fine motor skills, sensory processing, and coordination, which can affect their learning and participation in everyday life. Through structured and individualized therapy sessions, Ashajyoti focuses on improving hand functions, motor coordination, sensory integration, and daily living skills. Each year, approximately 30–35 children benefit from these services, receiving regular, need-based interventions tailored to their specific challenges. As a result, children show noticeable improvements in performing daily tasks independently, better concentration, enhanced motor skills, and increased participation in school and home activities. This service plays a crucial role in promoting independence, boosting confidence, and supporting the overall development and inclusion of children within their families and communities.



Early Intervention Services Progress Report



Ashajyoti provides regular early intervention services through physiotherapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy at its Early Intervention Center. Physiotherapy and speech therapy are conducted 24 days a month (six days a week), benefiting 22 and 24 children respectively, with good daily attendance and consistent engagement. Occupational therapy is conducted 8 days a month, with 31 children benefiting and strong participation in each session.

During the reporting period, a total of 295 physiotherapy days, 295 speech therapy days, and 111 occupational therapy days were conducted, reflecting Ashajyoti's commitment to delivering consistent, quality rehabilitation services and supporting the overall development of children with disabilities.

Special Education

Theme of Work

Ashajyoti runs a Special Education as part of its education initiative, providing structured learning and developmental support to children with disabilities who require individualized attention beyond mainstream settings. The school focuses on special education, early intervention, functional academics, and life skill training tailored to each child's abilities and needs. Over the past years, around 24-31 children are enrolled, receiving regular instruction and support from trained special educators. A special school is essential for children with disabilities as many face challenges in traditional classrooms due to learning difficulties, communication barriers, and the need for personalized teaching methods. Through individualized education plans, activity-based learning, and continuous assessment, children at Ashajyoti show improvements in cognitive abilities, communication, behavior, and daily living skills. This supportive environment helps build confidence, independence, and social interaction, ultimately enabling children to integrate better into family, school, and community life.





