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C-NES Managing Trustee at the National Defence College, New Delhi

C-NES Managing Trustee, Sanjoy Hazarika addressed the 65th batch of the National Defence College in New Delhi on January 23, 2025.

Hazarika on the issue of '*NE Insurgencies : The socio political and identity conflicts in the region*'.

Hazarika also highlighted how the complex geography and diverse ethnicity makes the region an anthropologist's delight but an administrator's nightmare. He spoke on the issues of migration and climate change impacting the marginalized people., the issues of migration and climate change affecting the human development in the region. He also narrated the story of innovative Boat Clinic programme of the C-NES, which has been catering to the healthcare needs of some of the marginalized people living in the Char Saporis of Brahmaputra riiver.



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Updates and Events

Joint Director, Health visits Boat Clinic Camp

Joint Director of Health Services, Majuli Dr. Kishore Kumar Kaman visited a health check up camp at Bhekeli Chapori in the district organized by the Majuli Boat Clinic in February 2025 and appreciated the service. "The Boat clinic plays a crucial role in delivering Health care services to remote communities as well as hard to reach areas. This floating clinic are equipped with essential Medical facilities including Doctors' Room, Laboratories, pharmacies enabling them to provide comprehensive Health care services that are often isolated due to geographical challenge & frequent flood," Dr.Kaman made this remarks into the Visitors Book. Dr. Kaman was accompanied by a team of district officials including the Rashtraiya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) Coordinator, Mitrajyoti Konwar, Supervisor of Social Welfare, department Ms Pompei Dutta. "The service offered by Boat Clinic encompasses general Health check ups, immunization, Ante Natal & Post Natal care & Health education, awareness etc.



Joint Director Health Services, Majuli, Dr. Kishore Kumar Kaman visiting one of the health cams organized by the Majuli Boat Clinic At Bhakeli Chapori in February 2025

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This initiative has significantly improved access to Health care for thousands of residents in these difficult Islands reducing Maternal & infant mortality rate,” wrote Dr. Kaman.

A total of 89 patients participated in the health camp and availed different health care services including 10 ANC check ups. During his visit to the Island, Dr. Kama also visited the schools and Anganwadi Kendras there and interacted with the local people.



Naitonal Defence College Team visits Boat Clinic

A team of officials from the National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi, visited the Boat Clinic at Dibrugarh on February 6, 2025. The Boat Clinic Unit received the 17-member NDC team from Bindhakata Ghat in Chabua and was taken on Akha Boat Clinic for about 2 hours to reach the health camp held at Tengabari Village under Panitola BPHC in Dibrugarh. The members of the NDC team observed the Boat Clinic program closely including health checkups and immunization drives for better understanding of the process and also to get a glimpse into the lives of the communities.



Sanjoy Hazarika, the C-NES Managing Trustee had earlier briefed the NDC team prior to their visit in New Delhi about how the concept of boat clinics emerged and the first Akha Boat Clinic was started in 2004. NDC team members interacted with the participants of health camp and were informed about the ongoing partnership with the NHM, Government of Assam.

A 17 member team from the National Defence College, New Delhi visited the Boat Clinic at Dibrugarh on February 2025

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The NDC team was also informed of how the Boat Clinics were upscaled from five districts in 2008 to 15 districts now with 16 units. The Dibrugarh Boat Clinic team also highlighted other details such as the population covered, services provided, monthly camp schedule, transportation facilities during emergencies for pregnant women and about the overall performance of the clinics.



APM visits Boat Clinic at South Salmara Mankachar

Assistant Programme Manager of C-NES Hinna Barman visited the Boat Clinic in South Salmara-Mankachar district on 11 March, 2025. Senior programme officials from the C-NES Headquarters at Guwahati occasionally undertake visits to Boat Clinic Units to review quality of services.

During her visit, Ms. Barman also interacted with the beneficiaries who availed services of the Boat Clinics.



Ms. Hinna Barman attends an awareness session at the Katdanga New Campsite in South Salmara

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From The Field



A Mega Health Awareness camp organized in association with the District Health Society Majuli at a Hutar in Ahatguri in Majuli on February 13, 2025

The Dhemaji Boat Clinic team posing for a photograph after carrying out a Special Immunization drive for the children, who had missed their dose earlier, on January 2025



Women participants at a health camp in char areas of Baretta district were made ware about different family planning techniques by the team members of Barpeta Boat Clinic Unit 2 in January, 2025

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Tinsukia Boat Clinic with support from the Tinsukia District Leprosy Cell organized an awareness camp on Leprosy at Chilling 1 village on Day, January 30 2025. Gaon Burha, Sravan Singh Dao attended the camp as chief guest.

Mr. Ashutosh Deka, ACS, ADC Health Nalbari district undertaking a visit to NC Pub Kazia char to participate in a health and awareness camp organized by the Nalbari Boat Clinic Team.



C-NES partnered with BFI in 2024 to launch the India Health and Climate Resilience Fellowship, which is being implemented in Dhubri. As a result of the fellowship, a MoU was signed with the Dhubri districts administration in February 2025.

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Boat Clinic team Dibrugarh in association with the District TB Cell, Dibrugarh organizing a health and awareness camp a remote location in the district in February 2025. The programme was organized under the TB Mukht Bharat campaign



Glimpses from some awareness camp on Tuberculosis in remote char areas of Darrang district organized by Darrang Boat Clinic Team in February 2025.