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HIGHLIGHTS



EDITORIAL

Dear Friends, Partners and well wishers,

At the outset, I would like to inform you that in the GB Meeting of 29th September 2018, Fr. Francis Laborde like Prophet Elijah has thrown the gentle yoke of looking after HSP on Fr. Laurent Bissara of MEPs (Missions Etrangères De Paris), our own Prophet Elisha. Fr. Laurent will be a General Consultant of HSP partaking in all its decisions. Before ordination, Fr. Laurent was the CEO of many enterprises. In the same meeting, Fr. Laborde has passed the baton of Presidentship of HSP to Mr. Leo Jalais our Vice President. Mr. Francis Tirkey is our new GB member and Treasurer. Madam Agnes Baroi is our new GB member.

With the change of guards, the HSP is more enthused and focused on achieving the targets set by the GB for the protection and betterment of its Homes, Schools and Medical care for the poorest of the poor in society.

Wishing you all a very Happy Puja and Diwali holidays, Merry Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

With warm regards,

Maj. Gen. Amulya Rajan Anthony Sah (Retd.)
SECRETARY, HSP

To our Donors friends & well-wishers,

"LET NO WEAK MEMBERS OF HUMAN FAMILY BE IGNORED, NEGLECTED, NOR ATTENDED TO, NOR CARED FOR, NOR LOVED OTHER WISE THE DIGNITY OF THE WHOLE FAMILY IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED."

What is Howrah South Point ?

Howrah South Point is an Indian NGO working for the poorest of the poor, rendering services to poor handicap children and reaching to those, whom are in medical need but cannot afford, educating poor children formal and non-formal schools. That is giving education to those who cannot afford it nor are helped by the society.

This NGO was started in 1976 by Rev. Fr. Francis Laborde who was inspired to start this mission by two people, first, Blessed Fr. Antony Chevrier (1826-1879) a priest who lived at Lyons and consecrated his life to service of the poor, especially for the poor children in the beginning of Industrialization in Europe. Second, Cardinal L. T. Picachy, then the Archbishop of Kolkata. He summoned Fr. Laborde to start at Andul Road a home for poor handicapped children to which will be attached a dispensary for the poor of the locality. Since then till date poor and neglected of the society, irrespective of caste and religion have been the beneficiaries of this Organization.

Today HSP works in Providing services like, Rehabilitation of poor Handicapped children, Health Care, Education through Formal and informal schools. These services are provided through the Three Branches, Jalpaiguri, Howrah and Asansol.

ASHANEER - ST. MARY'S HOME

1. Like Every year Howrah South Point célèbre the 25th Baishakh (9th May, 2018) Boys and Girls of Lalkuthi and Ashaneer Homes came to Baksara Amra Sobai Club for programme. Children performed dances. They all enjoyed this moment. Guest, Other Members, Children were present. Our children received lot of gifts (Pen, Sweets, Food etc.). Visitors said that the children brought them joy. Some said that our children are God's gift and some others wept seeing the children dance. This programme brought happiness to everybody.
2. On 4th June, 2018 Chaitali Chakraborty (D.M) District Magistrate of Howrah visited us. She promised to arrange for Manabik scholarship and Voter Card.
3. Independence Day is celebrated every year on 15th August. Like every year our Ashaneer Home **organized** a beautiful programme with the help of our children and staff. Fr. Francis Laborde, our President and the Secretary of H.S.P. Mr. A. R. A. Sah gave a beautiful speech about the importance of this Day.



PROGNALAYA SPECIAL SCHOOL

OUR ACTIVITIES - All the challenged children are getting help by us to learn about ADL, personal Hygiene, social behavior, speech, occupational activities etc. They are improving according to their level. Though the work is difficult, still we are trying our best together. Besides, the children are learning academic activities, drawing, physical exercise etc. We would like to say for them

"Drawing a circle,
Drawing a line.
You Know its simple.
But I am trying".

CASE STUDY - Soumya Barman is a twelve years old Cerebral Palsy child. In the beginning he used to cry all the time and he could not follow any instruction. Moreover, he did not want to play and co-operate with others. He laughed without cause. This was no verbal communication. Gradually he started to obey the teachers and therapists. After occupational therapy behavior modification and communication Skill Developmental training he responded well. Now he likes to join group activities. He likes action songs, rhymes etc. He recognizes familiar objects, friends, family members etc. His social behavior, grasping capacity etc. is better than before.



PSYCHOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT

The Psychotherapy dept. is a special part of Prognalaya special school of Ashaneer H.S.P. This department is for Psychological treatment through therapy. Different categories of children come to this department, who are in different therapies. French Psychologist Helene Nivard has come to this dept. and is still working with us. For some days two French Psychologists : Nathalie didi and Sophie didi worked in this dept. For sometime two religious sisters : Sr. Ruby and Sr. Elana have been working with us. Our dept. has 45 children (Indoor 15, Outdoor 35). Eight types of therapies are given to children by us. With the help of two staff and one French Psychologist, Sr. Helene.

CASE STUDY - Among these children Susmita Bose has changed for the better. She is 12 Years old mentally retarded girl. She came to this dept. on 7th July 2016. She likes to relate, with the adults. She is also in identification with the staff and plays like a didi. When she takes care of her Teddy Bear or also the other children, she can be directive and does not want to obey other's desire. When you ask her something to do, she first says "No" and after few minutes accepts it. She puts the other desires at distance and affirms herself. Gradually we have stop Psychomotricity because in fact, Susmita has no difficulty with her diagram body. We have put her in the new story therapy to help her to develop symbolic games and imaginary world. We have also added Susmita in Music Therapy to help her to express herself in another way that by language. Gradually she has learnt to socialize and to create relationships. Therapies help her express feeling and find ways to solve her problems. Our Psychotherapy team and parents are happy and satisfied with her progress.



BAKSARA HOME

- On his birthday Mr. Sailendra Nath Pathak gave breakfast to the children of Baksara Home on 5th April 2018.
- Regional Manager of Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata has kindly donated 13 steel chairs, 8 Office Table, 10 Computers & I Printer for the children.
- On 1st May 2018, we organized a Sit & Draw competition among the children of Baksara Home. Most of the children participated. Sister Amodin, sponsored the prizes.
- 10.05.2018 Girls of Class IX from Ramkrishnapur Balika Vidyalaya received cycles from the school under the scheme of Sabuj Sathi of West Bengal Govt.
- All Madhyamik students from Baksara Home successfully completed their secondary examination. LAXMI MURMU was a record as she topped her school (Marks obtained 466) We are proud of her.



Laxmi Murmu

- The Hon'ble Secretary of Howrah South Point Inaugurated our newly Computer laboratory for both Boys and Girls on 3rd July 2018. Animesh Mondal & Precilla Sneha Jarika were there to teach basic knowledge of computer to our children.



BAKSARA VIDYALAYA

Rabindra Jayanti - The 154th birth anniversary of the world poet Rabindranath Tagore's Jayanti was celebrated on 9th. He was a writer, dramatist and scholar. On this day, there was a dance drama and songs were performed, based on classical Rabindra Sangee music. Everyone was spell bound, during this programme.



Half Yearly Exams - Our school half yearly examination began on 18th June 2018. Our Children, after their hard work, they enthusiastically participated and completed their Half yearly examination successfully. 95% of students have passed and 5% of students could not attend the exam due to various unavoidable reasons as some of them had gone to their native place to Bihar to attend their own sisters and brothers marriages or to attend the funeral of their grandparents.

Summer Vocation - After the hectic work and usual study, plus the scorching and glowing of the sky made all of us to take a break and there, we had Summer Vacation for all the students and staff of Baksara Vidyalaya for 20 days. Everyone had left for their own destination, some visited their long distance relatives, some went on tours and few remained at home.

15th August Celebration - As usual this year we celebrated the 67th Independence Day of our nation with patriotic songs and dance drama. It was a thrilling performance for each student with march-past and drills. All saluted the Nation and the martyrs who gave up their life for the nation's freedom.





Paryatan Parve (16th to 27th September, 2018) - On the festival days of Tourism, some of our school children were invited by the NEHRU YUVA KENDRA HOWRAH-MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS. 40 of our Children took part in the Cultural Excursion of the Kolkata city and were benefited from the outing by seeing the old Monuments and Historical Museums. Thereafter they were provided with delicious meal, as well as a cap and T-shirt for all. All the children were excited and happy on that day.

EPN HOME

EPN (Ekprantanagar) home is specially for the destitute Children. During these months (April, 18 to June, 18) there are 55 Children (25 Girls & 30 Boys) in this home.

