

Annual Report 2024-25

Institute for Motivating Self Employment (IMSE)

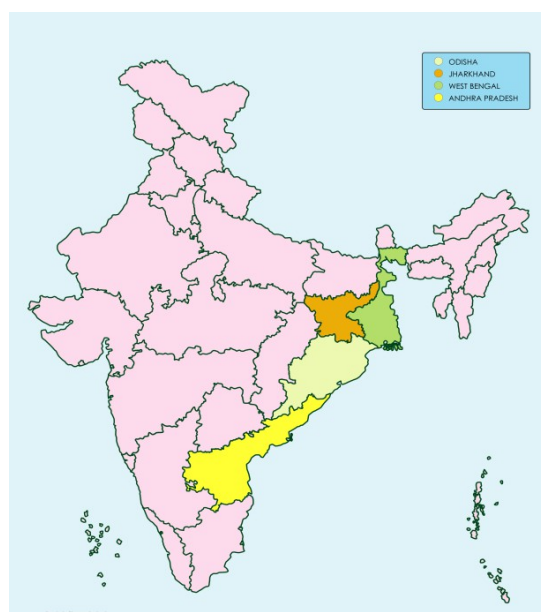
Empowering Communities, Enriching Lives

For 51 years, IMSE has been a beacon of hope for marginalized communities. IMSE's journey has been guided by compassion, sustainability, and social justice. The Institute for Motivating Self Employment (IMSE) is dedicated to creating a more inclusive and equitable economic environment. IMSE mission is to empower marginalized communities through sustainable livelihood initiatives, education, and social security programs.



OUR BOD MEMBERS

SL. No.	Name & Designation
1.	Smt. Lily Halim Chairman
2.	Dr. Ujjaini Halim Executive Director
3.	Smt. Tanuka Ray Director
4.	Dr. Gobinda Sarkar Director
5.	Shri Hari Narayan Mohanty Director
6.	Smt. Sumitra Hembram Director
7.	Shri Amiya Gopal Mukhopadhyay Director



VISSION: A society based on egalitarian principles and food sovereignty.

MISSION: Ending socio-economic exploitation by enabling people to claim and exercise their democratic rights through social movements and participation in democratic decision-making. Empowering poor with knowledge and skill for diversified and better livelihood opportunities

HIGHLIGHTS

IMSE made a significant impact in empowering rural households, fostering leadership, and promoting sustainable livelihoods. Here's a snapshot of our achievements:

Impact Highlights

Reaching Rural Communities

- 12,200 households in rural areas received essential support and resources to improve their livelihoods.
- We successfully organized health check-up camps for early detection of health issues and awareness about preventive healthcare at our campuses.

Economic Empowerment Program

- 1,10,912 small food producers empowered, including:
- 48,842 rural women
- 29,776 young people living below the poverty line

Self-Help Groups Promotion

- 148 SHGs supported, enabling them to generate sustainable livelihoods and create a lasting impact.
- We successfully launched our tailoring unit at our Labpur and Ballavpur campus in Birbhum to enhance skill and economic independence.

Education and Child Development

- 137 students enrolled in Ankur pre-schools, laying a strong foundation for future success.
- Running for more than 42 years now, Anganwadi Programme (ECCE) Training has been able to provide job training to a large number Anganwadi workers and helpers.

Sustainable & Climate resilient Agriculture Practices

- 16,800 peasants supported in adopting organic, climate-resilient agriculture practices, enhancing their livelihoods and promoting environmental sustainability.

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs)

- Handholding support provided to 10 FPOs and FPCs, enabling them to strengthen their businesses and improve market access.

Promoting Gender Equality

- 4,600 individuals and households educated on the importance of gender equality and promoting a culture of inclusivity.
- Since 1992 Shakti Sadan with the support of West Bengal government providing a healthy living environment for distressed women and children as residents at IMSE's Krishnakunja Campus.

Our Initiatives

In 2025, IMSE continued to engage with farmers and agricultural workers, providing training and resources to improve sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices. We also supported small-scale fishers and forest dwellers in understanding and accessing their rights, and promoted entrepreneurship and innovation through training and mentorship.

IMSE's tribal welfare initiatives focused on empowering tribal communities through sustainable livelihoods, environmental conservation, and overall well-being. We promoted natural farming practices, trained farmers on organic farming methods, and supported them in adopting climate-resilient agriculture. IMSE's social security programs aimed to uplift economically disadvantaged groups, providing targeted support to address specific needs and challenges. We empowered women and communities to fight back against gender-based stereotypes, domestic violence, and discriminations.

