

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On July 3, 2025, the children from Snehalaya Boys Home Dhirenpara, proudly represented Sonaram Higher Secondary School in the Inter-school Football Tournament held in Guwahati. The event brought together several reputed schools from across the city, providing a platform for young players to display their sportsmanship and talent. In their first match, Sonaram H.S School faced Dakshin Guwahati H.S School and secured a 1-0 victory through strong



teamwork and determination. In the next match against Garpati Boruah H.S School, the boys put up a spirited fight but lost 3-0. Despite the defeat, the experience proved invaluable, teaching them lessons of resilience and teamwork. The participation of the Snehalaya boys was a proud moment for both their school and home, as they demonstrated dedication, discipline, and the true spirit of the game.



SUMMER VACATION 2025

From 1-31 July 2025, Snehalaya, Paltan Bazar observed its summer vacation period, during which the boys actively participated in a range of educational and recreational activities. The vacation blended learning and fun through spoken English classes, music lessons, hobby practices, and indoor game competitions. A special evening get-together at the end of the month provided a platform for the boys to showcase their talents through songs and dances, along with party games and brain-teasing activities. The celebration concluded with the distribution of gifts and prizes. Overall, the vacation fostered creativity, confidence, teamwork, and joyful learning among the children.



HEALTH CHECK-UP AT AUXILIUM SNEHALAYA



On 8th July 2025, a medical health check-up was organized at Auxilium Snehalaya, Noonmati, by the East Guwahati State Dispensary, Chandmari (RBSK). The program aimed to ensure the health and well-being of the children residing in the home. A dedicated team of medical professionals carried out thorough health examinations and offered valuable guidance on personal hygiene and healthy living habits. The children also learned about the importance of frequent medical check-ups and maintaining a balanced diet for a healthy lifestyle. This initiative successfully promoted health awareness and ensured that each child received proper medical attention and care, contributing to their overall growth and well-being.

CLEANLINESS AWARENESS PROGRAM



On 30th July 2025, an awareness program on cleanliness was organized at Auxilium Snehalaya by the interns from Assam Downtown University. The main objective of the program was to educate girls about hygiene and healthy habits. During the session, the interns highlighted the importance of maintaining personal hygiene, keeping the surroundings clean, and washing hands regularly to prevent illnesses. The girls participated enthusiastically, sharing their own ideas and experiences about cleanliness and health. The program successfully created awareness and motivated the girls to follow good hygiene practices in their daily lives, promoting a cleaner, healthier, and more responsible environment.

TRANSFER OF CHILDREN FROM GUWAHATI TO TINSUKIA

On 10th August 2025, four children were safely transferred from Guwahati to Tinsukia District for placement under the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Tinsukia. The transfer operation was jointly coordinated by the Child line officers, rescue team officers from Snehalaya, and a lady case worker from Auxilium Snehalaya. The Director of Snehalaya ensured that all safety measures were taken to guarantee the children's protection, comfort, and well-being during the journey. The team successfully escorted the children without any difficulties, maintaining proper care and supervision throughout. On 11th August 2025, the children were formally handed over to CWC Tinsukia.



EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL TRIP TO ACCOLAND

On 13th August 2025, an educational and recreational trip to Accoland was organized for the children of Ila Snehalaya, Snehalaya Boy's Home, Dhirenpara, and the Snehalaya Paltanbazar. The main objective of the visit was to provide the children with an opportunity for relaxation, learning, and social exposure beyond their usual routine. The children spent an enjoyable day at Accoland, participating in various fun-filled and team-based activities that encouraged cooperation, friendship, and joy. During their journey,



they made a short visit to the Indian Red Cross Society, where they learned about the organization's humanitarian work and its contribution to community welfare. The trip proved to be both educational and refreshing, offering valuable experiences and lasting memories for all participants.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



On 15th August 2025, Independence Day was solemnly and joyfully celebrated across all five Snehalaya homes by the children and staff with great enthusiasm and patriotic pride. The programme included flag hoisting, rendition of the National Anthem, patriotic songs, cultural performances, march pasts, yoga and dance presentations, and

inspirational speeches by the children emphasizing the values of freedom, unity, and responsibility. Drawing competitions were organised to encourage creative expression of patriotism, and children dressed in traditional attire, enhancing the spirit of the occasion. The celebration fostered a sense of national pride, unity, and togetherness among all.



WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

On 10th September 2025, an awareness program on "World Suicide Prevention Day" was organized at Auxilium Snehalaya. The session was conducted by Ms. Naznin, a Counselling Psychologist, with the aim of educating and supporting girls on mental health and emotional well-being. During the program, Ms. Naznin highlighted the importance of understanding one's feelings, seeking help during difficult times, and showing care and empathy towards others. The girls participated actively and learned practical ways to stay positive and support their friends. The session created meaningful awareness about mental health and encouraged a safe, open, and supportive environment for expressing emotions and building inner strength.



CHILD FRIENDLY CFG NEWS GUWAHATI

CFG SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp 2025 was joyfully organized on 5 July 2025 at South Point School, Barsapara by the Lions Club in collaboration with Snehalaya - Child Friendly Guwahati. Over 100 children participated enthusiastically. The programme was supported by Fr. Jerbasuis Xalxo, Assistant Director, Snehalaya, and inaugurated by Mr. Rakesh Ghosh (Lions Club), with a welcome address by Mr. Alphonse Mardi. Children actively engaged in sessions led by Keeyan Agarwal, Khushboo Agarwal, Jeet, Ratika Goyal, and Pallabi. The camp boosted children's confidence, creativity, teamwork, and learning. Gifts and refreshments provided to the children added to their joy, motivation, and overall positive experience, supporting their holistic development.



WORKSHOP ON CHILD RIGHTS

On 26 July 2025, Snehalaya - Child Friendly Guwahati organized a Learning and Sharing Workshop on Child Rights in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University, Sonapur, for CFG staff and social educators. The workshop emphasized self-reflection, professional growth, educational inequalities, and practical application of child rights under the UNCRC through interactive sessions and case studies.



The programme featured insightful sessions by Father James Xalxo on social worker competencies and Mr. Subhrangshu Dhar on educational inequalities. Addressing the gathering, Father Jerbasuis Xalxo highlighted the importance of continuous learning in child care. The workshop strengthened child-centered practices, enhanced empathy and analytical skills, and reinforced a rights-based approach, empowering staff to better protect vulnerable children.

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING

On 30 July 2025, the Child Rescue Team of Snehalaya Child Friendly Guwahati, in collaboration with the Government Railway Police (GRP), conducted an awareness programme at Guwahati Railway Station to mark the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The team engaged with porters and passengers, emphasizing vigilance and timely reporting of suspicious activities. Special focus was given to long-distance trains heading towards high-risk destinations. The programme enhanced awareness among railway users, strengthened coordination with GRP, and promoted collective responsibility, contributing to improved prevention and early detection of human trafficking cases.



A MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOP

On 11 August 2025, Snehalaya - Child Friendly Guwahati organized a motivational workshop titled "Recharging Hearts, Renewing Purpose" at the Centre for Child Rights, Paltanbazar. The session was facilitated by Fr. V. M. Thomas, Founder of Child Friendly Guwahati, and was attended by social workers, coordinators, and project staff. The programme focused on renewing hope, strengthening inner resilience, and reaffirming the purpose of social educators through reflections, videos, and real-life examples. The workshop re-energized participants, deepened their commitment to child-centered work, and inspired them to serve as consistent sources of hope and guidance for vulnerable children, strengthening their role as changemakers in the community.



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On 12 August 2025, International Youth Day was observed across all Child Friendly Guwahati Centres, engaging over 450 adolescents in meaningful and interactive activities. The programme focused on youth empowerment by creating awareness on leadership, responsible citizenship, and drug abuse prevention. Activities such as poster and drawing competitions, youth-led speeches, and group discussions encouraged creativity, confidence, and critical thinking.



