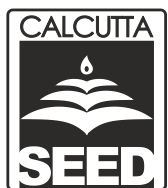


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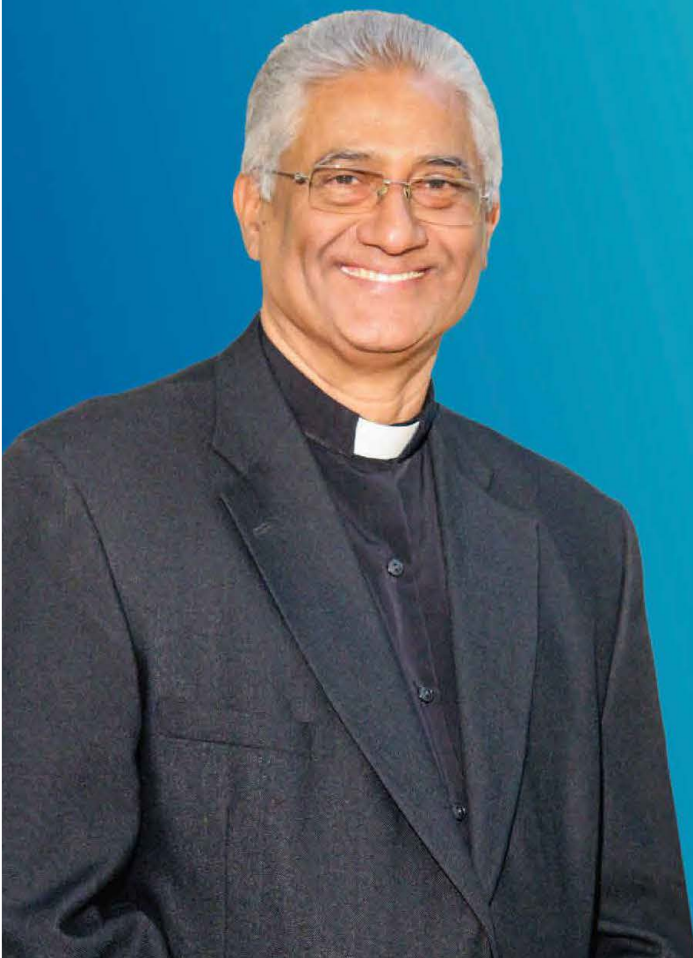
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## MESSAGE FROM Secretary

“  
*Together, we've  
transformed lives,  
and together,  
we'll continue to do so.*”



These pages of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of Calcutta Society for the Encouragement of Education and Development (Calcutta SEED) would take you on a journey showcasing our accomplishments, imbued with the colours of hope, resilience, and unwavering dedication.

In the year that has passed, Calcutta SEED has continued to be a beacon of light in the lives of those we serve. It's been a year of growth, transformation, and the kind of impact that only comes when a community comes together for a common purpose.

As we stand on the cusp of our 30th anniversary in 2024, we are filled with a sense of pride and gratitude. Three decades of relentless commitment to education, development, and empowerment—it's no small feat. It's a testament to the power of collective action and the belief that every child, every person, deserves the opportunity to flourish.

In the report before you, you'll find stories of triumph and resilience. From St. Philip's Nursery School, where young minds bloom, to the Learning Tree in Solo Bigha, a sanctuary of learning for the less privileged. The Knowledge Tree, Samman, Nida, Skill Development Centres, Educational Assistance, Food Distribution, and the Homeopathic Clinic—all chapters in the story of empowerment.

But there's something more profound than numbers and achievements. It's the spirit of Calcutta SEED that dances through these pages. It's the joy in a child's eyes when they grasp a new concept, the determination in the laborers at Samman, and the newfound confidence of survivors in the Nida project.

As we look ahead, our vision remains unwavering. In Saljpur and Medinipur, we are set to empower young women with the skills of solar technology, fostering entrepreneurs who will light up their communities—both literally and figuratively. It's a testament to our commitment to sustainable development and empowerment.

