

NEWSLETTER

**DARJEELING MARY
WARD SOCIAL CENTRE**

**APRIL - JUNE
2026**



Highlights:

10 APRIL 2026 – CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR FIELD STAFF

DMWSC ORGANIZED A CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING AT ITS OFFICE FOR ALL FIELD STAFF, STRENGTHENING THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, ENHANCING TEAM COORDINATION, AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS.



14 APRIL 2026 – DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DMWSC OBSERVED DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF 92 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTED HIS VISION OF EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT WHILE ENCOURAGING PARTICIPANTS TO UPHOLD CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES.



20 APRIL 2026 – INTERNSHIP COMPLETION CEREMONY

NINE INTERNS—TWO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND SEVEN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SALESIAN COLLEGE, SILIGURI – SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR INTERNSHIP AT DMWSC. CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATION AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION.



22 APRIL 2026 – EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

DMWSC CELEBRATED EARTH DAY WITH 77 PARTICIPANTS, PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INSPIRING COMMUNITIES TO ADOPT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES FOR A HEALTHIER AND GREENER FUTURE.



1 MAY 2026 – LABOUR DAY OBSERVATION

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY WAS OBSERVED WITH 65 PARTICIPANTS, RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY OF LABOUR AND APPRECIATING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORKERS TOWARD COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



11 MAY 2026 – SAFEGUARDING MONITORING VISIT
MISS BISHAKHA SEN AND MRS RITA MUKAHRJEE VISITED DMWSC'S PROJECT AREAS FOR A SAFEGUARDING MONITORING VISIT, INTERACT WITH BENEFICIARIES, AND REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF ONGOING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.



Highlights:

12-13 MAY 2026 – REUSABLE SANITARY PAD MAKING TRAINING

THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT PROJECT CONDUCTED A TWO-DAY TRAINING FOR WOMEN AND SHG MEMBERS, PROMOTING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS AND TEACHING REUSABLE SANITARY PAD MAKING TO ENCOURAGE SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND ECO-FRIENDLY MENSTRUAL PRACTICES.



22 MAY 2026 – EYE CHECK-UP CAMP

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BAGDOGRA GREATER LIONS CLUB, DMWSC ORGANIZED AN EYE CHECK-UP CAMP AT FULBARI TEA ESTATE, PROVIDING FREE EYE SCREENING SERVICES AND PROMOTING AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE HEALTH AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



21 MAY 2026 – CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON MOMO MAKING

A SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON MOMO MAKING WAS CONDUCTED FOR 11 BENEFICIARIES, EQUIPPING PARTICIPANTS WITH PRACTICAL CULINARY SKILLS TO ENHANCE LIVELIHOOD AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.



25, 26, 27 & 29 MAY 2026 – MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT (MHM) DAY

TO MARK MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY, AWARENESS PROGRAMMES WERE CONDUCTED ACROSS ALL MHM PROJECT AREAS, WITH 457 PARTICIPANTS, PROMOTING SAFE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRACTICES, BREAKING TABOOS, AND ENCOURAGING OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH.



28 MAY 2026 – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

A WORKSHOP ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, FACILITATED BY MR. BINOD PERIWA, EQUIPPED STAFF WITH PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE TO STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY.



30-31 MAY 2026 – CHILDREN'S GROUP CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING

A TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL TRAINING WAS ORGANIZED AT HIMCORCE BHAWAN FOR CHILDREN'S GROUPS, WITH 57 CHILDREN, FOCUSING ON CHILD RIGHTS, CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT, THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS), AND CHILD-LED ADVOCACY TO NURTURE YOUNG LEADERS.



Highlights:

31 MAY 2026 – FELICITATION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

DMWSC HONoured STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE CLASS 10 AND CLASS 12 BOARD EXAMINATIONS, RECOGNIZING THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION WITH CONFIDENCE.



30–31 MAY 2026 – CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR AGGS

MRS. ANITA LEPCHA CONDUCTED A TWO-DAY CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS' GROUPS (AGGS) FROM TEA GARDENS, EQUIPPING PARTICIPANTS WITH SKILLS IN MAKING HAND-KNITTED MUFLERS AND BAGS TO PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES.



5 JUNE 2026 – WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WAS CELEBRATED THROUGH AWARENESS ACTIVITIES PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE LIVING, AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES.



10 JUNE 2026 – VISIT BY UDAYANI NGO

REPRESENTATIVES FROM UDAYANI NGO, KOLKATA, VISITED THE DMWSC OFFICE AND PROJECT FIELD AREAS TO LEARN ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION'S INITIATIVES, EXCHANGE IDEAS, AND EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION.



