

JUBAYER MASUD EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST (JMECT)



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Message from the Executive Director

The year **2024–25** marked one of the most testing and painful periods in the journey of the **Jubayer Masud Educational & Charitable Trust (JMECT)**. Since its inception in **2007**, JMECT has worked tirelessly to promote education, dignity, and rural empowerment among the most marginalized communities of Assam. Over the years, we have nurtured children's dreams, supported families through crises, and built programs that connect education with livelihood and resilience.

This reporting year, however, was unlike any other. With the **denial of our FCRA renewal effective from 31st March 2024**, all foreign-funded project activities were abruptly brought to a halt. At the same time, the absence of local funding—due to regional economic distress and lack of institutional support—caused our financial operations to collapse entirely. The organization was plunged into a state of unprecedented crisis.

Yet, in the face of these crippling circumstances, our **dedication never wavered**. Our **Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) centers** and **Remedial Learning Centres** continued to run, even without a single rupee of honorarium for our facilitators and staff. The management team, educators, and volunteers carried forward their work without remuneration, motivated only by their commitment to the children and the community.

Our project areas in **Bongaigaon and the surrounding riverine regions** were simultaneously reeling under worsening poverty, recurrent floods and erosion, lack of irrigation, and rising school dropout rates. Families struggled to secure even the most basic needs, while children faced the risk of being pulled away from education. In this difficult context, our education centers became more than learning spaces—they emerged as **emotional sanctuaries for children and beacons of hope for parents**.

It was equally heartbreak to see the hardship endured by our team members. Many, coming from fragile economic backgrounds themselves, struggled to afford food or pay rent. Still, they reported every morning with resilience and an unwavering sense of responsibility. Communities, visibly moved, offered small contributions—food, firewood, or voluntary assistance—to keep the centers alive.

Amidst this adversity, one ray of hope arrived: on **10th February 2025**, JMECT successfully **regained its FCRA registration**. This milestone marks a turning point—opening the path to rebuilding partnerships, reactivating projects, and restoring institutional stability.

Looking back to our journey since 2007, this year stands as both the **most challenging and the most inspiring**. It has been a testimony to human spirit—of sacrifice, resilience, and collective belief in education. We may have lost funding, but not our purpose. We may have faced disaster, but not defeat. With renewed determination, we now step forward to strengthen our programs, rebuild infrastructure, and restore hope for hundreds of families who believe in our mission.

With Regards

Abdul Jalil Ahmed

Executive Director

Introduction

The financial year 2024–25 was one of the most difficult phases in the history of JMECT. Our ability to raise and receive financial support was severely impacted due to the denial of our FCRA renewal, which came into effect on 31st March 2024. Additionally, we did not receive any funding from domestic sources during this year. However, despite financial paralysis, our dedication to the mission of uplifting the most marginalized communities remained unshaken.

This year highlighted the collective strength, voluntary spirit, and deep-rooted community connections of our team. We survived the odds and continued our work for children, youth, and farmers through voluntary contributions, redistribution of earlier resources, and corpus fund utilization in emergencies.

Organizational Status and Challenges

- **FCRA Denial:** JMECT's FCRA registration—essential for receiving foreign donations—was not renewed beyond 31st March 2024. This significantly limited our ability to access funds from longstanding international supporters.
- **No Local Funding:** Throughout the year, JMECT did not receive any donations, grants, or support from local donors or government departments. Our entire operations were sustained without any financial inflow.
- **Voluntary Workforce:** Despite no salaries or honorariums, our education facilitators, program team, and management committee continued to operate all education centres. Their sense of purpose played a pivotal role in sustaining our programs.

Impact of Natural Disaster and Office Infrastructure Loss

This year, a devastating erosion event caused by the Aie River completely destroyed our main office building. Essential materials and documents were at risk.

To cope with this:

- We used our corpus fund to purchase new land.
- The land was filled and leveled for functional use.
- Partial construction was undertaken to create a basic office space and storage facility.

Despite this infrastructural collapse, the JMECT team continued operations from temporary arrangements.

Key Activities Conducted (Voluntary and Community-Supported)

Despite financial constraints, JMECT organized the following activities through volunteerism and community support:

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Program

Despite severe financial hardships, JMECT remained committed to nurturing the foundational years of children in rural communities. Our ECCE program continued to support children aged 3–6 years, focusing on their cognitive, social, and emotional development through play-based and activity-driven learning methods. During the year, we expanded our support by collaborating with local schools and engaging dedicated community volunteers. The program is currently being implemented across **28 Education Centers**, where our education volunteers, despite receiving no remuneration, have shown remarkable dedication by teaching children regularly. To sustain these activities, families contributed small amounts within their capacity, reflecting the community's ownership and value for education.



