Quarterly Newsletter of Akam Foundation

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WEAVING THROUGH THE DREAM

July - September, 2026



Queer Xangjug 3.0 Residential Workshop

QUEER XANJUG
Connecting Young Queer*, Ally for Gender Justice in Assam
A NINE MONTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY AKAM FOUNDATION







30th July - 1st Aug 2026 | Guwahati

The first residential workshop of Queer Xangjug 3.0 was a three-day foundational learning space exploring gender, sexuality, patriarchy, feminism, intersectionality, movements, SRHR and constitutional rights. Through discussions, storytelling, activities and lived experiences, participants connected these concepts with everyday realities while reflecting, unlearning and building solidarity for the journey ahead.

Participants:

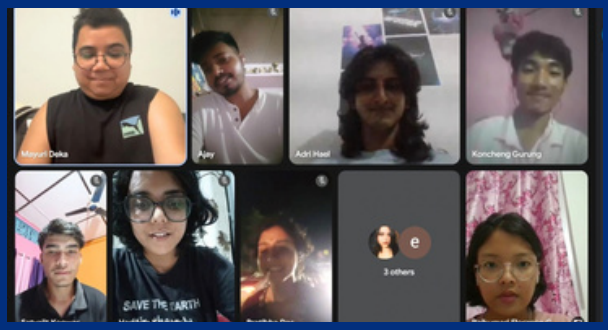
9 young queer and trans participants from across Assam and Arunachal Pradesh bringing diverse identities, experiences, and perspectives to the learning space.

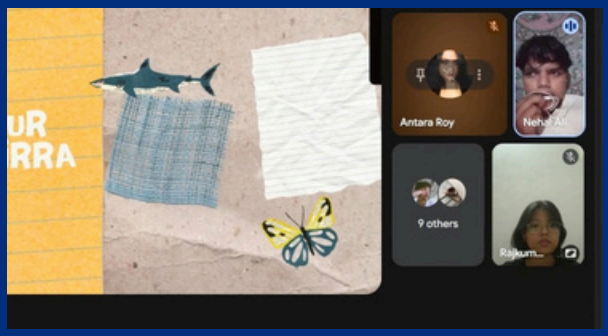
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Queer Xangjug 3.0 Phase II (Virtual Learning Session)

Dates: 3rd, 11th, 25th September 2026

During this quarter, three virtual sessions were held under Queer Xangjug 3.0, covering community organising, stakeholder engagement, gender sensitisation, art and creative expression, gender transition beyond checklists, and safer caring practices.





GenDEar: Gender sansitisation & Capacity Building Program

GenDEar
Reimagining Gender Beyond Binary

4th- 6th August 2026 | Akam Foundation, Guwahati Office

A three-day Workshop on Gender Beyond Binary was conducted with **11 participants**, creating a participatory space to explore gender, sexuality, masculinity, patriarchy, intersectionality, feminism, constitutional rights, SRHR and pleasure through dialogue, activities and lived experiences.





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Livelihood Security

Swabalamban
Sustainable Livelihood for Trans* Queer Community in Assam

08 July 2026 | Morigaon

Utpal Das, a queer person from Morigaon, received beauty parlour equipment to support their work and strengthen their livelihood opportunities.



18 July 2026 | Guwahati

Niya Daimari, a transgender entrepreneur from Guwahati, was provided with a sewing machine to support their tailoring work and strengthen their livelihood.



27 July 2026 | Morigaon

Preeti Sarkar, a transgender woman from Morigaon, received beauty parlour equipment to support her work as a beautician and strengthen her livelihood opportunities.



21 August 2026 | Morigaon

Livelihood support was extended to **Dipankar Tamuli,** a queer person from Morigaon, through the provision of hair styling equipment to build their skills and strengthen their livelihood opportunities.



Community Meet-Up

08 August 2026 | Morigaon

Total number of participants : 11
The meetup provided a safe space for community members to discuss stigma, family challenges, access to inclusive facilities and livelihood needs, while also creating opportunities to connect with support and resources.





20 September 2026 | Dibrugarh

Total number of participants : 11
The discussion centred on strengthening Abhiyana's new livelihood initiative through community connections, business referrals and a need assessment, while also creating space for participants to share experiences and build supportive relationships.

Team Capacity Building

27-28 August 2026 | Akam Community Space, Guwahati

The two-day capacity-building workshop focused on strengthening the team's skills in self-awareness, active listening, empathy, collaborative problem-solving and professional boundaries, emphasising lived experiences, Confidentiality and the principle of "**Do No Harm"** in work.



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28 September 2026 | Akam Community Space Guwahati | Livelihood Security Workshop

The discussion highlighted that livelihood is not limited to employment or income. Understanding each person's skills, interests, aspirations and idea of livelihood security is essential for designing relevant and sustainable support.



28 September 2026 | Akam Community Space Guwahati | Social work Ethics and Priciple Workshop

The discussion highlighted the importance of dignity, autonomy, participation and confidentiality in community work, while recognising community members as holders of their own knowledge, experiences and solutions.



29 September 2026 | Akam Community Space Guwahati | Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop

The discussion highlighted the importance of designing programmes based on community needs and regularly reviewing their progress. Community feedback and monitoring help identify what is working, what needs improvement, and how programmes can remain relevant and responsive.



Team Half-Yearly Review

29-30 September2026 | Akam Community Space Guwahati

- Reviewed ongoing programmes and identified areas for improvement
- Reviewed budget utilisation and prepared financial records for the upcoming audit
- Discussed strengthning need assessments and promoting sustainable livelihood opportinities
- Highlighted the need for better communication, timely implementation and adherence to organisational guidelines





Looking Ahead

- Continue the online learning phase of the Queer Xangjug 3.0 fellowship, conduct the **second residential workshop** in October, finalise **social action plans** and begin implementation from November
- Continue providing **need-based assistance** and **livelihood support** to strengthen community resilience and economic empowerment
- Collaborate with **more educational institutions** to **promote awareness**, **inclusion** and **dialogue on gender and sexuality**
- Expand **community outreach** to engage with more queer and transgender individuals

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