12 JUNE 2026 – WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

DMWSC OBSERVED THE WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR BY RAISING AWARENESS ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION, AND THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOUR IN ALL FORMS.



13 JUNE 2026 – PROVINCIAL LEADER'S VISIT

PROVINCIAL LEADER SR. MONICA SUCHIANG VISITED DMWSC AND INTERACTED WITH THE STAFF, APPRECIATING THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR MISSION WITH DEDICATION AND COMPASSION.



Highlights:

21 JUNE 2026 – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY WAS OBSERVED TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL FITNESS, MENTAL WELL-BEING, AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, ENCOURAGING PARTICIPANTS TO INCORPORATE YOGA INTO THEIR DAILY ROUTINES.



21 JUNE 2026 – CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP

A CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP WAS CONDUCTED FOR STUDENTS WHO PASSED THEIR CLASS 10 AND CLASS 12 EXAMINATIONS IN 2026. THE SESSION, LED BY MR. JUNAS KERKETTA, NAXALBARI BLOCK SCHOOL AI, PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL COURSES, AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, HELPING STUDENTS PLAN THEIR FUTURE PATHWAYS.



24 JUNE 2026 – GENDER SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP

A GENDER SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP WAS CONDUCTED FOR 30 PARTICIPANTS AND FACILITATED BY MR. KAMAL CHETTRI. THE SESSION FOCUSED ON UNDERSTANDING GENDER, CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES, PROMOTING EQUALITY, AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPANTS TO BUILD A MORE INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL SOCIETY.



26 JUNE 2026 – INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

DMWSC ORGANIZED AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTING THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, AND HEALTHY LIFE CHOICES, PARTICULARLY AMONG YOUTH.



30 JUNE 2026 – VISIT BY DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (DLSA), DARJEELING, VISITED THE DMWSC OFFICE TO GAIN INSIGHTS INTO THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK AND DISCUSS INITIATIVES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND LEGAL AWARENESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING TUITION CLASSES

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE REGULARLY CONDUCTED DURING TUITION CLASSES TO CREATE A FUN AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH GAMES, CREATIVE EXERCISES, AND TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITIES, STUDENTS DEVELOPED CONFIDENCE, CREATIVITY, COMMUNICATION, AND TEAMWORK WHILE ENJOYING A HEALTHY BALANCE BETWEEN LEARNING AND RECREATION.



Safe Migration Project:

The Safe Migration Project works to protect children, adolescents, and vulnerable families by promoting education, preventing child labour and child marriage, strengthening community-based child protection mechanisms, supporting access to essential documentation, and creating awareness on safe migration, legal rights, and child protection. The project empowers communities to build a safer and more secure future.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Home Visits	859	1547
2	Home Visit Days	68	1547
3	Children Re-admitted to School	18	18
4	Children's Meetings	28	422
5	Women's Meetings	22	315
6	Youth Meetings	19	174
7	AGG Meetings	21	194
8	CVC Meetings	15	245
9	Community Awareness Programmes	4	60
10	School Awareness Programmes	2	380
11	Legal Awareness Sessions	4	268
12	Community Meetings	2	55+
13	Documentation Prepared/Supported	408	408
14	Aadhaar Applications Supported	18	18
15	Staff Training	1	14
16	Child Marriages Prevented	2	2



Collective Voice Project:

The Collective Voice Project empowers women, children, adolescents, and youth by strengthening community participation, promoting education, health, and legal awareness, and supporting vulnerable individuals. Through community groups, leadership development, home visits, and advocacy, the project fosters collective action, safeguards rights, and builds resilient, inclusive, and self-reliant communities.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Youth Meetings	27	329
2	Women's/Mothers' Meetings	20	289
3	Children's Meetings	30	470
4	Community Meetings	5	196
5	AGG Meetings	6	66
6	Home Visits	382	874
7	Community Legal Awareness Programmes	1	34
8	Youth Awareness Programme	1	37
9	Health Awareness Programmes	2	81
10	Foundation Literacy Programme	30	30
11	SHGs Formed	1	9
12	Children's Groups Formed	2	24
13	Early Pregnancy Cases Assisted	1	1
14	Missing Cases Registered	2	2
15	Missing Cases Resolved	1	1
16	Field Exposure Visit	1	60



Utthaan Project:

The Utthaan Project empowers women, children, youth, and persons with disabilities by promoting education, legal awareness, community participation, and access to essential services.

