



Annual Report | 2019-2020



HOWRAH SOUTH POINT

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Dear friends of HSP,

As we are closing the annual report of 2019-2020, and looking at the past year, events of the present are still irrupting into our life. On Christmas day 2020, our beloved father passed away. He left us silently, discreetly, after 93 years of a beautiful life, lived in fullness, donated to the poorest.

At Howrah South Point, we may all feel a little bit orphans. Some of our didis or dadas have always known him. They have grown up with him, learned everything from him, and they really are his daughters and sons. As he has always been there, caring for the work towards the handicapped and the poorest, we may all have hoped that he would never pass away.

There is a little sadness in our eyes, to think that we will not hear his jokes or even undergo his angers! But most of all, there is so much joy and gratefulness about all things that God has been able to do through him. We think we will not hear him again. But maybe it is the contrary. Maybe we will meet him everywhere in HSP, and in our work to help the most deprived as mind-pops and memories will be coming back to our hearts.

Anytime we will feel sad, we will hear him saying: "smile to God". When we will seat comfortably in our office, we will hear him say: "The poor won't come to us, we have to reach out to them!" When we will not do our work properly, we will hear him shout at us. And we will also hear him come close and humbly ask forgiveness. When we will be happy we will hear him saying "Bonitas, O Bonitas", about the goodness of God.

It will take some time for us to acknowledge all that father left behind him. But even before that, the best way to receive his legacy is to continue to work with full dedication for the poorest and the handicapped of life. From above, there is no doubt that he will continue to pray for us. He will help us to work with loving care and competence for those who suffer handicap, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, sickness, or joblessness.

Thank you to all our dedicated teams, thank you to all our friends and well-wishers who enable us to work for the poorest and the most deprived.

Lots of love,

Fr. Laurent





Who we are

Howrah South Point (H.S.P.) is an Indian organization founded in 1976 by Father Francis Laborde, a French Roman Catholic priest of the Prado. He spent nine years in the slum of Pilkhana, Howrah (West Bengal), which inspired Dominique Lapierre for his best seller "The City of Joy".

He came out with the conviction that ***we cannot be really ourselves human persons if we neglect our brothers and sisters marginalized in a society where we live in solidarity with them.*** It is not only a question of love. It is first of all a question of justice.

A small home for handicapped children with a dispensary for the poorest was established in Andul Road. It went through a number of developments, from the healthcare programme founded in 1977, the establishment in Jalpaiguri in 1982, the mobile dispensaries in 1998, up to a national award in 2013.

What we do

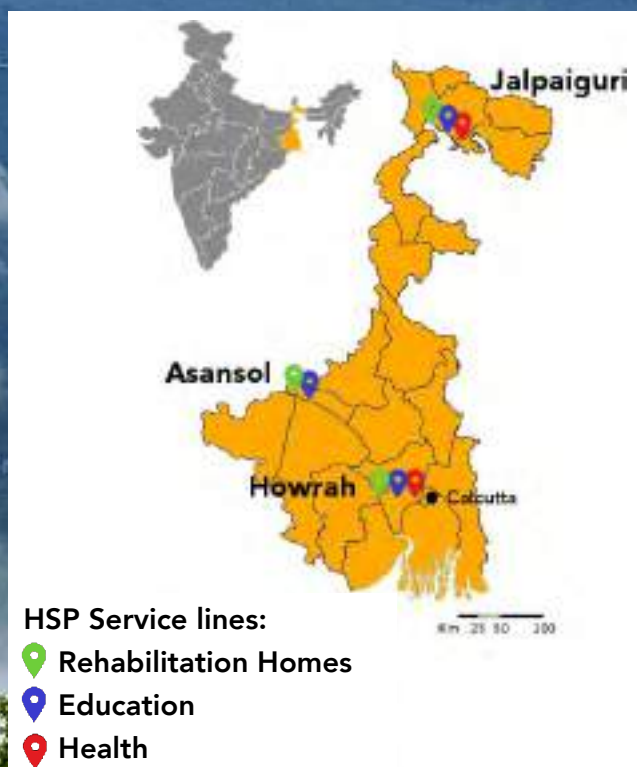
We want to share our life with the handicapped of the society that we serve, working for them with competence, loving care and compassion so that the handicapped and destitute children, all the deprived people may reintegrate the society. Our action goes through three main programmes:

