

## Annual Report

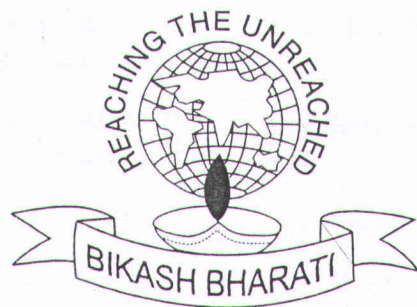


2020 - 2021

# B. B. W. S.

Reaching out and Empowering Underprivileged Communities

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## Vision

Reaching out to the unreached communities in remote areas and empowering people at taking care if their own well-being.

## Mission

Committed to initiate holistic social development working in remotest areas at the national Level, and addressing to the needs and priorities of the poor, marginalised and deprived sections of the community in the areas of education, child development, youth empowerment, disability prevention and rehabilitation measures, healthcare services and community developement. Community participation and right based service to be the mainstay of the Society's service delievery stratigies.

## Bikash Bharati Welfare Society status at a glance

### RECOGNITION

- Conferred with the NATIONAL AWARD for Child Welfare (individual) 1982 by the Government of India
- Conferred with the NATIONAL AWARD as the Best Handicapped Welfare Institution 1987 by the Government of India
- GOOD TRACK RECORD HOLDING ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION by the Government in 1994
- OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSON EMPOWERMENT AWARD by the North Calcutta Junior Chamber under Indian Junior Chamber in 1999
- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR BETTER CALCUTTA 2004-2005 by the Indian Chamber of Commerce - ICC Calcutta Foundation

### LEGAL STATUS

- Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act XXVI of 1961. Registration Number- S/9948 of 1969-1970 Dated 31.10.1969
- Registered under the P.W.D. Act 1999 vide Registration Number 512(Com.D)R
- Registered under the National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities vide Registration number 2567/MR-C/2006
- Registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 Registration number 147120441
- Registration under 12A of the Income Tax Act 1961 : PAN- AATB310H
- × Donations to the Society exempted u/s 80G of Income Tax Act 1961 vide no. DIT(E)/943/SE/100/83-84

### BBWS programmes/projects' location

#### JHARGRAM (WB)

- CBSE Delhi affiliated English medium residential school
- Destitute Children Home
- Integrated Rehab -
- Vocational Training & Physical Rehab of OH
- Distribution of Aids/App'l. to PWD
- Children Hospital
- Mobile Dispensary
- Disability Mgt. Training Rural Development

#### TARAKESWAR (WB)

- Integrated Programme of Rehabilitation of OH - Running of
- Vocational Training for Handicapped Youth
- Physical Rehabilitation Unit
- Distribution of Aids/App'l. to PWDs
- Rural Development

#### KOLKATA (WB)

- ASHADEEP Drug De-Addiction centre
- Distribution of Aids/App'l. to PWDs

#### North 24 PARGANAS

- Centre for Children-at-risk under ICPS
- Preventive intervention of HIV/AIDS with Clinic

#### JALESWAR (ODISHA)

- Balwadi Pre-Primary School for rural Children
- Swastha Seva Kendra: Free Health Clinic

