

The National Innovation Foundation–India (NIF) successfully organized a two-day training programme on 15–16 July 2026 at Ashokpur Tikiya Village, Gonda, Uttar Pradesh, under the Dissemination and Social Diffusion (DSD) Project. The programme was conducted at the block level based on the recommendation of the Block Development Officer (BDO), with the objective of promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities and fostering rural entrepreneurship.

During the training, two grassroots innovation-based technologies—the Semi-Automatic Cotton Wick Making Machine and the Multipurpose Food Processing Machine—were installed and demonstrated. Participants, including members of three Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and local entrepreneurs, were provided hands-on training covering machine operation, maintenance, safety protocols, and value-added product development.

The programme aimed to strengthen skill development among rural communities, encourage self-employment, and enhance income generation through the adoption and dissemination of grassroots technologies.