DONATIONS

- Secretary of H.S.P. Mr. A. R. A. Sah gave 45 plates of biscuits (little heart) for the Children on 04/04/18.
- The Home Incharge of Ashaneer (Gloria Kujur) provided Samosa (57 Pcs), Nimki (57 Pcs), Potato Chips (46 Pkt), Jhuri Bhaja (11 Pkts), Peanuts (9 Pkt), Kurkure (6 Pkt), Banana (61 Pcs) and Thumps-Up (2 ltr.)
- Home Incharge of Lalkuthi Home (Mrs. Shikha Nag) provided Idli =100 Pcs, Dosa = 50 Pcs and Chatni for the Children on 26/04/18.
- Sister Shanthana Mary (St. Mary Convent School) provided 100 Pieces of Lylontika Fish for the Children of EPN. Home on 21/04/18 and offered Lunch (Rice, Dal, Papad, Chatni and Chicken) on 22/04/18 & 24/06/18 and dinner (Rice, Dal, Chicken, Chatni & Papad) on 29/04/18.
- Duilya Gram Panchayat provided 150 Kg & 22 Kg of bleaching powder on 25/07/2018 & 25/09/2018 respectively.
- Home Incharge of Lalkuthi provided Idli = 80 pieces, Dosa = 47 Pieces and Chatni on 09/08/2018.
- Mr. Pritam Bhowmick provided Bread, Banana, Chocolate, Sweets and biscuits to the Children on 15/08/2018.



SPECIAL EVENT



• Children celebrated Teacher's Day on 05/09/2018 with a small programme. They performed Dancing, Singing and Drama. They enjoyed very much. Chocolates were distributed among the Children.

• On 13/09/2018 Father Laurent came to E.P.N Home. Children welcomed Father with a Welcome song. They put garland on him. All were happy.



EPN CRECHE

In EPN Creche there are 13 Children (4 Girls and 9 Boys). The working poor people of this locality keep their Children in EPN Creche from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm so that they can attend to their work properly to earn money for their household. The age group 3 yrs to 5 yrs. children stay here for 8 hrs. Now, there are 13 (thirteen) Children (Girls - 4, Boys - 9).



HOWRAH SOUTH POINT VIDYALAYA (EPN)

Half Yearly Examination - The Half-Yearly Examination of our School was started on 28th April'2018 and finished on 17th May'2018.

Oral Exam	Written Exam
From 30.04.18 To 5.05.18	From 28.04.18 To 17.05.18



Summer Vacation - This year Summer Vacation was started from 19th May and finished on 9th June'18.

World Yoga Day - We have celebrated World Yoga Day 2018 in our school premises on 21st June to bring personal peace. Yoga is a mental, physical and spiritual discipline. Willingly many students took part in the celebration. Our respected teacher-in-charges gave a brief speech about the importance of yoga and discipline in everyday life.



Result Declaration - On 23rd June, Saturday, our respected teacher-in-charges of both medium declared the result of Half-Yearly Examination.

Independence Day Celebration - 15th August'1947 was a red letter day in the history of India, when India got freedom from the rulers. It took hundreds of years to us to break shackles of slavery. We celebrate this golden day every year with great pomp. Like every year, we have celebrated the day this year with our little children, their parents, our teachers and the staffs. In the morning we decorated the flag-hosting area with flowers and colors. Our respected Secretary, Mr. A. R. A. Sah hoisted the national flag sharp at 8a.m. All the students, teachers and our guests saluted the flag and sang the national anthem together. Then followed the cultural programs- patriotic poems and songs were recited both by the teachers and the students, these was also recitation and dance-programs. Our hostel-students presented two beautiful group dances. At the end of the program, our teachers distributed some cakes to the students. The celebration ended with beautiful smiles of the faces of our children.



Teachers' Day Celebration - Teachers' Day was celebrated in our school on 5th September and the celebration was started at 8 a.m. in the school playground. The program was started with a beautiful prayer song and the students offered flowers to the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. A student spoke on life and Dr. Radhakrishnan. This was followed by a speech by our headmaster Mr. Arundhir J.P. Biswas, who spoke about the significance of Teachers' Day. As the speech concluded, the cultural program began which included some Dance Performances, Rabindra Sangeet, and a song by class IV for thanking the teachers. After the celebration the students and class-teachers left for their respective classrooms where the celebrations continued.



LALKUTHI HOME

May and June our two didis Agnes Borui and Rosy D'cona retired from H.S.P.

DONATIONS

- 7/7/2018 - 4 Handicapped girls went to Dance competition in Buxarah High School in Buxarah.
- 29/7/2018 - Bank of Baroda's Birth Day celebration at Lalkuthi Home. They distributed 40 pieces of Hotpot and Food.
- 12/8/2018 - Mirmony Adak, teaches song on every Sunday "Free of Cost". This is also a sponsor for Anit.