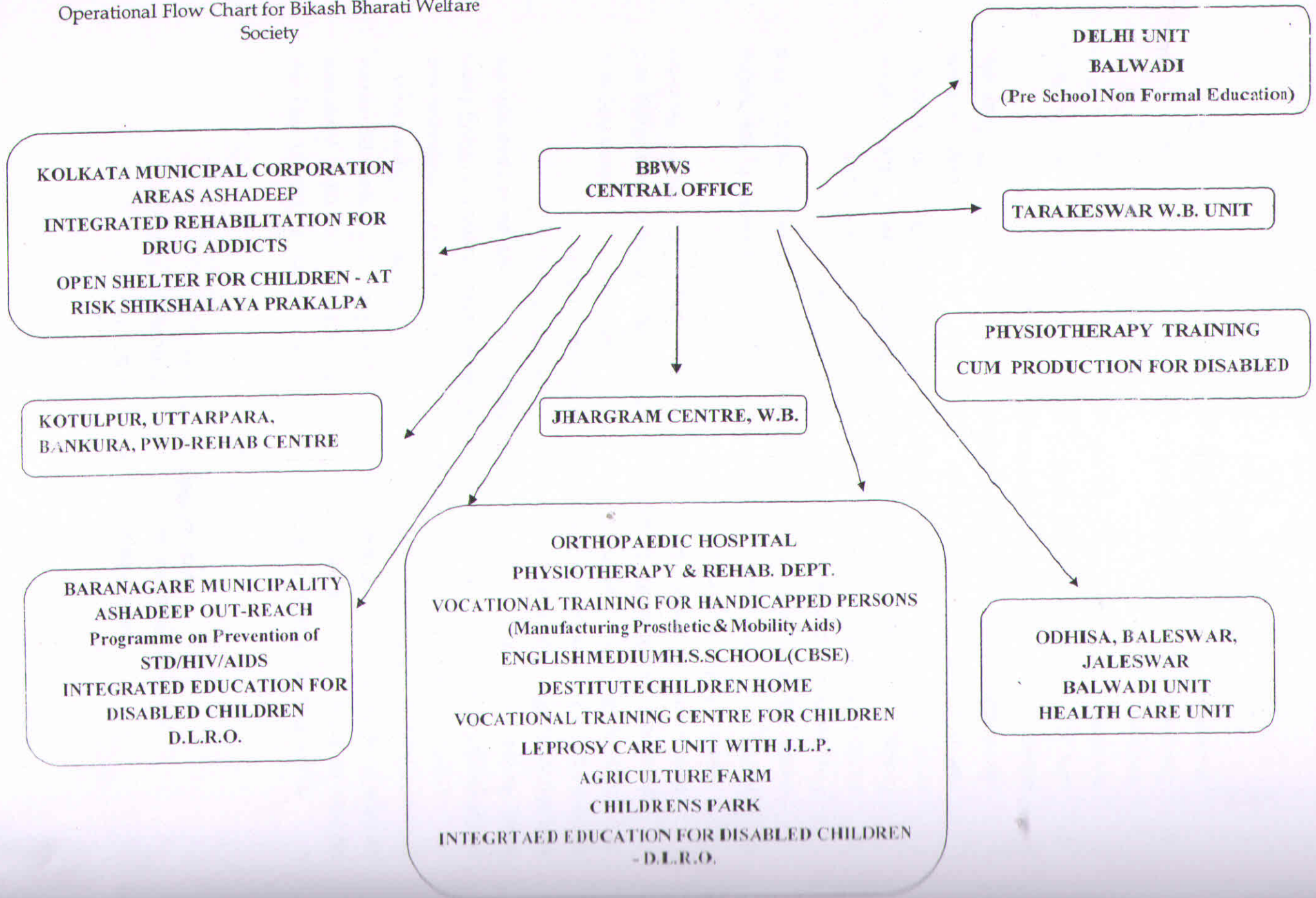
#### RANIBAGH (DELHI)

- Balwadi-pre-primary school for children
- Community development

#### KOTULPUR (WB)

- Uttarpara, Bankura
- Physical Medicine Centre
- Charitable Dispensary
- Old Age Home for PWDs

Operational Flow Chart for Bikash Bharati Welfare Society



## **BIKASH BHARATI WELFARE SOCIETY**

**Central Office: 20/1B, Lalbazar Street, Kolkata – 700001**  
**Annual Report – 2020-21**

### **PREAMBLE**

Bikash Bharati Welfare Society crossed its Golden Jubilee in 2020-21 with the services for the cause of Children, Youth Persons with disability, and other vulnerable sections of the community in the rural areas and city slums. The Rights based approaches and community involvement continues to be the hallmark of activities of the Organization.

During the year, under review, the Society had to face a number of challenges due to non-receipt of GIA from the Government however as a well knit family the BBWS Team stood the test of time to come good at service delivery to the Persons in need with the help of friends, well wishers and beneficiaries of the catchment area.