Through home visits, community institutions, awareness programmes, and stakeholder collaboration, the project strengthens child protection, social inclusion, and the overall well-being of vulnerable communities.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Youth Meetings	28	235
2	Women's Meetings	39	442
3	Children's Meetings	46	570
4	Community Meetings	8	95
5	AGG Meetings	3	17
6	Disability Meetings	3	29
7	VLCP Meetings	11	71
8	Home Visits	561	1352
9	Legal Awareness Programmes	7	275
10	School Awareness Programme	1	35
11	Disability Health Camp	2	21
12	Legal Workshop	1	53
13	Aadhaar Applications Facilitated	28	28
14	Networking with SSB	1	19
15	Documentation Visits	4	150



Tuition Learning Centre Project:

The Tuition Learning Centre Project provides academic support and a safe learning environment for children from vulnerable communities. Through remedial education, school re-enrolment, home visits, parent engagement, and recreational activities, the project enhances learning outcomes, encourages regular school attendance, and promotes the holistic development of every child.

Sl. N	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Working Days	628	732
2	Regular Student Attendance	-	732
3	Home Visit Days	31	137
4	Students Mainstreamed/Re-admitted	6	6
5	New Student Admissions	90	90
6	Documentation Support/Students Identified	37	37
7	Parent-Teacher/Parent Meetings	4	60
8	New Tuition Centres Started	2	90
9	Regular Recreational & Educational Activities	Ongoing	732



Menstrual Hygiene Mangement Project:

The project empowers women, adolescent girls, and youth through community mobilization, leadership development, capacity building, and livelihood support. By conducting regular community outreach, awareness sessions, stakeholder engagement, and vocational assistance, it promotes self-reliance, social inclusion, and sustainable development while strengthening community participation and improving the overall well-being of marginalized families.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Staff Training	1	3
2	Home Visits	92	257
3	Baseline Surveys	297	297
4	Youth Meetings	10	126
5	AGG Meetings	15	165
6	Women's Meetings	11	146
7	Community Meetings	2	80
8	Networking Meetings	8	15
9	Machine Delivery	15	15



Legal Clinic Project:

The Legal Clinic provides free legal aid, counselling, guidance, and referral services to vulnerable individuals and families facing legal and social challenges. It supports survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, child marriage, and other rights violations while assisting with case registration and legal procedures. Through legal awareness programmes and collaboration with government authorities and stakeholders, the project promotes access to justice, protects the rights of marginalized communities, and empowers people to seek timely legal support.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Clients Seeking Legal Assistance	18	18
2	Total Cases Registered	23	23
3	Domestic Violence Cases	10	10
4	Child Marriage Cases Prevented	3	3
5	Missing Person Cases	10	10
6	Human Trafficking Cases	4	4
7	Trafficking Survivors Rescued	2	2
8	Human Trafficking Cases Prevented	1	1
9	Accident Cases	2	2
10	FIR Registered	1	1
11	Police Visits/Child Labour Follow-up	2	2
12	Missing Persons Recovered	1	1
13	Legal Awareness Programme with DLSA	1	75



Water Harvesting Project:

The Streams of Hope Project promotes sustainable water harvesting and climate resilience in hill communities. By strengthening community knowledge, providing technical guidance, and encouraging the adoption of water conservation practices, the project enhances water security, supports sustainable livelihoods, and builds resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Community Workshop on Water Harvesting & Climate Action	1	23
2	Field Visit & Technical Guidance	1	12



Nurturing Young Minds Project:

The Nurturing Young Minds Project promotes early childhood education by creating a supportive learning environment for young children. Through parent-teacher engagement, home visits, and regular school collaboration, the project strengthens children's learning, encourages parental involvement, and lays a strong foundation for their holistic growth and development.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Parent-Teacher Orientation Meeting	1	20
2	Parent & Teacher Home Visit	10	30
3	Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)	3	67
4	New Student Admissions/Enrolments	6	6



Ethical Enterprises Initiative for Youth and Women Project:

The Ethical Enterprise Initiative for Youth (EEIY) empowers young people and women through skill development, entrepreneurship, and livelihood opportunities. By providing vocational training in jute and tailoring, capacity-building programmes, and production support, the project promotes ethical enterprise, self-employment, financial independence, and sustainable community development.

Sl. No.	Activity	No. of Times	Total Beneficiaries
1	Staff Training	1	7
2	Student Felicitation Programme	1	26
3	Capacity Building Training	1	25
4	Jute Classes	18	120
5	Tailoring Classes	16	14
6	Regular Jute & Tailoring Production	Ongoing	134





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