Coordinators motivated the adolescents through brotherly and sisterly life guidance, inspiring them to believe in themselves and dream big. The observance amplified youth voices, strengthened self-awareness and positive decision-making, and reinforced CFG's commitment to nurturing resilient, informed, and socially responsible young changemakers. Refreshments distributed at the end added to the joyful spirit of the programme.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm across all Child Friendly Guwahati (CFG) Centres. The programme included flag hoisting, patriotic songs, dances, cultural performances, and speeches, organized in collaboration with schools, parents, local youth groups, and community leaders. Children actively participated through patriotic dance performances, drawing and art activities, group singing, and inspiring speeches by social workers, reflecting strong national pride and unity.



Adding special cheer, Assamese actress Borokha Rani Bikhoya joined the celebration at one CFG centre, bringing immense joy and excitement among the children.

The celebrations strengthened civic consciousness, patriotism, and community bonding among children and community members. Distribution of refreshments and tricolour caps at the end further enhanced the festive spirit and happiness of the children.



COUNSELING SESSION

On 30 August 2025, a training session titled "Counseling Unlocked: Skills, Ethics, and Self-Care" was conducted at Snehalaya, Paltanbazar for social educators, coordinators, and frontline staff of Child Friendly Guwahati. The session was facilitated by Binita Sharma and focused on strengthening counseling skills, ethical practices, mental health awareness, and self-care. Through interactive discussions, case studies, and practical tools, participants gained insights into effective counseling approaches, ethical decision-making, and referral mechanisms.



The training enhanced participants' confidence and ethical clarity, improved their ability to identify emotional distress, and emphasized the importance of self-care and burnout prevention. Overall, the session contributed to strengthening the quality of psychosocial support provided to children and families.



TEACHERS' DAY

On 5 September 2025, Teachers' Day was celebrated at Snehalaya, Paltan Bazar by Child Friendly Guwahati and Snehalaya to honour social educators and staff. The programme was hosted by Ms. Alfrien Alam Borah and graced by Mr. Lukose Cheruvalel, Director, and Mr. Sebastian, who reflected on the legacy of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the vital role of teachers as mentors and guides. Mr. Bijoy Nath, Cluster Coordinator, appreciated the educators for their long-standing dedication and service.



Social educators were felicitated, followed by joyful activities and a shared meal. Across CFG centres, children expressed gratitude through handmade cards and small gifts. The celebration boosted morale, strengthened unity, and reaffirmed educators' commitment to nurturing and guiding children with care and purpose.



CFG WAY FORWARD

On 1 September 2025, Child Friendly Guwahati launched its new programme phase at Snehalya Centre for Child Rights, marking the three-year grant renewal (2025-2028) by the Azim Premji Foundation. The programme began with reflections and a thanksgiving prayer by Sr. Mariam Kindo, Project Manager (CFG-2), followed by an inspiring address by Fr. Lukose Cheruvalel, Director, who congratulated the team and encouraged a shift from service delivery to changemaking.



Ms. Jyotirmoyee Bhuyan, Project Manager (CFG-1) presented the way forward, while Mr. Fema, HR, facilitated a SWOT session.

The launch renewed collective vision, clarified roles under CFG-1 and CFG-2, strengthened accountability, and energized the team for sustained, child-centered, community-driven impact over the next three years.



RESCUE DEPARTMENT

From July to September 2025, the CFG Child Rescue Team, led by Mrs. Huiem Zeena (Rescue Coordinator) along with Mr. Raju Mahanta and Mr. Jay Das, successfully rescued 17 children across Guwahati in collaboration with the District Task Force (DTC) and local authorities. The rescued children included 16 boys aged 12-17 years engaged in child labour and one 16-year-old girl who was a victim of abuse. Following due legal procedures, all children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). As a result, the 16 boys were safely restored to their families, while the girl was placed in protective care at Seven Sister Home, Bhagadattapur, Kahilipara, Guwahati, Assam. The intervention ensured the children's safety, legal protection, and access to appropriate rehabilitation and care.



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