Some notable achievements of this Society can be enumerated as below:

- a) Similarly, the WIPRO GE Health Care Pvt. Ltd. Senior Executive Joydeep Nag who personally witnessed the Society's healthcare services in the Kolkata slums and brothel area, in gesture of his goodwill donated fund for the Corpus Fund for Jhargram Orthopaedic Hospital.
- b) BBWS have taken active role in awareness of Covid-19 pandemic by distributing masks, Sanitizer and Food to the people of under privileged section. This Programme was carried out in all branches of Organization.
- c) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata Students Internship at our centre:  
During the year MBA Students from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade visited our IRCA – Drug De-Addiction, Open Basic Education and Open Shelter for children at risk in the North Kolkata centers. The students as part of their internship participated in the day to day activities assisting our project staff. They also provided useful inputs for the furtherance of the activities.
- d) Like the previous years, the noted S. J. Jindal Trust continued with its yearly donation for advancing the Child protection and developmental activities of the Society.
- e) The mobile Dispensary Project under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs enhanced service coverage through additional medical check-up spots in Gopiballavpur 2 – ITDP

Block and initiated the setting up of the BBWS-TARGET MATRI O SHISHU CLINIC in the block.

- f) The ASHADEEP IRCA undertook various outreach activities including setting up of Campaign Kiosk at Sinthee More in association with the KOLKATA POLICE on the occasion of International Anti-Drug Day and the World AIDS Day. The centre also enhanced its networking with local youth clubs for their campaign activities at drug demand reduction.
- g) The Society's website [www.vikasbbws.org](http://www.vikasbbws.org) was updated providing the requisite information required to be notified to the public under the Right to Information Act.

**Other activities during the year: The Society observed the following occasions –**

7th April as the World Health Day

30<sup>th</sup> April as Anti-Child Labour Day

5th June as the World Environment Day

21<sup>st</sup> June as the World Yoga Day

24<sup>th</sup> June as the World TB Day

26th June as the International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

7th August as the Birth Anniversary of the Society's Founder Director

15<sup>th</sup> August as the Independence Day

8th September as the International Literacy Day

2nd October as the Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary

14th November as Universal Children's Day

23<sup>rd</sup> November as the Death Anniversary of the Society's Founder Director

1st December as the World AIDS day

3<sup>rd</sup> December as the World Disabled Day

12th January as the International Day for the Youth

23<sup>rd</sup> January as the Birth Day of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

26<sup>th</sup> January as the Republic Day

30<sup>th</sup> January as the Leprosy Day

28<sup>th</sup> February as the Society's Foundation Day

8<sup>th</sup> March as the International Women's Day

The unit/project-wise activity highlights of the year under review are in the following pages.

## CHAPTER - I

### DISABILITY PREVENTION & REHABILITATION MEASURES

The work of Disability Prevention and the Physical, Educational and Economic Rehabilitation measures for Persons with disabilities in the rural and Pre-urban areas continued to be the main feature of the Society's agenda of work. While the disability prevention activities of the Society includes Awareness Generation in the community through various modes and conduct of regular Immunization programmes for infants, the Rehabilitation measures currently in force are as follows. :-

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATIONAL ECONOMIC:

PHYSICAL	EDUCATIONAL	ECONOMIC
Early Detection & Intervention	IEDC Intervention for Children under the Sarva Shiksha Mission	Guidance for Employment including Self-employment options
Counseling & Medical Intervention	Vocational Training	Counseling
Providing Assistive Devices		
ADL Training		

The Society emphasis on early detection and timely intervention.

Rehabilitation measures taken so far as ADL, training following counseling of parents and PwDs distributions of aids and appliance and vocational training.

The Society is maintaining the above programmes through its rural-based centers located in Jhargram under Jhargram district and Tarakeswar under Hooghly district in West Bengal.

Besides, the Society's out-reach programmes, in the remote rural and peri-urban areas in West Bengal. Both the Centers could earn encomiums on the work of the Surgeons, Medical Officer, Para-medical staff and other workers.

The services rendered by the twin centers and their coverage of the services are given for the year 2020-2021 as under Table – 1

**TABLE -1**

Sl. No.	Centre	Unit	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Jhargram in Jhargram District	Services through running of Training-cum-Production Centre & Physical Rehabilitation for O.H.	10,892

2	Tarakeswar in Hooghly District	Integrated rehabilitation Services through running of Training-cum-Production Centre & Physical Rehabilitation for O.H.	5,842 persons
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**SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY FOR PURCHASE / FITTING OF AIDS / APPLIANCES (ADIP):**

The Society is implementing ADIP Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment Scheme GOI for over the last two decades with reputation. The scheme is implemented, in close contact with the Panchayat, Block and Municipal Authorities, through pre-distribution assessment and post-distribution follow-up. This has so far enabled maximum usage of the prosthetic aids and other appliances by the handicapped people.