So, as you read this report, remember that you are a part of this incredible journey. Your support, your belief, your dedication—they are the brushstrokes on this canvas of change. Together, we've transformed lives, and together, we'll continue to do so.

Thank you for being the driving force behind Calcutta SEED's success. We are honoured to have you with us on this remarkable journey, and we look forward to the bright horizons our 30th year will bring.

With the deepest appreciation and boundless optimism,

**Franklin Menezes**  
Secretary  
Calcutta Society for the Encouragement  
of Education and Development







# 2. St. Philip's Nursery School

A School with a mission to provide quality education  
to children from diverse backgrounds.

St. Philip's Nursery School has been bustling with activity and progress since the government lifted the Covid-19 lockdown. With a total student strength of 52, ranging from Pre-Nursery to Upper K.G., the school has embraced its mission to provide quality education to children from diverse backgrounds. This report highlights key achievements, challenges, and initiatives undertaken by the school.

The student population is divided into four classes, with 4 students in Pre-Nursery, 26 students in Nursery, 13 students in Lower K.G., and 9 students in Upper K.G. These young minds come from various socio-economic backgrounds, and their families have endured significant hardships during and after the Covid-19 lockdown.

## Academic Achievements:

St. Philip's Nursery School has prioritized academic excellence while fostering a nurturing environment for its students. The school conducted two revision tests, half-yearly exams, and final examinations,

ensuring comprehensive assessment and promoting continuous learning. The dedication of both students and teachers contributed to these successful evaluations.

## Admissions to Reputed Schools:

A remarkable milestone for the school is the admission of 10 students into renowned schools in Kolkata, such as St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Vivekananda Mission School, MP Birla School, and Kendriya Vidyalaya School. This achievement is a testament to the excellent foundation laid by St. Philip's Nursery School and the commitment of its teachers.

## New Leadership:

With Sr. Leelamma Jacob's transfer to the position of Vice Provincial, Sr. Prem Prativa Baa has taken charge as the new Headmistress. Her leadership qualities and vision for the school will undoubtedly contribute to its continued growth and development.





### **Dedicated Staff:**

St. Philip's Nursery School boasts a committed team of five staff members, three of whom were recently appointed. This cohesive unit works tirelessly to provide a holistic educational experience to the students. Their devotion extends beyond the school premises, as they conduct regular home visits to support and counsel families facing challenging circumstances.

### **Celebrations and Extracurricular Activities:**

Throughout the year, the school embraced a vibrant spirit by celebrating various events. Birthdays of students, Independence Day, Teachers Day, Children's Day, Christmas get-together, and Republic Day were all joyously commemorated. The school organized engaging competitions and cultural programs, nurturing the students' talents and fostering a sense of community. Participants and winners were duly recognized with certificates and prizes.

### **Tuition Classes and Remedial Teaching:**

Recognizing the need for additional support, St. Philip's Nursery School has initiated afternoon tuition classes for underprivileged children in the

area. Eight students regularly attend these sessions, which aim to bridge educational gaps and provide a solid foundation for their future. Furthermore, the school has also offered remedial teaching to help slow learners overcome challenges and realize their potential.

St. Philip's Nursery School has achieved significant milestones in the past year. Despite the adversities faced by the students and their families, the school has remained a beacon of hope and resilience. Through its academic achievements, extracurricular activities, community engagement, and initiatives for underprivileged children, the school has truly embodied its mission of providing quality education and holistic development. The dedication of the staff and the leadership of the new Headmistress set a promising trajectory for the future of St. Philip's Nursery School.



# 3. Learning Tree - Solo Bigha Learning Centre

The aim of establishing an inclusive educational program catering to the needs of these marginalized children.

The Learning Tree - Solo Bigha Learning Centre has emerged as a beacon of hope and opportunity for the distressed children of Solo Bigha. The project, previously known as “Shiksha”, has been rebranded with the aim of establishing an inclusive educational program catering to the needs of these marginalized children. The Learning Tree seeks to empower these young minds by providing them with proper educational support and integrating them into the mainstream education system.