- 15/8/2018 - 15th August, 2018 : Children of Lalkuthi Home celebrated 15th August in morning. We had Holy Mass celebrated Fr. Laborde, Flag Fr. Laborde also hosted the National Flag. Children performance a small programme of dancing, singing of National Song. All were happy and delightful.



- 2/9/2018 - Celebration of Birthday of Shogefta and Irfan. Distribution of dinner Biriyani Rs. 50 per Plate, 3 Packets Vegetable and Bun, Pencil and copies of Books etc.

ANUPRERON

- 05/09/2018 - 3 Girls of class – IX they got new cycles from their School.
- 05/9/2018 - Teacher's Day : Lalkuthi Home children celebrated Teacher's Day. They invite the didis and made programme enjoyable. They gave each didis gifts and sweets.
- 11/09/2018 - Father Lorence came to Howrah South Point and he was happy to see all of Girls.
- 22/09/2018 - Girls went for Poem competition at 100 feet Junction.
- 23/09/2018 - Children went to Abritti for drawing competition.



Regular Donor and Sponsor

- Mr. Surjeet Singh every sunday provides – Rice, Dal, Chatni, Tarka Dal etc.
- Mr. Baj Raj every thursday he donate Idlis and Dosas.
- Mr. Parvinder Singh and Group every month they donate Rice, Dal, Atta, Motor, Oil and they also sponsor one girl hostel fees, Books, Pens, Pencils etc.
- Mr. Sachin Chopra sponsors two girls.
- 28/09/2018 – Mr. C. Nizery donated Rs. 1000/- for donation.



JALPAIGURI BRANCH

PICNIC

Jordighi boys and staff along with Giuliano Uncle went to picnic to Fr. Sudhir's garden house. It is near to Jordighi home with many trees of fruits and flower & surrounded by tea garden. After taking lunch there all went to visit the big statue of Lord Shiva at the *Panga* river side.

CO-OPERATION OF GOVT & LOCAL FRIENDS :

- ❖ Local administration has allotted work at Maria Basti Home to Maria Basti residents under *Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme* (MGNREGS) for cleaning of banana garden. Nine residents participated actively during the project work and received their wages.
- ❖ Office of the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Jalpaiguri has allotted fish fingerling to Jordighi home pond along with fish feed under the supervision of Block Fish Extn. Officer, Jalpaiguri.
- ❖ In July Block Development office, Rajganj allotted 130 ducks and a hyper cow to Bakuabari Home.
- ❖ Manus Domini Special School received 67.5 Qtn rice @ Rs.5.65 from Food & Controller, Jalpaiguri.
- ❖ Block Development office, Jalpaiguri given 12 no bed sheets and cloths to the residents of Mariabasti Home.
- ❖ The Marwari Maheswari Mahila Mondal, Siliguri donated a Big Milky Cow along with one month calf.
- ❖ In April M/S Bidhan Jewellery, Siliguri donated RS.29000.00 Cheque.
- ❖ Puja dress were distributed to all 51 girls of Bakuabari Home by the NBSTC, Jalpaiguri
- ❖ 15th April Bengali New Year –“Paila Baishakh” special lunch was offered to Jordighi Home residents and staff by Mr. Radheyashyam Sharma.

- ❖ Mr. Mukesh Agarwal gifted, towel, vest, handkerchief and some food items for our boys. He also donated School books for the class IX and X boys of JD Home.



CELEBRATION & PARTICIPATION :

- All the four homes in Jalpaiguri celebrated “Rabindra Jayanti”, Teachers’ Day with songs, dances, recitations and stage acting. Didis and Dadas helped the children to perform all these.
- On the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda’s historic speech at World’s Parliament of Religion in Chicago some of Jordighi home boys took part in drawing competition, quiz competition and debate organized by their school and some of them bagged the prizes.
- 15th August, the Independence day was celebrated with the flag hoisting and the patriotic songs by the children in our four homes as well. Jordighi boys organized football competition among themselves.



- In August Kanyashree Day was Celebrated by Rajganj Block Development Office, where the special invitations were given to the Girls of HSP Bakuabari Home. The Girls performed nice Dance and had special lunch for them. They are gifted with playing musical instruments as *Tabla & Harmonium*.
- On 12th June Dictriect Child Protection Unit, Jalpaiguri organized awareness programme to mark the *occasion of State Child Protection Day* through different cultural programme, in which the Bakuabari girls performed dances.