However, the Society's Team participated in 12 District Composite Camps for Persons with disability held at various venues and also assessed Children with Special Needs for provisions of mobility, hearing aid and MSIED KIT.

Their assessment details were handed over to the concerned District Social Welfare Officers and the District Project Officer, Sarva Shiksha Mission., The Table - 2 below would provide the status of ADIP Scheme is implementation by the Society and free distribution of Aids and Appliances to persons with disability of Aids and Appliances to Persons with disability selected through the District Composite Camps and Society's Assessment Clinics during the year under review.

During the 2019-2020 Society (BBWS) has been again nominated by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, DEPwD, for ADIP Scheme.

**TABLE – 2**

Venue of the Camps	No. of Beneficiaries selected
<b>JHARGRAM</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>HOOGHLY</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>KOLKATA</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>BANKURA</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>NORTH 24 PGS</b>	<b>192</b>

**HOSPITAL FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CHILDREN & NARESH SENGUPTA INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL REHABILITATION:**

This unit is situated in the rural and tribal inhabited area under Jhargram, and majority of the beneficiary are tribal and other deprived classes of people. Annual financial assistance is granted from the Government of West Bengal for maintenance of the Hospital. All other regular activities of the unit viz, OPD and Indoor too run to their capacities during the year. The unit attended to 67 orthopaedic cases referred by the Jhargram Sub-Divisional Hospital. Out of the total number of beneficiaries, a good number of handicapped patients from East Singhbhum (Jharkhand) and Mayurbhanj (Odisha) attended physiotherapy.

#### **MOBILE DISPENSARY:**

A mobile Dispensary unit of the Society assisted by the Ministry of Tribal Affair, Govt. of India is operating in Gopiballavpur - II ITDP Block during the year.

#### **INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR REHABILITATION OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED & OTHER DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH RUNNING OF TRAINING CENTRE AND PHYSICAL REHABILITATION WING UNDER THE D.D.R.S:**

The Physical Rehabilitation unit in association with the Orthopaedic Hospital unit run in the Jhargram campus are able to provide a comprehensive disability prevention, and suitable rehabilitation measures for young and adults PWDs of the remote rural and tribal areas.

The Training centers for Handicapped Youth at Jhargram and Tarakeswar are run in order to provide in gainful trades, simultaneously to enhance their physical and social communication capabilities to make meaningful livelihood. The technical assistance for the centre is obtained from the Experts of the Industrial Training Centers, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre and the National Institute. Together with imparting training, the centre also produces low-cost mobility aids as Tri-wheeler cycles, Wheelchairs, Crutches, Artificial limbs and other clients-specific assistive devices.

The Physical Rehabilitation unit at Jhargram recorded 8586 beneficiaries, also assisted 25 beneficiaries of the Training-cum-Production Centre of the Society at Jhargram. About 20% of the beneficiaries catered during the year at the Physiotherapy department were children with cerebral palsy and mental retardation from interior rural areas referred by the ICDS functionaries and the Society's IED Project wing under the SSM.

The Physiotherapy unit at Tarakeswar recorded 3746 beneficiaries. The majority of the beneficiaries of this service unit were also handicapped children and adult from the interior rural areas. This TCPC centre at Tarakeswar provided training to 12 handicapped youth in dual trades during the year.

The output of the, The Training-cum-Production centers accrued out of the Ministry grant assistance are manifold - both tangible and intangible. Tangible benefits are - (i) low cost of production enables larger coverage of beneficiaries under the ADIP scheme implementation without the quality uncompromised ; (ii) the training becomes more meaningful when trainees are seen and also they themselves to produce useful things, and (iii) the young handicapped persons imparted training in trades that provide easy employability for the trainees in rural areas. Intangible benefits are that the centre trying with the physical rehabilitation service deliverables becomes the visual of the success story for the cause of the rural people with disability.

### **INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN (IEDC) UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA MISSION:**

The Society, as the District Level Resource Organization (DLRO) under the SSM for Kolkata, Tarakeswar and Jhargram, endeavoured at the integration of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) into formal system of education. Through a process of community sensitization, survey and motivation of parents. The Special Educators and Rehabilitation wing functionaries undertake regular Home Visits, Orientation Training for Parents and Children for their **Activity of Daily Living (ADL)**.