## **Educational Approach and Achievements:**

Utilizing the ‘Joyful Learning’ pedagogy, the Learning Tree has been successful in conducting tuitions for the children. This approach emphasizes interactive and engaging teaching methods, ensuring that education becomes an enjoyable experience for the students. By employing this methodology, the project has effectively facilitated the children’s transition into the local government schools, enabling them to receive quality education.







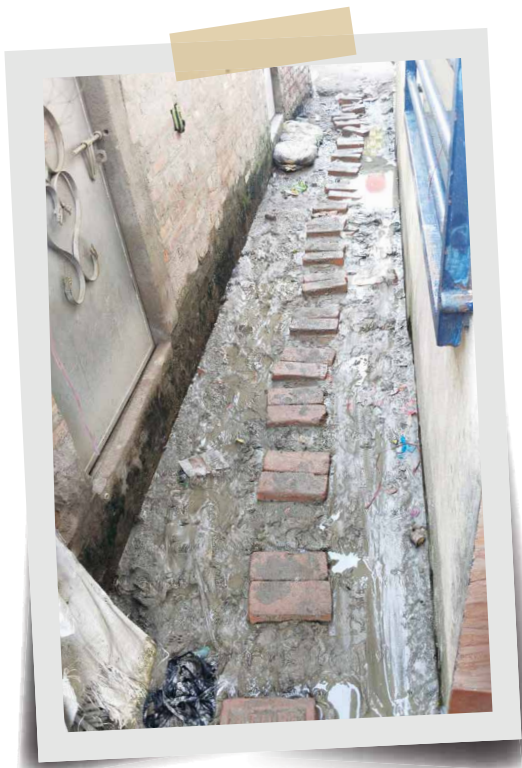
### The Learning Environment:

At present, the Learning Tree accommodates approximately 60 children under the guidance of two dedicated teachers. The small class size allows for personalized attention, ensuring that each child receives the necessary support and guidance. The teachers foster a nurturing and inclusive learning environment, encouraging the students to explore their potential and excel academically.

### Community Engagement and Awareness

#### Programs:

Calcutta SEED, in close collaboration with the Solo Bigha community, has taken proactive measures to address various issues affecting the community's well-being. Through the Learning Tree project, awareness programs on critical topics such as pollution, overcrowding and housing, local governance, occupational hazards, and drug abuse have been introduced. These programs not only aim to educate the children but also seek to empower the entire community by promoting knowledge, understanding, and sustainable solutions.





### Celebrating Special Days:

The Learning Tree recognizes the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and cultural awareness among the children. To this end, special days such as Independence Day, Teachers' Day, Children's Day, Christmas, and Republic Day are celebrated with great enthusiasm. These celebrations provide the children with an opportunity to learn about their heritage, express their creativity, and develop a deeper appreciation for their nation and its values.

### Promoting Physical and Mental Well-being:

Understanding the significance of holistic development, the Learning Tree actively encourages the children and youth to engage in sports and games regularly. Through these recreational activities, the project promotes discipline, teamwork, patience, and tolerance among the participants. By instilling these values, the Learning Tree not only supports the children's physical well-being but also fosters crucial life skills necessary for their personal growth and success.

### Effective Monitoring and Accountability:

The Learning Tree project maintains a rigorous monitoring system to ensure the smooth functioning of day-to-day activities and proper utilization of funds. This meticulous monitoring process guarantees that the project operates efficiently and effectively, maximizing the impact of each contribution made by the generous donors. Regular reports are prepared and shared with the donors, providing them with a transparent account of the project's progress and achievements.

The Learning Tree - Solo Bigha Learning Centre stands as a testament to the power of education and community engagement. By providing proper educational support, raising awareness on crucial issues, and promoting holistic development, this project has positively impacted the lives of the distressed children in Solo Bigha. Through the dedicated efforts of the teachers, the engagement of Calcutta SEED, and the ongoing support of generous donors, the Learning Tree continues to nurture young minds, empowering them to overcome adversity and realize their full potential.