WORKSHOPS :

- Sabita Jana and Daliya Dhara attended two days State level Consultation workshop on “Mental health status of children at Child Care Institution (CCI) & trafficking & missing children” on 27th and 28th June at Cooch Bihar organized by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) & WBCPCR.
- Systematic Voters’ Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme by Election Commission of India came up to educate, motivate, and facilitate voters & to spread information to the voters. Electro Literacy Club, DM Office Jalpaiguri, under the SVEEP, conducted awareness programme at our three homes- Jordighi, Bakuabari and Mariabasti by Dy magistrate & Dy. Collector Ms. Shradha Subba on 14th June among the resident age group 14 yrs & above.
- 18 Jordighi boys are now taking training on *Taekwondo* and two of them attended a day long workshop at Jalpaiguri.
- In April The trainee Nurses of Nursing school of NBMCH came to visit to Manus Domini Special School as well as Bakuabari home for their Educational exposure.

EDUCATIONAL :

7 boys from Jordighi and 5 girls from Bakuabari big-girls appeared in Madhyamik exams (school final) in March 18, out of them 10 have passed successfully and admitted for higher study.

CAMPS :

- Some of our residents at Jalpaiguri homes were facing difficulties to get the Aadhaar *card* and that was brought in to the notice of the district administration. So the Block Development Officer, Rajgang took the initiative & the authorized person conducting to enroll the Aadhaar No came to our Bakuabari Home with all the necessary equipment. More than 30 residents have got the Aadhaar Cards of our four Homes.
- In Sept the Dental health Check up camp organized at Bakuabari home for our residents by Inner Wheel Club, Siliguri.



ANUPREERON

- In July the District administration, Jalpaiguri organized the disability Certificate camp at Belacoba Rural Hospital specially for cerebral palsy and mentally Challenged. More than 35 residents of our four homes at Jalpaiguri received the Certificates on the same day.

ASANSOL BRANCH

1. 14th APRIL- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Birth anniversary was celebrated. On this occasion 'UNITY INDIA GROUP' came to our Anand Bhavan Home and distributed sweets and chocolates to the children. They also brought a big television along with them and screened an inspiration movie called 'HICHKI' to the children. This movie left a great impression on the children.
2. 23rd APRIL- The First Term Examination of our Kalipathar Hindi Primary School started on 23rd April and continued till the 30th of April. The children were very busy with their studies. During this week they all worked hard and they all did pretty well in their examinations.
3. 09th MAY - Poet Rabindranath Tagore Birth Anniversary was celebrated. A team from 'SAPNO KI UDAAN' came to our Anand Bhavan Home and distributed chocolates and cakes to the children. Their family members were also present on this day along with them and spent their valuable time with us. Thanks to them.
4. 14th MAY - On this day the children of our home and school were tensed and kept their fingers crossed as they were going to get their First Term Examination Report Cards. And as expected, nearly all the children of our School and Home had done quite well in their examinations.
5. 21st MAY - The day of 21st of May was a joyous day for the children of our home, as on this day they were all going to their respective home with their parents for 15 days Summer Vacation. Their happiness knew no bounds as they were all very excited and happy.



6. 17th JUNE - On this day Mr: RAVI SHAW on his birth day, from 'THE UNITY INDIA GROUP' from Neamatpur, came to our Anand Bhavan Home and offered us lunch. He also distributed sweets and cold drinks to the children. We all had great fun on this day.

7. 15th AUGUST - The day of 15th of August was an eventful day for our Anand Bhavan Home and school. We decorated the school campus with the National flag. After a grand March-Past performed by the children the national flag was hoisted. Sweets and chocolates were distributed to all the children's.



8. 26th AUGUST - The day of 26th of August was a graceful day for the children's of our Anand Bhavan Home. The Senior Inspector of Salanpur, in association with 'THE JAGRAN INDIA TEAM' came to our home to celebrate the Raksha Bandhan festival. The girls of our home tied rakhis to the guests and also to the boys of our home. The rakhi and sweets were distributed by the Jagran India Team. The whole campus was in a different atmosphere.

9. 30th AUGUST - On this day Mr. BINAY KUMAR and his friend from Human Rights came to visit the children's of our home and spent their valuable time with the children's and also promised to distribute new clothes to them during the Durga Puja festival, which they did.



10. 05th SEPTEMBER - The day of 05th of September was a memorable day for all the teachers of our school and home, as we celebrated 'The Teachers Day' with great pomp and joy. We also offered prayer to our beloved Mother Teresa on her death anniversary. The children have organized different programmes for the teachers. They performed dance, drama, songs, and poems and offered the teachers a memorable day, which filled the hearts of the teachers with enthusiasm.

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