Remedial Education Program in Government

JMECT extended its Remedial Education Program to **28 Government schools** across our project areas, addressing the learning gaps among primary-level students. The initiative focused on strengthening the **foundational skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic**, particularly for children who were struggling to keep pace with their peers. Through **small-group teaching, individual attention, and supplementary learning materials**, the program provided an enabling environment for children to learn at their own pace.

A unique strength of the program is that our **Education Volunteers teach without any remuneration**, demonstrating their strong commitment to community development. To sustain the initiative, a **small contribution is collected from beneficiaries**, which not only supports the program but also enhances community ownership. As a result, many students not only improved their academic performance but also developed greater confidence and motivation in their learning journey



Children Talent Search Program

To encourage creativity, confidence, and learning among children, JMECT organized a **Children's Talent Search Program** at *Kacharipety Mahir Uddin LP School*. The event featured **storytelling, poem recitation, quiz competitions, and other activities**. A total of **35 children participated**, showcasing their talents with great enthusiasm. The program was graced by the active participation of our JMECT team members and teachers of the school. **Prizes were distributed** among the winners to motivate and recognize their achievements. The program was well-received by the community and created a joyful, learning-focused environment.



Youth Motivation and Awareness

Special emphasis was given to highlighting the risks of addiction and social crimes that often trap youth in erosion-prone and low-literacy areas where livelihood options are limited. Resource persons used simple methods such as storytelling, real-life examples, and group discussions to connect with the participants. Activities were structured to encourage confidence building, teamwork, and goal-setting for a constructive future.

Participation came from various erosion-affected and socio-economically backward villages, where opportunities for exposure and guidance are scarce. The camp served as both a learning and motivational experience, encouraging the youth to take active responsibility for their communities and to pursue healthier lifestyles.

Through this initiative, JMECT reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing responsible, informed, and empowered young citizens.



Youth Development through Sports

Recognizing the role of sports in shaping positive youth development, JMECT organized a community sports meet aimed at promoting health, discipline, and teamwork among adolescents and young people. The event was also designed as a preventive measure to reduce youth vulnerability to addiction, antisocial behavior, and crime by engaging them in constructive activities.

The sports meet featured a variety of events including football, kabaddi, and athletics, which attracted enthusiastic participation from both boys and girls. The initiative was made possible through the collective support of local schools and community members, who generously contributed venues and basic sports gear. Their involvement not only reduced logistical barriers but also reflected a strong sense of ownership in promoting healthier lifestyles for young people.

Through these activities, participants developed essential life skills such as cooperation, leadership, and goal-setting, while also gaining a platform to showcase their talents. Beyond the competitions, the meet created a vibrant atmosphere of friendship and solidarity, strengthening community bonds and building resilience among youth.

The success of the event reaffirmed JMECT's belief that sports are a powerful tool for youth empowerment, capable of steering young people away from harmful practices and inspiring them toward healthier, more purposeful futures.



Goat Redistribution for Livelihood

JMECT continued its efforts to strengthen household income and promote sustainable livelihoods through its innovative **return-sharing model** of goat rearing. Under this initiative, goats that were earlier provided to vulnerable families have now multiplied, creating an opportunity for redistribution within the community. As part of the model, beneficiary families who initially received goats from JMECT are encouraged to return a goat from the first offspring to the Trust. These goats are then allocated to new families, ensuring the continuity and expansion of benefits without requiring fresh external resources.

During the reporting period, goats were collected from earlier beneficiaries and redistributed to **24 new vulnerable families** across our project areas. This not only enhanced the economic resilience of these households but also fostered a spirit of collective responsibility and mutual support within the community. The initiative helped families develop an additional source of regular income through milk, meat, and the sale of offspring, thereby reducing their dependence on unstable daily-wage labor.

By building a **sustainable community-support system**, the goat redistribution program has emerged as an effective model of livelihood security, empowering families to move towards greater self-reliance and resilience.



Supporting Small Farmers with Irrigation

In flood-prone areas of Bongaigaon district, marginal farmers face continuous challenges in sustaining their livelihoods. Recurrent floods not only wash away standing crops but also leave fields dry and uncultivable once the water recedes. Without proper irrigation facilities, small farmers struggle to resume farming, particularly vegetable cultivation, which is an important source of nutrition and supplementary income for rural households.