- REHABILITATION HOMES for the physically, mentally and socially challenged children.
- EDUCATION PROGRAMMES: H.S.P. has Formal Schools, Non-Formal Schools and Special Schools.
- HEALTH PROGRAMMES to reach out those who cannot have access to any structure.

WHERE we are

3 districts of West Bengal:

- HOWRAH BRANCH
- ASANSOL BRANCH
- JALPAIGURI BRANCH





Our vision :

“ Promote **human development** irrespective of caste, creed and religion paying **special attention to the depressed and weaker sections** of society.

Our mission :

“ Work for the **integrated growth of the challenged children**, the sick and destitute by means of various **rehabilitation programmes, specialized education and preventive, curative health activities.**

9 Homes with 387 children

3 Creches with 40 children

11 Schools with 1817 students

1 Healthcare centre

4 mobiles dispensaries reaching out

43648 deprived people.

347 dedicated staff





Highlights of the year

April 2019

On 22nd April, Blood testing and Blood Grouping camp were organized at our Anand Bhavan Home with the effort of Mr. Francis Anthony Saha, in association with Dr. Mrinmoy Bhattacharya and his team-mates of "The Selfless Service Society" from Chittaranjan. All the children and teachers benefited of the camp. Blood testing/grouping was done and their blood groups were provided to them.

May 2019

Inauguration of a water filter on 28th May, Officials of A.G. Missions including Chairman Dr. Satyavestha, Col. Rao and our Hon'ble Secretary Maj. Gen. A.R.A. Sah came to Baksara to inaugurate the project.

June 2019

On 9th June, West Bengal Child Protection Day was observed at Dinabandhu Mancha, Siliguri. Mr. Goutam, tourism Minister of West Bengal was present. On the occasion, the WB CPCR organized different cultural programmes, in which the children of our Homes (Jalpaiguri Branch) participated with other children throughout the state.

September 2019

During the year, a renovation of girls and boys buildings was done, a new office, two shades for drying clothes, one changing rooms for girls were built in our EPN Home. On 28th September, the new office was inaugurated with the presence of

Father Laborde, Father Lawrence, 15 children with 2 staff of each Howrah Home and some office staff with the Administrator. Our fathers cut the ribbon, a cultural programme was performed by the children of each home and we enjoyed a fellowship Lunch.

October 2019

Prayash Group and Howrah Police organized a Durga Puja Trip for the children of all Homes in Howrah.



Inauguration of renovated EPN



Bakuabari picnic



Birthday in Lalkuthi



Cutting of the ribbon



New office



Works at EPN



Inauguration of renovated EPN



Works at EPN



EPN





The children visited different puja pandals, enjoyed a good lunch and received new clothes thank to them.

All the residents of Maria Basti and Jeevan Path (Bakuabari) went to Bakuabari Home to celebrate Durga Puja days. They also visited the puja pandals at Siliguri.

November 2019

For the child rights week (14th to 20th November), Jordighi, Mogradangi, Bakuabari Homes organized different competitions in between the residents, in each home separately initiated by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Jalpaiguri. All the winners were awarded on 20th November at Rabindra Bhawan Manchan by the office of the District Magistrate, DCPU. A cultural programme was organized to celebrate the International Child

Rights Day. Our children took part actively with the children of others Homes in Jalpaiguri. They performed a small drama, sang and dance drama.

December 2019

On 3rd December, World Disabled Day was celebrated for our Mogradangi and Bakuabari Homes in collaboration with the Rajganj Welfare Organisation. All the children, didis and dasas and the children from our outdoor physiotherapist post with their parents gathered at open ground of Rajganj Rural Hospital. A small cultural programme was organised: the children sang, danced, and took out a procession with posters and banners through the village road. A lunch was arranged for all. At the end, the staff of the Hospital donated gifts, clothes and winter garments to the children.