IMSE's education initiatives provided support to children from marginalized communities, establishing pre-primary schools in far-flung villages and running education support centres for children of migrant workers. IMSE's women empowerment programs focused on providing training, resources, and support to become self-reliant. We collaborated with self-help groups, promoting collective economic activities and empowering members.

Youth empowerment initiatives provided vocational training and skill-building programs, enhancing employability and encouraging self-employment. IMSE engaged in community development initiatives to improve socio-economic conditions and promoted inclusive governance. We conducted research to identify gaps in employment, skill development, and entrepreneurship opportunities, advocating for policy changes.

On-going projects

Ankur: Where Seeds of Potential Bloom

IMSE's Ankur Sishu Sikkha Niketan offers a holistic pre-primary education, combining play-based learning, creative activities like art and music, and foundational numeracy and literacy skills. This nurturing environment fosters social and emotional development through an interactive curriculum, helping village children build confidence and essential skills for future academic success.



Harvesting Hope: Growing a Brighter Future for Agricultural Communities



IMSE has successfully reached approximately 44% of rural women involved in farming and agriculture. The program focuses on building capacity, enhancing access to markets, and offering training in sustainable agricultural practices. By equipping women with the tools and knowledge they need, IMSE is not only promoting economic self-reliance but also contributing to the overall resilience and development of rural communities.

Poribortoner Joyar: Empowering Small-Scale Fishers for a Sustainable Coastal Future



We assist small-scale fishers in improving their skills for value addition and obtaining access to institutional credit and market assistance. We encourage sustainable fishing methods that are resilient to climate change and advocate for the development of laws and policies that protect the interests of small fishers and fishing resources.

Safe Haven for Women in Need: Sakti Sadan



Sakti Sadan provided a nurturing space for women and children in need, offering shelter, counselling, medical care, skills training, nutritious food and rehabilitation for a brighter future.

A Future for Every Child: Supporting Brick Kiln Education

IMSE launches a 2024 initiative to support brick kiln children, focusing on education and bridging learning gaps. The program aims to provide these children with opportunities for growth and development.



Sui Suto: Empowering Rural Women through Tailoring

IMSE's tailoring courses at Ballavpur and Labpur campuses empower rural women with practical skills,



confidence, and sustainable livelihood opportunities through 6-month and 1-year training programs, enhancing their socio-economic status.

Preserving Traditions, Promoting Progress: Tribal Development

IMSE's tribal welfare initiatives focused on empowering tribal communities through sustainable livelihoods, environmental conservation, and overall well-being. We help tribal communities in producing and marketing Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs). IMSE supports these communities through capacity building, sustainable practices, and market access.



Healthy Animals, Healthy Communities: Our Livestock support project



IMSE's goat rearing and dairy project empowers rural women, enhancing their economic and social status. By promoting livestock-based livelihoods, the project reduces poverty and fosters gender equality, contributing to a more prosperous and equitable community.

Recognising Social Workers on 77th Birth Anniversary of Biplab Halim, the Founder Father of IMSE

Biplab Halim Memorial Lecture 2024 is a significant event that commemorates the 77th birth anniversary of the renowned social activist and founder of the Institute for Motivating Self-Employment (IMSE), Biplab Halim. The lecture's topic is "The need for wetland conservation and the role of civil society in Kolkata and India." delivered by eminent environmentalist Dr. Somenath Bhattacharyya at Turiyananda Hall, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark. This was followed by awarding three social workers selected by the Biplab Halim Memorial Committee. These social workers are Shri Prabhat Mondal, Shri Nimai Sundar Manna & Shri Harinaryan Mohanti. They have been contributing significantly to society with their altruistic and committed work.



Key events participated by IMSE colleagues

- National Seminar on 'Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Future Food Security in India
- Orientation on the Young farmer Camp and Agrilympics (YFCA)
- BIPLAB HALIM MEMORIAL LECTURE 2024
- Global Family Farming Forum: Halfway through the UNDDF 2019-2028
- Capacity Building of NGOs' organised by VANI.
- Workers Study Conference in Bangkok.
- Organised Health camp at Digalpahari activity
- Opening Tailoring Unit at Ballavpur activity
- Regional Advisory Group Asia level meeting



Day Celebration

- Abdul Halim 123rd Birthday Celebration
- Republic Day celebration
- Netaji Jayanti Celebration



Women's Day Celebration



Independence Day Celebration



Children's Day celebration

Acknowledgment

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our donors, whose contributions have been instrumental in our success. Your trust and investment in our organization have enabled us to achieve our mission and make a meaningful impact. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to our cause.