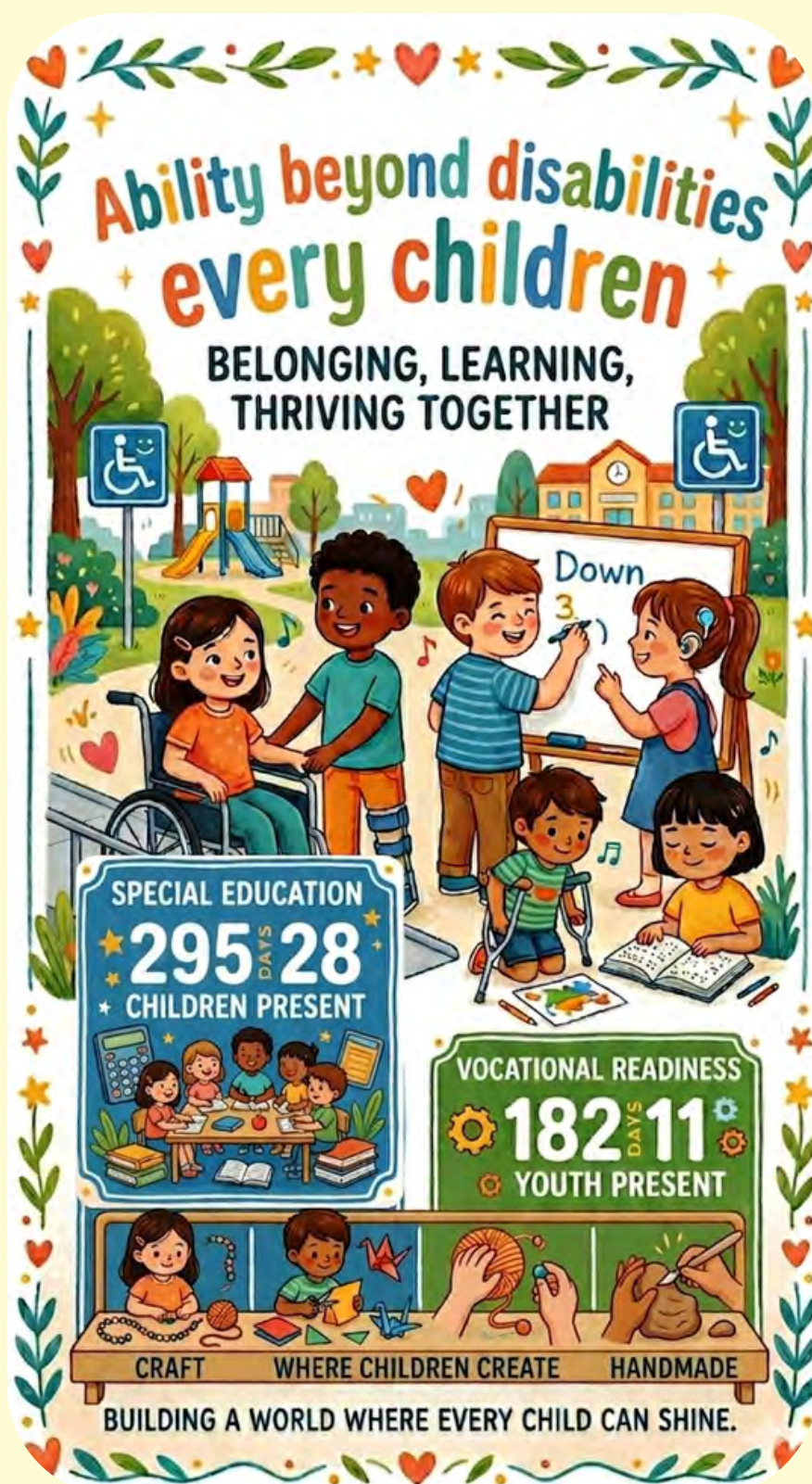
Vocational Readiness

Theme of Work

Ashajyoti provides Vocational Readiness support to children who qualify and progress to the pre-vocational stage, particularly those above 14 years who have completed or advanced through special education. This program focuses on developing practical life skills, basic crafts, and simple income-generating abilities tailored to each child's capacity, helping them move towards independent living. Currently, around 8–11 children are engaged in vocational readiness at the center. Vocational education is important for children with disabilities as it promotes self-reliance, builds confidence, and enhances their ability to participate meaningfully in society. Through this initiative, children develop hands-on skills, improve social interaction, and gain greater independence, enabling them to lead more dignified and productive lives.



When education meets real-life skills



Other Activities

Recreational and learning materials developed

Ashajyoti focused on developing recreational and learning materials to enhance the engagement and developmental progress of children with disabilities. The materials were designed and prepared by the special educators and support staff, based on the individual learning needs of the children. This initiative was important to make learning more interactive, enjoyable, and effective, especially for children who benefit from play-based and activity-oriented approaches. Against a planned target of 30 materials, the team successfully developed 33 recreational and learning materials, ensuring a wider range of tools to support cognitive, social, and motor skill development.



Other Activities

Health and Wellness Initiatives

Under the activity of Regular Health Check-ups, Ashajyoti conducted 4 structured health camps in collaboration with Swagat Hospital, Guwahati and with specialized support from Dr. Munindra Medhi, who visited the campus. These camps, led by medical professionals and supported by Ashajyoti's staff and therapists, ensured timely monitoring, early diagnosis, and guidance for both children and caregivers.



Each camp reached an average of 35 children, with free medicines distributed and caregivers benefiting from counselling and care support. This initiative played a vital role in improving the overall health and therapeutic progress of the children, with support from Roots to Branches Foundation.

Other Activities

Care-Giving and Home-based Support Initiatives

Ashajyoti strengthened families' ability to deliver effective Home-Based Therapy (HBT) through training and continuous support funded by APF and Roots to Branches Foundation. A total of 5 caregiver training programmes and 12 monthly meetings were conducted by special educators, therapists, and rehabilitation professionals to build practical skills and address challenges. Additionally, 155 home visits provided personalized guidance and hands-on demonstrations, helping parents confidently implement therapy at home. To further support their social and emotional well-being, 2 counselling sessions were conducted by clinical psychologists to assess and support caregivers' mental health. This integrated approach ensured continuity of care and empowered caregivers to actively contribute to their child's development.



Other Activities

Awareness, Inclusion & Community Engagement Activities

Ashajyoti celebrated 15 observation days with caregivers and children with disabilities (CwD), including Bihu, Children's Day, Disability Day, and Foundation Day, to promote inclusion, joyful engagement, and community bonding. Additionally, 9 awareness programmes were conducted across schools, villages, and through street plays, with support from the District Legal Services Authority, focusing on disability rights, inclusion, and early intervention.