### **LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OR WITH SEVERE DISABILITY UNDER NATIONAL TRUST ACT 1999:**

The Society being an active Member of the Local Level Committee of Paschim Mednipur under the National Trust Act 1999 and also registered under the ACT arranged Legal Guardianship to 5 mentally challenged youth of Jhargram sub-division. The Society also undertook Gram Panchayet level Sensitization on the issue and importance of legal guardianship.

### **LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME:**

The Society's Jhargram hospital in collaboration with Jhargram Leprosy Project, a clinic for early identification and treatment of leprosy cases. During the year 11 referrals through the clinic were made. In addition, the Society undertook Awareness Generation Campaign on leprosy eradication in association with the local Schools, Panchayet and ICDS set-ups. The Government of West Bengal in the department of Health & Family Welfare grant-in-aid could not be availed during the year 2020-2021

## **PROGRAMME ON BLINDNESS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT:**

As one of the continuing programmes, the society has this year conducted campaign activities through appropriate handouts, display items and also organizing Awareness Camps.

## **COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY (CBR):**

The society continued its campaign activities on the rights of people with disability through distribution of handbills, display of banners, Awareness camps and seminars. 4 Major programmes were conducted during this year.

## **ADVOCACY ON BARRIERS - FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY:**

The Society continued its advocacy on the provision of Barrier free access for people with disability in public places. The society's Booklet on the standard norms under the provision of Barrier-free access was widely distributed.

## **Activities at a glance on Disability Prevention & Rehabilitation and Beneficiaries covered 2020-2021.**

<b>BBWS: Disability Prevention &amp; Rehabilitation Measures Activity and Beneficiaries coverage:</b>	
Community /sensitization 1,025	Physical Rehabilitation Services 10,546
Immunization 51 Children	Physical Rehabilitation Services 4,780
Assessment for Mobility support 951	Vocational Training 56 Handicapped youth
Screening of Leprosy 25 identified	Legal Guardianship 6 persons

## **CHAPTER - II**

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

#### **OPEN SHELTER FOR CHILDREN IN NEED:**

The IPSC Project runs by the Society for Street Children in North Kolkata has been transformed and Open Shelter Project in Urban and semi-urban under the Ministry of Women & Child Development to run under the District Child Protection Society of West Bengal. Accordingly the Society has to recast its IPSC Project to provide sheltered arrangements to complement the existing institutional care facilities - as envisaged in the Government Scheme.

#### **The objectives of our Open Shelter include –**

To attract Children at risk from their present vulnerable life situation to a safe environment.

To wean these children away from the vulnerable situations by sustained intervention.

To guide these children away from high risk and socially deviant behaviours.

To provide opportunities for education and captive their potential and talent.

To enhance life skills and reduce their vulnerabilities to exploitation.

To reintegrate these children into families, alternative care and community.

To carry out regular follow up to ensure that children do not return to vulnerable situation.

With the above objectives, the society has put in place the residential facilities for

Children whose profile is as in table - 6 follows:

**TABLE – 3**

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
06 to 10 years	11	NIL	11
11 to 14 years	13	NIL	13
14 to 18 years	03	NIL	03

#### **DESTITUTE CHILDREN HOME:**

This home for destitute children is run at Jhargram under the Cottage Scheme of the Government of West Bengal. The home has a sanction capacity for 150 boys, but due to resultant vacancies the total enrolment during end of the year 2020-21 was 110 children.

The Society's programme for destitute children has special focus on the education of children up to secondary level, that is done through the CBSE affiliated school run in the campus. The vocational training of inmates in the trade of printing and composing is done through the Printing Press set up with one-time financial assistance received from the National Children Fund. Cultural education is done through the Music School in the campus under Bangiya Sangeet Parishad. Health care aspect of children is taken care of by the Society's hospital wing in the campus. While for recreation games and sports the Society's Jhargram campus enable all-round development of these children in the campus. All these programmes for destitute children ran uninterrupted during the year under report.

#### **RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION UNDER C.B.S.E. CURRICULUM FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE CHILDREN UNDER EKALABYA MODEL SCHOOL:**

During the year under report, children selected by the Backward Caste Department of Jhargram District continued education in the Society's **Bikash Bharati Blooms Day** School at Jhargram.

#### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DEPRIVED CHILDREN:**

The Society ran a Vocational Trainings in this year on computer for under-privileged children during the year.