On 13th and 14th December, Father Lawrence organized the Annual Meeting named "Rejuvenation" for all HSP staff. Rev. Father Aroekia Swami, principal of Morning Star College (Barackpore) was our Chief Guest for the programme. Through the presentation, the staff learned how to improve our organization by always thinking something new for it.

Like previous years, Giuliano Uncle sponsored a picnic for all Homes in Howrah. On 18th December, the children visited AJC Bose Botanical Garden and came to Ashaneer Home for lunch. They enjoyed the moment and had great fun. Giuliano Uncle also sponsored picnic for our Homes in Jalpaiguri and Shikarpur School.

January 2020

On 10th January, our Annual Meet of Donors was organized in Ashaneer.



Giuliano picnic Botanical garden



Annual meet of donors



World disabled day



Rejuvenation meeting



Giuliano picnic Mogradangi





The children of all homes (Howrah) came and enjoyed a good lunch. All the children and the staff played different games and the winners were rewarded with small gifts. It was a nice day for all. On 11th, all staff of our mobile dispensaries enjoyed a picnic Place Deulti with the German Doctors.

March 2020

Onset of pandemic Covid-19. Since 16th March, the schools are closed and with the lockdown that follows, we had to reorganise to face it.

Visits

Along the year, we received the visit of our precious local donors who come regularly to give some gifts to our children (food, materials...). We enjoyed the visit of many friends, donors and well-wishers: Giuliano Menisini, Françoise di, Pascale didi, Melanie Doutaz, Caroline and Isabelle, Mr and Ms Etienne Gaisne, Fr. Gisda Kaur and Fr. Noibort from Germany, Amandine Nadeau, Ms Sophie Jegat Pakula (Psychomotor Therapist from PSYVI France), Pierre, the treasurer of Lumilo Foundation (Switzerland),

Violaine Pitty (MEP Volunteer), Alibaba travelling by car from Switzerland.

We received the visit of Fr. Yann in April, then two other priests from MEP came to visit us in January : Fr. Michel Roncin and Fr. Ivan Ponsonnet. A third MEP priest, Fr. Henri Bonal, visited us for Holi.

Three MEP Volunteers helped us during the year: Marie de Lorgeril, a physiotherapist, stayed 6 months in Mogradangi, Cyril de St Albin worked for 3 months in Ashaneer Head Office, helping us to prepare the Annual Report. Florence de Morel arrived in December 2019 and is currently staying in Bakuabari.



Lalkuthi girls to Science City



Visit of Fr Yann



Pushpa Home trip to Eco Park



Drawing competition



Saraswati Puja at EPN



Visit of Fr Henri



Visit of FF. Ivan & Michel



Visit of Mélanie, Caroline, Isabelle



Visit of Pascale





“ A differently abled person is not limited in life and success...”



Good morning Sr Lucy, could you tell us briefly what is your familial background and your personal history?

I am the youngest child. I lost my father when I was 10 months old. Three months after my father's death, I was affected with polio in both lower limbs. My mother did not realized that it was severe sickness. In the year 1985, through the contact with one of the Jesuits brothers, I was brought to Jesu Ashram for treatment. I grew up in Jesu Ashram. I got the chance to do my primary schooling in primary school of Jesu Niketan School of Jesuits School, Matigara.

How and when did you get to know Howrah South Point? How long did you study there?

I came to know about Howrah South Point from Sr Ivana FC in 1994. I just completed Class-III. I came to HSP in 1994 and joined class IV at Shanti Rani Primary School, Mogradangi. In 1995, I came to Jordighi and I studied Class-V to Class-VII at Mohitnagar High School. I came to Mogradangi again in 1998 for Class-VIII. From 1999 to 2001, I was in Bakuabari. I did Class-X at Rajganj High Secondary School. I studied in HSP for 7 years.