Other Activities

Capacity Building & Exposure Visits

Ashajyoti conducted exposure visit and multiple capacity-building initiatives to strengthen staff and institutional effectiveness. On 5th May 2025, staff visited Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre, Duliajan, gaining practical insights into advanced rehabilitation practices, now integrated into service delivery. A 10-months organizational development program with Dhvani Foundation has enhanced governance, compliance, and strategic planning. Staff also benefited from specialized trainings on program planning, fundraising, MIS and neurodiversity-focused interventions, along with capacity-building support from Azim Premji Foundation. These learnings have been translated into improved documentation, structured systems, enhanced therapy planning, and stronger program monitoring, leading to better quality of care and organizational efficiency.



Other Activities

Celebration Observation Day

Ashajyoti actively observed key national and social occasions through inclusive celebrations that promoted participation, confidence, and community bonding among children with disabilities and their families. Major events included World Disability Day cum Foundation Day, festive celebrations like Magh Bihu (Pre-Bihu) and Saraswati Puja, recreational activities such as a picnic at Kapurpori, and awareness-driven observances like Earth Day, International Yoga Day, Independence Day, and Children's Day. These events saw active engagement of over 60+ children and 45+ parents, fostering social inclusion and cultural learning. A key achievement was participation in an inclusive sports event in Guwahati, where 6 out of 8 students won medals, including 2 Gold and 4 Silver, reflecting growing confidence, physical ability, and competitive spirit among the children.



Progress of Child Development

Ashajyoti's holistic therapy and special education interventions have resulted in measurable and meaningful progress among children with disabilities, reflected in an average 8.64% improvement in Daily Living Skills, enabling greater independence in routine self-care activities, 14.55% improvement in Speech and Communication Skills, enhancing expression, understanding, and social interaction, and 20.13% improvement in Fine and Gross Motor Skills, demonstrating significant gains in mobility, coordination, balance, and physical confidence. These outcomes highlight the effectiveness of Ashajyoti's integrated approach in empowering children to lead more independent and confident lives.



Success Stories



At just 8 months old, **Kritika Bora** came to Ashajyoti unable to sit, stand, walk, or speak. Her parents were filled with worry—but hope was not lost. With two years of dedicated physiotherapy and speech therapy, Kritika's journey transformed beautifully. Today, she can stand, walk, and even run independently. She plays joyfully and expresses herself with confidence. Kritika's story is a powerful reminder that early intervention and the right support can change a child's life.

Success Stories



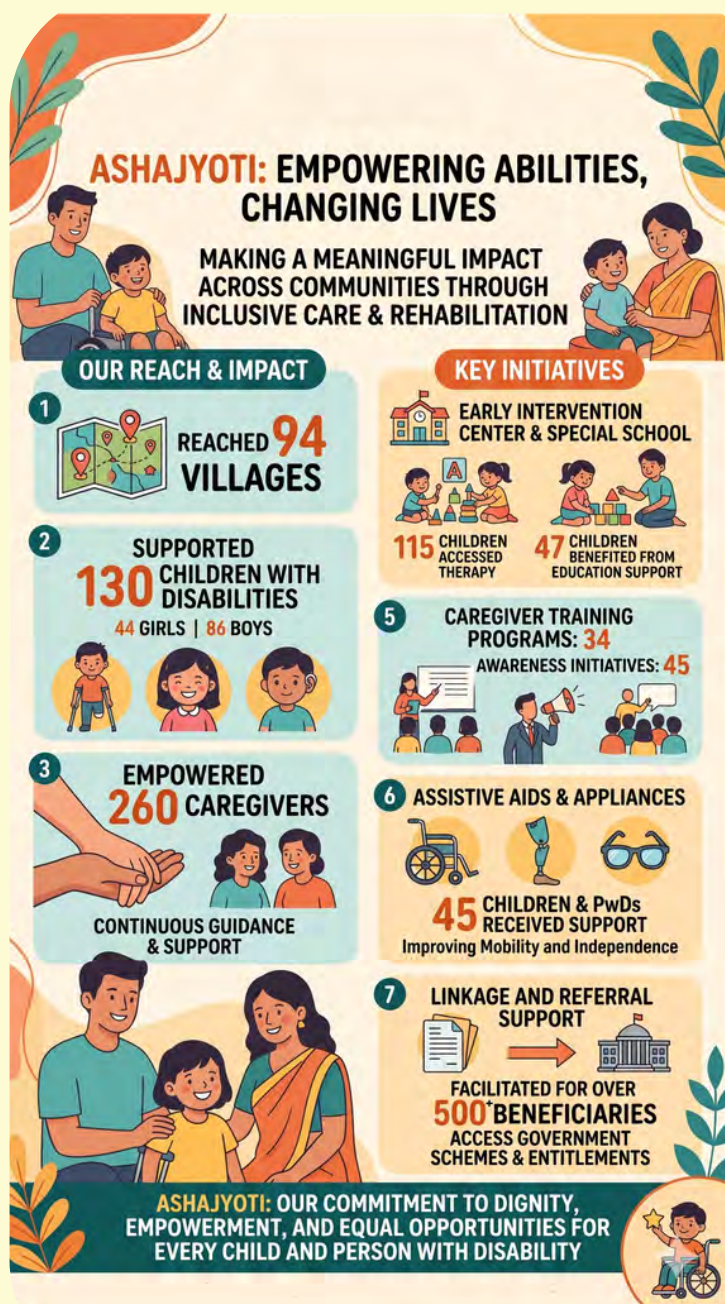
Ritushmin Kalita from Mangaldai came to Ashajyoti at age 5 with Cerebral Palsy (C.P.), facing challenges in movement, communication, and learning. His parents were worried—but determined. With consistent support through Physiotherapy, Speech therapy, Occupational therapy and special education, Ritushmin made steady progress. Today, he can read, write, and express his thoughts with confidence.