To give a proper shape of its existing Children Park Society's needs financial needs for which organizations approached to various corporate sectors.

#### **FOLLOW-UP OF MAINSTREAMED CHILDREN INTO FORMAL SCHOOLS:**

The society's mainstreaming programme for street and working children into formal schools earned wide appreciation. During the year the Society's team made special efforts to visit the schools where the children were mainstreamed. They also met families and the concerned children to take note of their progress. It is worth-while to report the retention rate of the mainstreamed children in their respective school were more than ninety percent, till now.

#### **BALWADIS (Pre-primary education):**

It is run in Ranibagh and Jaleswar of Odisha ran successfully during the year. The Ghatshila centre recorded enrolment of 35 children during the year.

## CHAPTER – III

### YOUTH MOBILISATION & OTHER EMPOWERMENT

Youth participations have always been an integral part of almost all the social development programmes that the Society undertaken. The Society has developed networking 52 youth clubs and groups in north Kolkata areas.

The programmes/project that is run essentially with Youth participations are:-

#### **Health Care Development:**

Youth forms the integral part in the programmes/projects on Drug Demand Reduction, Prevention of STD/HIV/AIDS, Control of Tuberculosis and TB-HIV co infection and community sensitization programmes on health care. Most of the projects are run in association with the local Youth Clubs - with Youth engaged as Project Workers and Volunteers. The Clinic Services at the Baranagar Brothel area is run within a local Youth Clubs set-up, where 4 young female sex workers act as Peers. Similarly, 5 Young Ex-Drug Users act as Peers for the anti-drug programmes.

#### **Integrated Programme for Children at risk:**

This Government sponsored project in north Kolkata is run through 9 NFE centers manned by the Youth Club Functionaries. Youth also acts as Educators in that project. Currently 10 Young Educators are engaged as Educators.

#### **Management of Mid-Day-Meal Programme for Children:**

This programme introduced during this year in the Society's projects for Street Children and Shikshalaya Prakalpa in North Kolkata is manned by the partner Youth Clubs.

The Society also runs training Programmes for youth with a view of providing youth employability. Two major training programmes are run for the purpose - Training on Computer Application and DTP for deprived Youth at Baranagar and Training in cycle repairing and sheet metal work for handicapped Youth in Jhargram and Tarakeswar during 2020-2021, 12, 24 and 30 youth completed training at Baranagar, Jhargram and Tarakeswar respectively.

**CHAPTER – IV**  
**EDUCATION**  
**FORMAL, NON FORMAL, OPEN-BASIC, INTEGRATED,**  
**VOCATIONAL & ADULT-CONTINUING**

The Society, since its inception, had focused activities at providing access to education among the under privileged communities in the rural and semi-urban areas. The Society's educational programme development has been based on the principles of that education is a lifelong process and every mode of imparting education empowers the community to a better living.

Over the years the society undertook programmes through community participation for the educational development activities among targeted communities. Currently, the Society has in operation Formal, Open-basic, Integrated education for Children with disabilities, Vocational and Adult-continuing education under the SALD programmes.

In addition, the Society also undertakes various research studies with a view to promoting appropriate strategies with the community participation for reaching out to its target communities with the educational programmes. The various educational programmes currently in operation under the aegis of this society are under -

**BIKASH BHARATI BLOOMS DAY (CBSE Affiliated):**

This Secondary School at Jhargram, providing scope of education to birth residential and day-scholar students, continued its progress, and also provides support to deprive and destitute children for their pursuance of education. During the year, 11 students appeared at the ALL-INDIA Secondary School Examination 2021 of the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi. Among the appeared student 11 were Boys. The result of the school at the said examination was notable, as 80 percent of the students obtained first division with a good number obtaining letter-marks in some objects, too. The students participated in the sub-divisional Republic Day Independence Day parade and march-past.

**BIKASH BHARATI ANANDA NIKETAN:**

A school of Dance, Drama and Music affiliated to the Bangiya Sangeet Parishad functioned satisfactorily during the year. The students performed cultural programmes at different venues, with much appreciation from the audience.

**OPEN BASIC EDUCATION:**

This programme of primary education for street and working children is accredited to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING. Currently 320 children are enrolled in 9

centers run in Baranagar. The children with 168 girl child, performed satisfactory in their course of study during the year.