What is your strongest memory about your years at HSP?

The strongest memories I carry with me are the celebration of all festivals in HSP. It is the most precious moments I enjoyed.

What is the most important thing you learned over there?

The most important thing I learnt from HSP is to be independent. I discovered my own abilities that I carry with me wherever I go. In spite of being differently abled, I learnt to accept myself as I am and to believe I am capable of doing things in my own way.

What message would you like to give to disabled children?

To all the children of HSP, I would like to say – As we have received the great opportunity to study in HSP, we must use our talents in every aspect of our life. We should not feel that as a differently abled person we are limited. Rather we should think we are blessed and gifted in many ways. And we should use all those talents in our own way no matter what people say about it. We must set a goal to achieve, then only we can give afford to achieve it. Surely one day we will be successful in life.

What do you currently study?

At present, I am studying LLB (Legislative law of Bachelor) from Bengal Law College under Burdwan University in order to Advocate.



REHABILITATION HOMES

Howrah South point is committed to the welfare, uplift, progress of the poor and marginalized sections of the society, especially the physically, mentally and socially challenged children. In West Bengal, the disabled represent 7,52 % of the total population, i.e. around 7,5 million people.

Our intervention reaches out to the disabled and socially challenged children in slums and remote villages where the majority of the disabled population lives. We provide them with education and special education, health care, physiotherapy and psychotherapy aids, appliances and when necessary residential care. In our rehabilitation homes, they find a place to grow safely, a good education and an adequate nutrition.

We follow the development and progress of the children at their own pace and according to their capacity, giving them all the attention they need. Our aim is to give them better education and health as a basic need for better development and a better life.





Howrah branch

Ashaneer St Mary's Home

Founded in 2004 24 boys
10 staff 21 girls
New admissions: 16 (8 boys /8 girls)
Specialization: Mentally challenged, orthopaedically handicapped, socially destitute children.

Lalkuthi Home

Founded in 1983 40 girls
5 staff
New admissions: 2 girls
Specialization: Orthopaedically disabled and socially challenged, mentally challenged, destitute girls from 6 to 18 years old.

Ekprantanagar Home

Founded in 1981 34 boys
8 staff 24 girls
New admissions: 16 (11 boys/5 girls)
Transfer to another Home: 11 children
Specialization: Socially destitute boys and girls from 6 to 12 years.

Baxara Home

Founded in 1993 33 boys
6 staff 25 girls
New admissions: 15 (9 boys/6 girls)
Transfer to another Home: 3 children
Specialization: Mentally challenged, orthopaedically disabled and socially destitute children.

Ekprantanagar Creche

Founded in 1990 6 boys
2 staff 5 girls
Running time: 7 hours
Specialization: Day care centre for children of working parents, single parent, daily labours and very poor family.
Activities: Basic lessons of numerical, alphabets, drawing, reading, recitation, games and music, skill developing activities.

Baxara Creche

Founded in 1995 8 boys
2 staff 10 girls
Running time: 7 hours
Specialization: Day care centre for children of working parents, single parent and daily labours.
Activities: Basic lessons of numerical, alphabets, drawing, reading, recitation, games and music.

Bisco Brick Field Creche

Founded in 2006 5 boys
2 staff 6 girls
Running time: 8 hours
Specialization: Day care centre for children of brickfield working parents and daily labours.
Activities: loving care, feeding, cleaning and washing the babies. Playing, drawing and singing.





Asansol branch

Anand Bhavan Home

Founded in 2012 30 boys
6 staff 37 girls

Specialization: Socially destitute, tribal poor boys and girls. It is mainly for children of lepers.

Bakuabari CCI*

Founded in 1986 32+19 girls
19 staff 8 men

Specialization:

- *Nirmala Nivas (1989)*: young girls with cerebral palsy, mentally challenged and physically challenged from 5 to 12 years old.
- *Big Girls (2000)*: physically challenged girls (congenital deformities, cerebral palsy, mentally challenged teenage girls).
- *Jeevan Path (1986)*: the community of adult orphan men with cerebral palsy, autism, multiple disabilities or other mental disabilities.