To address this need, JMECT distributed **ten hand-operated and diesel water pumps** among selected marginal farmers. The intervention was designed to provide an immediate solution for restoring irrigation facilities in small cropping areas. With these pumps, farmers were able to access water from nearby natural sources such as ponds, low-lying fields, or shallow wells, thereby ensuring timely irrigation for vegetables and short-duration crops.

The initiative has already shown encouraging results. Farmers have successfully cultivated seasonal vegetables and paddy in small plots, securing both household consumption and income from local markets. The use of these pumps has reduced dependency on uncertain rainfall, enhanced food security, and restored confidence among farmers to continue farming even after floods.

This small but impactful step highlights JMECT's commitment to supporting **climate-vulnerable communities** by strengthening their resilience and improving livelihood sustainability.



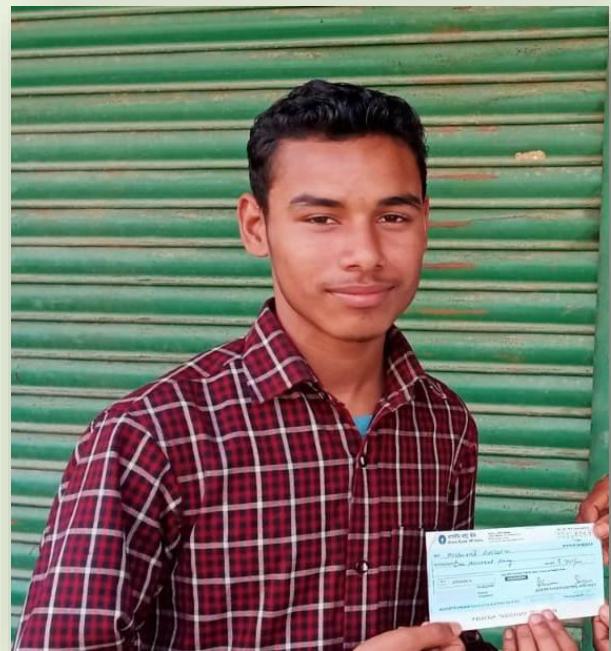
Scholarship Support for Orphan and Semi-Orphan

Despite facing a prolonged financial crisis, JMECT has remained steadfast in its mission to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and thrive. In many of our project areas, children who have lost one or both parents are particularly vulnerable to dropping out of school due to the inability to meet even the most basic educational expenses. Recognizing this urgent need, JMECT extended scholarship support to six orphan and semi-orphan students during the reporting period.

The scholarships covered essential costs such as school uniforms, notebooks, stationery, and examination fees—items that often become barriers for children from marginalized households. By addressing these basic requirements, the initiative not only enabled the children to continue their studies without interruption but also boosted their confidence and motivation to pursue education.

What makes this effort particularly significant is that it was made possible through the generous support of **The UK Online Giving Foundation** and **The Online Giving Foundation via the Benevity platform**. Their contributions provided the much-needed resources to ensure that these children did not have to abandon their education due to financial hardships.

Through this small yet meaningful intervention, JMECT reaffirmed its long-standing commitment to protecting children's right to education and nurturing hope for a brighter future.



Continuation of Education Centres Without Funding

JMECT's Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Remedial Learning Centres continued operating in a fully volunteer-driven mode.

- No facilitators or management staff were paid during this year.
- Community homes and temporary spaces were used to conduct classes.
- Learning materials were reused and supplemented through donations of old books and slates.

These efforts ensured that the most marginalized children continued their education despite the crisis.

Community Appreciation and Resilience

Community leaders, parents, schoolteachers, and youth expressed strong appreciation for JMECT's perseverance. Despite no financial backing or institutional support, the Trust:

- Maintained uninterrupted education services.
- Motivated youth and engaged them in meaningful programs.
- Revived small-scale livelihoods for erosion-affected families.

Our strength this year came from people, not from money.

Way Forward

With the recent restoration of our FCRA registration, JMECT looks ahead with hope and focus:

- Rebuilding our permanent office infrastructure on the newly purchased land.
- Strengthening ECCE and remedial education through new materials and training.
- Scaling community-based livelihood models, such as resource recycling and group enterprises.
- Advocating for disaster-preparedness and alternative livelihood programs in erosion-affected zones.

Conclusion

The year 2024–25 stands as a powerful reminder that meaningful change does not always require money—it requires courage, unity, and determination. JMECT's mission remained active not because of funding, but because of belief, resilience, and the unwavering support of our community.



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The Jubayer Masud Educational & Charitable Trust (JMECT) is committed to improving the lives of underprivileged children and communities through education, disaster resilience, and livelihood development in rural Assam.

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