**ADULT-CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

Under CBSE Special Adult Literacy Drive, the students of classes IX & X of the Blooms Day School at Jhargram teach village adults in Jhargram. Currently 22 adults in Jhargram teach village adults are enrolled under the program, the being supervised and guided by the Senior Teachers of the said school.

**PROGRAMME ON MAINSTREAMING OF DEPRIVED CHILDREN INTO FORMAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:**

The Society has, over the years, endeavoured at mainstreaming potential students of NFE and OBE centers in recognized schools through providing support for their admission and retention in the schools. During the year, the Society could admit 50 students of its centre into local recognized school.

## **CHAPTER - V**

### **HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

The Society has all along endeavoured, through its main working centre at Jhargram and the out-posts in Baranagar, Tarakeswar and Jhaleswar (Odisha), at developing health care services focused to cater to the people in the rural and peri-urban areas. The services are mostly rendered in areas where health service facilities is inadequate or do not exist, and to supplement the Government health care initiative. During-2020-2021 the existing services have been added with new program as have been highlighted in the following head-wide briefs of the health care service activities of the Society.

#### **GENERAL HEALTH CARE**

The Society has been running a full-fledged children Hospital at Jhargram since 1971.

This hospital recognized and partly supported by the Government of West Bengal in the Department of Health & Family Welfare, ran to its capacity with its out-patient, inpatient, X-Ray and Pathology Services. Though the nomenclature termed the hospital as Children, but adult male and female of the remote rural and tribal inhabitant areas under Jhargram received treatment and care. The operational management of the hospital, headed by the superintendent, Jhargram Sub-Divisional Hospital as the Chairman of the Local Committee, has in place the system of Referral of cases to the Government Hospital and PHC set-up. The Society also runs Health Clinics at its outreach

i) Jaleswar and Baleswar (Odisha) and Tarakeswar (Hooghly) - both of which operates Outdoor Clinics and provide treatment and care free of charges to the public.

During 2020-2021, the hospital and clinics provided treatment and care to 17128 patients, free of charges through the out-patient and in-patient wings.

Similarly, the Swastha Seva Kendra at Jaleswar of Baleswar District of Odisha recorded 1936 patients and Tarakeswar clinic recorded 3741 patients during 2020-2021.

#### **MOBILE DISPENSARY UNIT IN TRIBAL INHABITED AREAS**

The Society is running in Gopiballavpur-II ITDP Block in Paschim Medinipur to cater particularly the tribal communities, since 2002-03. This is a continuing project supported by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The notable features in the operation of the Mobile Dispensary is that the unit covers the areas not covered by the Government Public Health Centers, and run in close links with the Block Panchayet and Government Health Care set-up in the block. The unit provides door-step treatment and care to poor tribal villagers,

including periodical awareness generation activities on health and sanitation issues. Referral of cases for patients needing institutional treatment and support is done with follow up.

During 2020-2021 the Mobile Dispensary continued to work in the expanded operational areas to cover new non-PHP Gram Panchayet area another remotest cluster of villages in the block. Awareness Generation Camps on disability prevention, Leprosy elimination and Prevention of Virtual impairment were held by the unit. During the year the mobile Dispensary recorded 2347 patients, which was more than the preceding year.

#### **LEPROSY CASE IDENTIFICATION & TREATMENT PROVISION:**

The Society's Hospital at Jhargram has been running the weekly clinic in association with the Jhargram Leprosy Project, to identify potential cases for leprosy since last one decade. The assessed cases are subsequently provided treatment at the Jhargram Leprosy Project Clinic. The joint programme ran successfully during 2020-2021. Besides, the Society provided mobility/assistive devices related services to the leprosy cured patient's too.

#### **TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL THROUGH THE COMMUNITY BASED DOTS & ADDRESSING TB-HIV COINFECTION:**

An important event in the Society's programme for Community Based DOTS promotional and addressing TB-HIV co-infection has been the signing of an Agreement on 15th July 2010 with the Government R.N.T.C.P. Kolkata District for the scheme to Generate Health Education and Awareness in the community on the issues. The coverage entrusted was for the Strand Bank and Baghbazar under Kolkata Municipal Corporation with a population record of 10,00,710 persons.

The Society's CB DOTS programme continues to be carried out at the SBRCC TU areas, as well as the Baghbazar TU and in association with the Baranagar State General Hospital for Baranagar.