*CCI: Child Care Institute

Jalpaiguri branch

Mogradangi CCI*

Founded in 1983 30 boys
9 staff

New admissions: 5 boys

Transfer to another Home: 2 children

Specialization: Mentally and physically challenged (cerebral palsy, congenital malformation) boys from 6 to 15 years old.

Maria Basti Home

Founded in 1982 9 women
6 staff

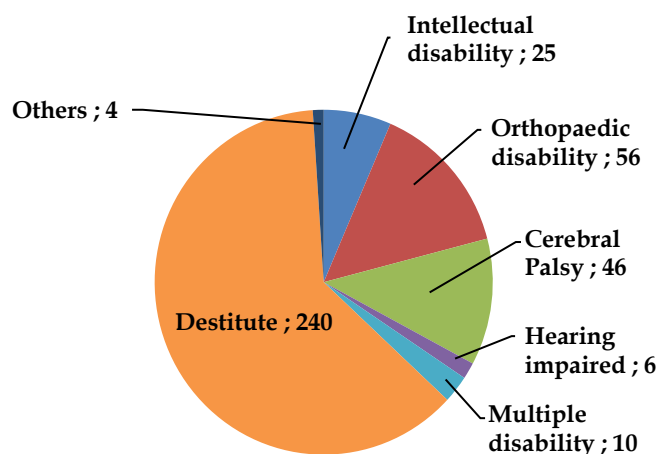
Specialization: Mentally challenged, cerebral palsy and post polio paralysis women.

Jordighi CCI*

Founded in 1987 21 boys
7 staff

Specialization: Physically challenged (cerebral palsy & congenital malformation) and socially challenged boys from 10 to 18 years old.

Home Wise children's data





Education

Our children attend Government schools or HSP schools (Formal and Non-Formal schools). Mentally challenged children and Cerebral palsy children attend HSP Special Schools, where they received a specific education. The staff teaches challenged children to learn to manage daily living activities (ADL), personal hygiene, social behaviour, and language communication to help them become independent.

Physiotherapy & Psychotherapy

Most of our children receive regular physiotherapy or psychotherapy sessions in our Homes. It is an essential component of our rehabilitation homes.

Health

We regularly organised Medical check-up for our children in our Homes.

Co-curricular activities

Developing the abilities (physical, social, cognitive, psychological) of our children is one of our priorities. The children can improve their abilities with occupational and creative skills such as drawing, singing, painting, greeting cards, arts and crafts, sewing, tailoring /cutting, and work education. They get dance lessons, in Taekwondo (Jordighi Home) and sports. The children take care of the environment and do gardening. They enjoy seeing the beautiful flowers they made grow. The children received Computer training (Lalkuthi, Anand Bhavan, Jordighi, and Bakuabari Home (Florence de Morel, an MEP volunteer, teaches computer courses to the Big girls since February 2020). Women with some children are taking part in

the vocational activities and receive training in a workshop (Jute, candle, carpentry, craft...). During the year, the children took part in some drawing, quiz, and song competitions for different events. The children also like to listen to music, to play together and to watch TV. Maheswari Mahila Mondal from Siliguri invited the Big girls from Bakuabari Home to go to a cinema show at Wega Circle Multiplex in November 2019. The girls were very excited and thrilled of this opportunity for the first time.

Food Diet

Clemence Cleave-Doyard, a nutritionist offered us her very professional advice to improve our nutritional food diet for the children in Howrah. It includes two dippers of milk daily. All Homes are following a diet chart in order to give children the necessary energy and protein required to grow well. Our children have four meals per day (Breakfast, Lunch, Tiffin and Dinner). They eat rice, egg, fish, chicken, fruits, milk, vegetables and dal. They love it and grow well.