A remarkable milestone—he has secured admission to Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mangaldai.

His journey shows that with the right support, every child can move towards independence and inclusion.

Overall success of Ashajyoti

Over the years, Ashajyoti has become a strong support system for children with disabilities (CwDs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through inclusive care and rehabilitation services. Ashajyoti has reached 94 villages, supporting 130 children with disabilities (44 females and 86 males) and empowering 260 caregivers through continuous guidance and training. Through its Early Intervention Center and Special School, 115 children accessed therapy services and 47 children benefited from educational support. Ashajyoti also conducted 34 caregiver training programs and 45 awareness initiatives, while 45 children and PwDs received assistive aids and appliances. Additionally, over 500+ beneficiaries were linked with government schemes and entitlements, reflecting Ashajyoti's commitment to inclusion and dignity.



Testimonials

15/11/25
Thank you for letting us know about an organization like Ashajyoti. It is so bright & shining with love, care, and inclusion. We look forward to Ashajyoti's team and really special thanks for each.

Regards, Chandra, Son

2/11/25
A very wonderful team with excellent coordination in working towards an inclusive world. We are very appreciative of the work done by Ashajyoti in supporting the needs of children with disabilities. We are glad to see the growth of the organization and the support it provides to the children and their families. We look forward to the future of Ashajyoti.

Best wishes,
Bally Bhakti
Secret, Chandra, Kirti Charitable Trust, Agartala

The team, the staff, all of the workers & especially the children are truly engaged in some wonderful, heart-changing projects. We are truly inspired by their commitment to inclusive development. Thank you for your service & support to this district. We look forward to seeing you in the future and we will be sure to let you know if it still works for a long, long time. We are glad to see you again. Love, Son, 15/11/25

Love, Son, 15/11/25
DARSHAN DAS
TANU DAS
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04/02/2024
Visited Ashajyoti (NGO) at Sipahon Assam. Today - my wife and friend. It is really very heartening to see so many children & various physical and mental challenges. Ashajyoti is taking a real care for the improvement of these specially abled children. I wish the organizers of Ashajyoti a very healthy and happy life by working in this organization.

04/2/24
(Dr. A.C. Hazarika)

15/05/25
Ashajyoti is an incredible journey. Keep up the good work.

15/5/25
So happy & inspired by the good work done by Team & team. Will try and much as possible to support in the future. in the future.

14/7/25
Visit from Bhuvani Foundation. (Ashish Phorai). It was indeed a very good experience seeing the team of Ashajyoti working so hard, practically for such a good cause. I believe they will excel in all parameters under the Niranthara Program too.

13.09.25
What Ashajyoti does is an incredible. It is a blessing for the children, family, and the community. I wish the team all the best and I am leaving the center inspired. We all need such humane touch, love, care, and intervention in our lives.

Best Manager, Prag. Implementation D, F.