Supported by: **Stichting Actie Calcutta**

Location: **Netherlands**

Start date: **1st sept 2022**

End date: **31st August 2023**



# 4. Knowledge Tree

Aim to provide English language education to the courageous children living on the streets, those who have been cast aside by the mainstream system.

In the realm of education, the Knowledge Tree Project stands tall as a beacon of hope and opportunity. Since its inception on March 21, 2022, this transformative initiative has been generously supported by the Kalpa-vriksha Foundation, Connecticut, USA. Its noble purpose? To provide English language education to the courageous children living on the streets, those who have been cast aside by the mainstream system.

## Enrollment and Attendance:

Within the welcoming branches of the Knowledge Tree, 65 resilient souls found refuge and opportunity. Every day, the halls echo with the presence of 40 to 45 enthusiastic learners, their faces alight

with curiosity. The Academic Year commenced with a modest count of 40 students, but the Tree's influence and reputation have flourished, resulting in a remarkable increase in enrollment. These young minds are nurtured in three distinct levels: Beginners, Pre-Primary, and Primary, ensuring that their educational journey is tailored to their individual needs.

## Nurturing the Seeds of Knowledge:

At the Knowledge Tree, barriers are shattered and dreams are nurtured. Recognizing the importance of a nurturing environment, every effort is made to ensure the attendance of every child, as they are provided







with essential tools for their growth. From textbooks and stationery to smart uniforms and nutritious mid-day meals, no stone is left unturned in providing a comprehensive educational experience. Teaching aids, carefully curated to engage and inspire, fill the classrooms, serving as catalysts for curiosity and discovery.

### The Power of Inspired Teaching:

Within the branches of the Knowledge Tree, a dedicated team of professionally qualified teachers breathes life into the pursuit of knowledge. Their passion and expertise are instrumental in unlocking the hidden potential of these resilient learners. With unwavering determination, these educators strive to provide the best quality education, equipping their students with the skills and confidence required for successful integration into mainstream schools. English language proficiency, numerical aptitude, and holistic character development form the pillars of their educational endeavours.

### Tracking Progress, Nurturing Growth:

At the Knowledge Tree, progress is not merely measured; it is celebrated. The remarkable transformation of these children calls for a special kind of recognition—a case study that bears witness to their remarkable achievements. Regular evaluations and dedicated parent-teacher meetings serve as crucial touchpoints for monitoring progress and fostering collaboration between all stakeholders.

Through this comprehensive approach, the Tree ensures that each child receives the attention and support necessary to flourish academically and emotionally.

### A Stage for Brilliance: Showcasing Talents:

Within the vibrant ecosystem of the Knowledge Tree, talent blossoms and creativity takes center stage. Opportunities abound for these young learners to nurture their passions and hone their skills in the performing arts. With gusto and flair, they captivate audiences through enthralling drama performances, harmonious melodies, captivating dance routines, and eloquent elocution. Special occasions such as the celebration of a child's birthday, Teachers' Day, Independence Day, and other festive events serve as a testament to their talent and dedication.

The Knowledge Tree Project stands tall as a symbol of hope, resilience, and transformation. Through its unwavering commitment to providing English language education, nurturing holistic growth, and showcasing talent, it has become a sanctuary of learning for the children living on the streets. As the branches of the Tree continue to reach out and touch the lives of these young minds, their progress becomes a testament to the power of education and the unwavering determination to create a brighter future.

Supported by: **Kalpavriksha Foundation**

Location: **USA**

Start date: **01.03.2022**

End date: **01.03.2023**

Supported by: **Education All**

Location: **Belgium**

Start date: **01.04.2023**

End date: **On going**



# 5. Samman: Empowering Headload Labourers with Dignity

Supported by: **Likvidace Lepry**

Location: **Czech Republic**

Start date: **01.03.2023**

End date: **On going**





In the bustling streets of Kolkata's Burrabazaar area, a project named "Samman" has taken root, embodying the essence of self-respect. Initiated by Calcutta SEED, this groundbreaking endeavor seeks to bring about psycho-social and behavioral changes among the marginalized headload labourers (Mutias). The project has received generous support from Likvidace Lepry, enabling the development of a replicable model that embraces best practices.