Celebration and participation

We celebrated and enjoyed many celebrations with the participation of all the children: Christmas Gathering, Republic day (flag hoisting and cultural programme), Independence Day (flag hoisting and patriotic songs), Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Rabindra Jayanti (songs, dances...), Holi, Diwali, Saraswati Puja, Netaji Birth Day (flag hoisting and cultural programme). For these events, the children received small gifts, sweets, and chocolates. Bakuabari Home celebrated Rakhi Bandhan with the presence of the students and teachers of Bandhunagar D.N High school. The children performed a cultural programme and tie rakhi (friendship band). On 18th September 2019, the Jordighi Boys organised

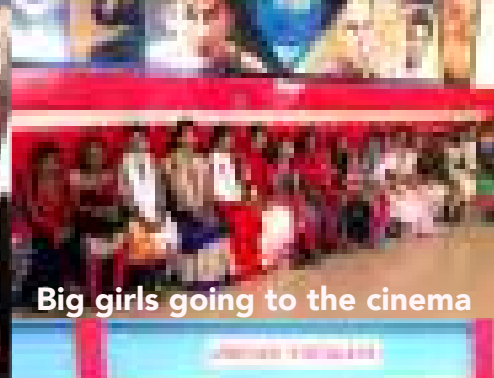
Vishwakarma Puja at Jordighi Workshop. They visited a nearby Coca-Cola factory and had a delicious lunch there. On the day of 28th October 2019, the children of our Anand Bhavan Home celebrated the festival of "Kali Puja" and "Diwali" with the teacher and staff by lighting Phuljhari and Fire Crackers. On 24th November 2019, the girls from Lalkuthi visited Science city with Mélanie Doutaz and her friends. The children enjoyed a lot to see animals and plants. On 15th December 2019, Jordighi, Mogradanghi, and Bakuabari Home participated in North Bengal Council for Disabled Sports meet at Kanchanjanga Stadium in Siliguri. Our Bakuabari girls won the Champion Trophy. All these moments are precious for our children who can express and share their smile and joy.



Girls gardening at EPN



Jordighi



Big girls going to the cinema



Maria Basti



EPN



Baksara



Lalkuthi



Mogradangi



Bakuabari



Farming

In Jalpaiguri, we cultivate paddy, potatoes, and different kinds of vegetables or fruits in our land. We have goats and cows that produce milk, given to our children and sold on the market. We have ducks and chicken that give us eggs for our consumption.



Preparing chilli peper at Jordighi



Dance at EPN



Republic day at EPN

OUR CHALLENGES

H.S.P applied for Government Registration under JJ Act for Howrah and Asansol Homes.

We aim at developing training for our staff (proper care for the special need of the child, first Aid, care giving for the development of the child, fire fighting etc.)

We will develop jute craft training in Maria Basti Home, Solar streets lights in Bakuabari Home, Music Class in Anand Bhavan Home, more activities like assessment of the children and an excursion in EPN Creche, introduce a Library in Baksara Home and the staff of Mogradangi Home need to learn the basic use of a computer.

ACHIEVEMENTS :

98

students have successfully passed the primary examination.

127

students have successfully passed the upper primary examination.

42

students have successfully passed the Madhyamik examination.

15

students passing into Class X this year.

8

students enrolled in empowerment programs after leaving home this year.



EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

“ **The right kind of education consists in understanding the child as he is without imposing upon him an ideal of what we think he should be.**

Jiddu Krishnamurti

Education is the best means to eliminate poverty and superstition in a society as it brings the light of knowledge and wisdom. Education is the force that can eradicate injustice and slavery from the social order by bringing in equality, liberty and fraternity.

West Bengal is among the eight poorest states in India. High deprivation levels across social indicators such as health, education and standard of living have been noticed. According to the UNICEF, Schooling has improved but the secondary school completion rates are lower than in many other states. Over 70 per cent of the children from 3 to 6 years attend preschool. (Source: Rapid Survey on Children 2013-14).



