

CUTS CRC Activity Report

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ONGOING PROJECTS



Cyber Security Capacity Building Programme for MSMEs in India

CUTS International has recognised the unique challenges micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in the digital space and aims to address them. It aims to provide targeted support to help them navigate the complexities of the digital economy. In response to these challenges, CUTS International has joined an initiative undertaken by The Asia Foundation (TAF) titled 'the APAC Cybersecurity Fund', with support from Google.org.

The initiative aims to enhance MSMEs' cybersecurity resilience by providing comprehensive training, raising awareness, and promoting the adoption of cyber-resilient practices. The project will be implemented in 10 states of India, including Rajasthan, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland, and Tripura, to train more than 20 thousand MSMEs.

In this quarter, 18 cybersecurity capacity-building programmes were organised, with four workshops held in West Bengal and 14 in Assam. The workshops in West Bengal were held in Bankura, Purulia, Shantiniketan, and Bhadreswar, with more than 100 participants. Additionally, 14 workshops were held in Assam, namely Sonitpur, Tamalpur, West Karbi Anglong, Nagaon, Kamrup Rural, Hojai, Tinsukia, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Majuli, Jorhat, Golaghat, Charaideo, and Dibrugarh. Each workshop had more than 100 participants. Approximately 2000 small and medium-sized enterprises were trained through these programmes.



Purulia, West Bengal, on July 15, 2025



Bankura, West Bengal, on July 11, 2025



Hojai, Assam on August 01, 2025



Jorhat, Assam 21, 2025

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CUTS-Indian Oil Assam

Distribute 25,000 Saplings to Students

CUTS, in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Assam, distributed 25,000 saplings among students from various schools in Guwahati.

The primary objective of this initiative is not only to contribute to climate change mitigation efforts through increased green cover but also to raise environmental awareness among young students and encourage them to adopt environmentally sustainable practices in their daily lives. By actively involving students in plantation activities, the programme aims to instil a sense of responsibility towards nature and promote long-term behavioural change.

Additionally, this initiative could become a signature joint initiative of Indian Oil and CUTS, reflecting their shared commitment to environmental sustainability, community development, and meaningful youth engagement. The programme also reinforces the organisations' role in supporting national and global ecological goals through grassroots-level action.



PUBLICATIONS



- Sohom Banerjee published a book chapter titled '*Agile Community Service and Socio-Emotional Growth: Critical Thinking in Transformative Assessment*' (Chapter 7, pp. 187–214) in the volume *Critical Thinking in Diagnosis and Therapy of Cognitive and Behavioural Disorders*, edited by the eminent scholar Prof. Sherouk J. Kadhmi and published by IGI Global.

REPRESENTATIONS



- Sohom Banerjee served as a distinguished speaker at the international conference titled 'The Experiences and Extent of Adopting AI among SMEs in Asia,' hosted by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in collaboration with the Regional Economic Programme Asia (SOPAS) in Tokyo, Japan, on July 22-25, 2025. The conference brought together global experts to discuss the evolving role of AI in the SME sector.
- Ayan Bhattacharjee and Sohom Banerjee participated in the 3rd Edition of the BCC&I Annual Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave (IPEC), held in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, as part of BCC&I's 171st Annual General Meeting on September 18-19, 2025.
- Sohom Banerjee attended the '*CII ER ICT East 2025 – TechNext India: Innovating Tomorrow, Transforming Today*' conference, organised by CII at ITC Sonar, Kolkata, on 24 September 2025, where he was honoured with the *Information Security Leadership Award 2025*.
- Sumanta Biswas attended one online stakeholders' consultation organised by GIZ to disseminate 1st phase of the skill development programme for the ITI students in Kolkata.