The Society during 2020-2021 endeavoured at peer-led campaign programmes in different localities of SBRCC and Baghbazar. The Peers, comprising of TB cured Patients and TB-HIV co-infected persons, spearheaded special campaign programmes.

The Society in its programme to identify potential cases for TB, also came across a number of patients with TB-HIV co-infection. All such cases were provided DOTS treatment as well as referred to the Medical Hospital. The CB-DOTS programme identified

and referred 145 cases during the year to the TU, and effected default retrieval of 25 TB cases.

Programmes for reducing risk to HIV transmission among drug using population.

A notable feature of ASHADEEP functions is the Networking with 50 youth clubs and CBOs in the operational areas. Also the center currently provides indoor detoxification for patients. During 2020-2021 the centre provided treatment to 169 patients affected by substance use and alcoholism. ASHADEEP has also established linkages with the Baranagar State General Hospital and two Pathological and X-ray centers where patients are provided subsidized cost services, and free in case of extremely poor patients done through the State General Hospital mentioned.

The coverage of ASHADEEP center in respect of Awareness Building against Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and patients catered to with the services during 2020-2021 are given below.

#### **TABLE - 4**

##### **ASHADEEP: 2020-2021 BENEFICIARIES**

Campaign & Treatment support Activities

Detoxification Treatment Community Awareness Campaign

Cases registered & Service Events: 32

Provided: 148 patients Audience: 870 individuals

The Society's ASHADEEP center has all along endeavoured at providing the requisite services as envisaged in the Ministry's MINIMUM STANDARD SERVICES and BETTERED on many scores. Being the one centre in North Kolkata, ASHADEEP IRCA provides readily available assistance and services to the people affected due to drug and alcohol use also sensitizing and motivational young and adults vulnerable to substance use.

##### **PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION OF STI/STD/HIV/AIDS:**

The Society, based on the findings of its Situation Assessment and Operational Research studies among commercial sex workers, their clients including substance users in Baranagar areas, developed target-specific IEC and other BCC tools. Through these, a sustained campaign and community sensitization activities are continued.

During 2020-2021, the Society organized 9 events, besides the regular campaigns.

The newly formed SHGs under the Project 1-49, are being suitably supported by the Society, even after the Project completion with a view to strengthening the Society's prevention against HIV/AIDS in north Kolkata areas.

The ASHADEEP Out-reach Clinic, run at Lebugagan area in association with a local club, with Medical and Para-medics continues to provide services to sex workers, their family members and local residents. Four CSW Peers continued to assist the functioning of the clinic. The Clinic provided treatment to 1860 patients during the year.

The Society's programme for Street & Working Children enhanced with an additional centre in the locality, continued to provide the currently enrolled 80 children of sex workers, primary education, nutrition, recreation and Health care.

The Society undertook 9 events of Awareness campaigns on prevention of HIV/AIDS and during the year with some in association with the local Youth Clubs.

The world AIDS DAY on 1st December 2020 was observed through a Campaign-cum-Information Kiosks set-up at Sinthee More on B. T. Road, Kolkata. The programme had the logistic support of the KOLKATA POLICE. The Society's Peer Educators led the campaign activities in association with the ASHADEEP staff and workers.

#### **OTHER PROGRAMME:**

**OBSERVANCE OF UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY:** Special programmes on the occasion as cultural Programme by Children, Sit & Draw contest, and others were organized at the society's centers at Jhargram, Baranagar on 14th November 2020.

**HOMAGE TO THE SOCIETY'S FOUNDER - DIRECTOR:** Programmes participated by children and young persons with disability were organized on 7th August 2020 to observe the Birth Anniversary and 23rd November 2020 as Death Anniversary of late Naresh Chandra Sengupta at the main centre at Jhargram, and also at the out-posts.

#### **DELHI CENTRE:**

During 2020-2021 the normal work continued at the Society's Delhi centre. The Balwadi and disability prevention activities ran uninterruptedly.

#### **ODISHA CENTRE:**

The Society's Odisha Centre at Jaleswar of Baleswar District of Odisha continued with its normal activities during 2020-21.

**The SWASTHA SEVA KENDRA** - the free health clinic continued to provide treatment to villagers of Jaleswar. The unit provided treatment to 300 patients during 2020-21. The centre organized a Programme on 14th November 2020-2021 to mark the Universal children was staged on the occasion.