Most young Indian do not have sufficient education and 29% of the disabled children are not attending educational institution.

The education support programme of H.S.P both formal & non-formal is concentrated on making education available for the poor and the marginalized children of our society.



FORMAL SCHOOLS

EPN School

Founded in 1981 519 students
20 staff of which 16 teachers
New admissions: 118
Location: Howrah, rural area
Education: Bengali and Hindi
Medium from nursery to class IV.

Shantirani School

Founded in 1981 562 students
19 staff of which 18 teachers
New admissions: 74
Location: Mogradangi village,
Jalpaiguri
Education: Bengali Medium from KG1
to class IV.

Baksara Vidyalaya School

Founded in 1993 325 students
16 staff of which 14 teachers
New admissions: 56
Location: Santragachi Railway
junction, Howrah
Education: Hindi Medium from KG to
class VIII.

Kalipathar School

Founded in 2012 96 students
6 staff
New admissions: 25
Location: Chittaranjan, Asansol
Education: Hindi Medium from
nursery to class V.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Prognalaya SP School

Founded in 2004 54 children
5 teachers
New admissions: 8
Transfer to primary school: 4
Specialization: Special education for
mentally challenged and cerebral
palsy children.
Activities: Physiotherapy & psycho-
therapy, special education, behaviour,
speech and play therapy, training for
daily living activities, Multi sensory
approach, occupational skills
development, recreational activities
and development, handwriting
assessment.

Manus Domini SP School

Founded in 1993 80 children
5 staff
New admissions: 8
Specialization: Special education for
mentally challenged and cerebral
palsy children.
Activities: Special education,
Physiotherapy, Psychotherapy,
Psychomotricity, Multi sensory Unit....

Howrah branch

Asansol branch

Jalpaiguri branch



Non Formal **SCHOOLS**

NON FORMAL SCHOOLS

Bridge-course (EPN)

Founded in 2008 29 children

1 teacher

New admissions: 9

Transfer to formal school: 12

Specialization: Working children, migrants children, dropouts and children of daily workers.

Activities: Hindi, English, Maths, School syllabus, songs, stories, drawing, health and hygiene.

Baksara

Founded in 2006 30 children

2 teachers

New admissions: 11

Transfer to formal school: 10 children

Specialization: Children from very poor family background, staying in temporary shelters made out of bamboo, plastic and tin.

Activities: Hindi, English, Maths, School syllabus, songs, stories, drawing, health and hygiene.

Bisco Brickfield (EPN)

Founded in 2000 33 children

2 staff

Specialization: education for children of brickfield working parents and daily labourers.

Activities: Drawing, Alphabet, Songs and playing with toys.

Ankurhati

Founded in 2012 28 children

1 teacher

New admissions: 10

Transfer to formal school: 10 children

Specialization: Children (boys and girls from 5 to 14 years old), mainly dropout's children or children found roaming and labour children.

Activities: Syllabus of School, drawing, songs, health and hygiene.

Shikarpur

Founded in 2010 61 children

4 staff of which 3 teachers

New admissions: 12

Transfer to formal school: 10 children

Specialization: to give support in education to children of Tea garden labours family from class I to IV.

Activities: Follows syllabus of West Bengal education Board, Drawing, songs, hygiene, providing support to parents to obtain Government certificate etc., follow up and guidance to ex-students.





Discipline

School headmasters and teachers try their best to keep the students engaged in the study and teach them with love and care. We maintain the curriculum of syllabus and discipline in our schools, and we take care of the children's safety and security.

Formal schools

The children learn to respect human values, their nation, and all the aspects of life that lead to being a better human being and a good citizen for their country.

Special schools

We encourage the students to follow acceptable behaviour. They receive a specific education. Apart from studies, our students showed improvement in motor development and occupational, functional, speech therapy, and self-help curricular activities. Some of our children joined the primary school.