Done by requests
Tashi, NFI.

22nd May, 2024
Ms. Sharda Kumari and A. (Anjali Lakshy) visited Ashajyoti to support their work from Porona IAS Officers' Wives Association. We both were very humbled to see the work by the team, interacted with the children and also the parents. Please keep on this work. It requires lot of strength, skill, knowledge and patience. We wish all these to you. We wish more support and collaborations from many other individuals and organisations.

Best wishes,
Anjali Lakshy
Secretary, Porona IASOVA

19.9.2022
I am lucky to have met the team of Ashajyoti. They are truly engaged in some wonderful, heart-changing projects. We are truly inspired by their commitment to inclusive development. Thank you for your service & support to this district. We look forward to seeing you in the future and we will be sure to let you know if it still works for a long, long time. We are glad to see you again. Love, Son, 15/11/25

23/09/2022
I wish the best to the committed and dedicated team and truly appreciate their work. There will be a great support of this work in the future for sure.

Best wishes,
Sanku
Enam, Union, Dima Hasar, Assam



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SIPAJHAR, DIST: DARRANG, ASSAM-784145

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2026

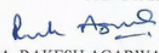
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
GENERAL FUND		FIXED ASSETS	
Opening Balance	4,33,660.62	(As per Schedule "B")	4,82,501.00
Add : Excess of Income over Expenditure		CURRENT ASSETS	
Transferred from I & E Account	<u>1,15,556.52</u>	Fixed Deposit	14,90,300.00
	5,49,217.14	Accrued interest on FD	17,241.00
PROJECT FUND	15,05,670.00	TDS Payable	2,020.00
(As per Schedule "A")		Advances	(2,020.00)
		Cash at bank	64,799.14
		Cash in Hand	<u>46.00</u>
			15,72,386.14
TOTAL (Rs.)	<u>20,54,887.14</u>	TOTAL (Rs.)	<u>20,54,887.14</u>

Schedule I- Notes on account & Significant Accounting Policies

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
ASHAJYOTI

PLACE : GUWAHATI
DATE : 18/05/2026

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
FOR: H.K.AGARWALA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN-319293E


CA. RAKESH AGARWALA
PARTNER
MEMBERSHIP NO : 061726



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SIPAJHAR, DIST: DARRANG, ASSAM-784145

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2026
GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To <u>Other Project Expenditure (Sch H)</u>		By Donation & Contribution	35,151.00
NABARD	1,14,700.00	" Fee received	3,61,600.00
" <u>Administrative Expenses</u>		" Bank interest	4,328.00
Bank Charges	3,787.48	" FD Interest	17,241.00
Meeting Expenses	9,680.00	" NABARD LMS	3,88,417.00
Office rent	58,480.00	" DLSA-Darang	2,381.00
Office Utilities	59,915.00		
Printing & Stationery	14,264.00		
Professional Fees	1,84,336.00		
Programme & Celebrations	55,545.00		
Refreshment	5,474.00		
Staff Salaries & Honorarium	1,43,827.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	77,164.00		
Training Expenses	5,000.00		
Travelling & Conveyance	28,550.00		
	6,46,022.48		
" Depreciation	1,50,364.00	" Excess of Expenditure over Income c/d	1,01,968.48
Total (Rs.)	9,11,086.48	Total (Rs.)	9,11,086.48
To Excess of Expenditure over Income b/d	1,01,968.48	By Addition to Fixed Assets out of Project Fund	2,20,550.00
" Transfer from General Fund	3,138.00	" Transfer to General Fund	113.00
" Net Surplus Transferred to General Fund	1,15,556.52		
Total (Rs.)	2,20,663.00	Total (Rs.)	2,20,663.00

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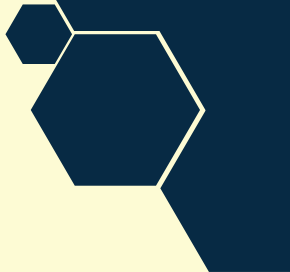
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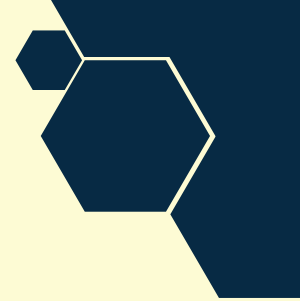
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Our Partners





**Thank You for being part of
Ashajyoti's journey towards an inclusive and
empowered society**

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