



MFIN launches a series of Skilling & Upskilling Workshops in Assam

Microfinance institutions join to benefit 1800 households through these multi-locations, free workshops.

Assam, 09 February 2021: In continuance with its community development initiatives, MFIN, a Microfinance Association and an RBI recognized Self-Regulatory Organization, has launched a series of Skilling and Upskilling Workshops in villages of 11 districts of Assam, as part of joint CSR initiative of MFIN members.

MFIN has partnered with the Institute of Livelihood Research & Training (ILRT) and its implementation partner B-ABLE (Basix Academy for Building Lifelong Employability) to deliver these workshops over a period of 12 weeks. The workshops will be held in the districts of Hojai, Golaghat, Lakhimpur, Tinsukia, Dhemaji, Nagaon, Charaideo, Jorhat, Morigaon, Dibrugarh and Sivasagar.

Annapurna Finance, Satya MicroCapital, Fusion Microfinance, ASA International India Microfinance L&T Financial Services will be supporting the workshops on Beauty Care and Tailoring and organisation of Veterinary Camps. The series, comprising 26 workshops, was launched on 5 February 2021. The first Veterinary Camp was organised at village Solmari Deka of Morigaon district and reached as many as 146 households. 607 cattle were medically checked, and medicines/vaccines were distributed.

Achla Savyasaachi, National Head – State Initiatives said, “COVID has had an unsettling effect on people with loss of jobs. We want these workshops to be a medium to bring positivity in the environment. These workshops are free of cost and open for all. Getting the right skill not only opens the door to employment through self-entrepreneurship but also enhances confidence and self-esteem, which is extremely important in these troubled times.”

Dr. Rajendra Singh Gautam, Associate Dean of ILRT said, “We, along with our implementation partner B-ABLE, have been closely working with MFIN to understand the community needs and develop the training content accordingly. Based on a survey of people’s interest in the area, tailoring and beauty are preferred skills among the local women. We included masonry and plumbing as we foresee a high demand for these skills in view of Government yojanas like ‘Har Ghar Na’ , among others.

The ILRT is a practice-based academic institution promoted by the Basix Social Enterprise Group – a livelihood promotion and skills enhancement conglomerate. Its sister organization B-ABLE, is a pioneer organization in the field of skill development and vocational training with a distinction of being the first training partner of National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC).

About Microfinance Institutions Network

MFIN is a premier industry association comprising 58 NBFC-MFIs and 39 Associates including Banks, Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and NBFCs. It is also the Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) for the regulated NBFC-MFI. By virtue of bringing the NBFC-MFIs under one common umbrella, MFIN acts as a bridge between them and the regulators to build a dialogue for greater transparency, better policy frameworks and stronger client protection standards for responsible lending, thus enabling the microfinance industry to partake in meeting the larger financial inclusions goals.