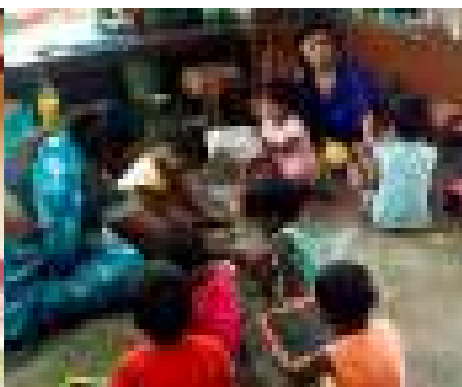
Non Formal Schools

We want to give a chance to continue their studies for our children who are mostly

children of migrants and drop out children. We follow the school syllabus: the children get lessons in Hindi, English, and Maths. We also teach them songs, stories, and they learn to draw. The children sat for the examinations.

Examinations

Half-Yearly Examination of our EPN Formal School was held on 27th April 2019. The results of both Medium School were announced on the 15th June 2019 by our respected sir Mr. Arunjit J.P. Biswas in front of the guardians. He encouraged





the children for their future. On 16th December 2019, our respected headmaster, in front of all the students, teachers, and parents, declared the Annual Examination result. On 18th November 2019, the Half-Yearly (Oral) Examination of our Kalipathar Hindi Primary School started and continued till 11th November. The Half-Yearly (Written) Examination began on 25th November and continued till 29th November. Three examinations were held (April, August, December) for the students of Shikarpur School. The children were very busy with their studies. They all worked hard and did pretty well

in their examination.

Mid-day meal

We continue to provide Mid-day meals for school children in some schools (EPN, Baksara, and Shikarpur).

Celebration

Like every year, we enjoyed many festivals (Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Republic Day, World disabled day). On these occasions, we organised small programmes around different activities such as flag hoisting, National Song speech, parade, cultural programmes, sweets,

and chocolate distribution, drawing competition, and prize distribution. On 14th November 2019, in our EPN Formal School, we celebrated Children's day and the birth anniversary of our first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru. All the teachers welcomed the students by their melodious lyrics and garlanding the picture-frame of Jawaharlal Nehru. The memorable part of the celebration was the function performed by our little students and the all colourful dresses wearing by our students instead of their school uniforms. The school playground was buzzing with the excitement and joy of the children.



ACHIEVEMENTS :

Formal Schools

Primary: 1167 students appeared for exams: 1153 passed and 14 failed.

Upper Primary: 352 students appeared for exams: 340 passed and 12 failed.

Non Formal schools

Total of students appeared for exams: 120 students

Fit for formal school: 38 students

Repeating: 10 students

Prognalaya Special Schools

Learned to read: 3 students

Learned to write: 4 students

Improved speaking: 18 students

Improved social skills: 36 students

203 students have completed their course





Activities and Sports

On 14th August 2019, our school children (Baksara) cleaned the surroundings under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and planted trees in the compound. On 27th August 2019, the headmaster of EPN Formal School declared the West Bengal Talent Search Competition 2018 in front of the students and their guardians and gave them prizes and certificates. The teachers introduced a Natural club activity of Science, Arts, and crafts to our students in Baksara School on 26th January 2020. It was innovative, and we had

creative performances of our students. We organised an Annual Sports competition in our schools. For our special School, Proganalaya, it was held in January 2020 at the Ashaneer campus. Various sports were organised according to the functional level of differently able children. In Baksara and Shikarpur Schools, they celebrated Republic Day and Annuals sports event the same day, on 26th January 2020. At Shikarpur School, a friendly programme was organised, and the ex-students participated. The Annual Sports was organised on 22nd January 2020 for EPN School. There

were many exciting events, like- 100meter race, spoon race, skipping race, potato race, and the most interesting game: Go as you like. The children of EPN Creche also took part, and three of them got prizes. The Annual Sports Day was held on 8th February 2020 for Kalipathar School. The children were divided into groups for different events like 50m race, 100m Race, Sack Race, Math Solving Race, Spoon and Marble Race, Thread and Need race etc. The children were awarded prizes. Our best gift was that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