### **Inauguration and Esteemed Guests:**

March 18, 2023, marked a significant milestone as Project Samman was inaugurated with a gathering of over 60 headload labourers and esteemed guests. Joining us in this auspicious event were influential personalities, including Shri Mahesh Kumar Sharma, the Ward 42 Councillor, Shri Supriya Kumar Pal, the Officer in Charge of Burrabazar Police Station, Shri Souvik Chakraborty, the Officer in Charge of Howrah Bridge Traffic Guard, as well as business owners and other distinguished delegates. The children from Project Knowledge Tree added a touch of melody to the proceedings, captivating the hearts of all attendees. The success of this inaugural program resonated deeply, as stakeholders recognized the significance of a project dedicated to uplifting and empowering marginalized labourers.

### **Building Rapport and Networking:**

In the wake of the inauguration, the dedicated project workers of Samman have embarked on a mission to build rapport and forge connections with the headload labourers and other stakeholders in the Burrabazaar area. Recognizing the importance of fostering trust and understanding, these efforts aim to create a supportive ecosystem that fosters positive change and development.

### **Events that Illuminate:**

Samman has already orchestrated a series of successful events, each designed to empower and enlighten the Mutias:

#### **Tuberculosis Awareness Programme:**

On March 24, 2023, the Mutias participated in an enlightening Tuberculosis Awareness Programme organized by Project Samman. This transformative session educated them on the signs, symptoms, causes, transmission, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of tuberculosis. Feedback collected from the Mutias demonstrated a newfound awareness and



knowledge, as they acknowledged their previous lack of understanding on this important health issue. The program served as a catalyst for change, equipping them with vital information to protect themselves and their community.

### **Future Endeavours:**

With the seeds of awareness sown and the spirit of self-respect ignited, Samman continues to nurture and support the headload labourers in their journey towards empowerment. The project team remains committed to organizing further transformative events and activities that uplift the Mutias, building bridges of understanding and fostering a sense of dignity within the community.

Samman, with its unwavering dedication and compassionate approach, stands as a beacon of hope for the headload labourers in Burrabazaar. Through psycho-social and behavioural changes, as well as community engagement, this project is sowing the seeds of self-respect and empowerment. With every event and initiative, Samman brings us closer to a future where these resilient labourers are recognized and valued, leading lives filled with dignity and purpose.







# 6. NIDA

The NIDA family envisions a world where no soul is enslaved by the darkness of trafficking, where every individual can spread their wings and soar towards a brighter, more promising future.

In the heart of bustling Kolkata, amidst the labyrinthine lanes of Sonagachi, Chetla, and Kalighat, a beacon of hope and empowerment shines brightly for those who have known the darkest corners of human existence. The NIDA project, a transformative initiative, is dedicated to empowering females who have been rescued from the clutches of human trafficking. This initiative, fueled by compassion and determination, seeks to instil in these brave souls the skills and knowledge they need to forge a new path towards a brighter future.

Within the walls of the NIDA project, 53 courageous ladies have found refuge and solace, breaking free from the chains of their past. Here, they are not just survivors; they are warriors, ready to rise like phoenixes from the ashes of their past.

With a heartwarming commitment to their growth, NIDA has meticulously curated hands-on training programs in three core domains: beauty and wellness, tailoring, and nursing. These empowering skills have become the stepping stones for the ladies to reclaim their lives and embrace a newfound independence.

The rhythmic hum of sewing machines fills the air at Sonagachi, where 19 determined females, united in their pursuit of self-reliance, have embarked on a journey of learning and skill-building in the art of tailoring. As they thread needles and craft fabrics into exquisite creations, they weave dreams of a future adorned with their resilience and determination.







Meanwhile, a shimmering oasis of beauty emerges, also at Sonagachi, where ten young women embrace their creativity to become adept beauticians. Three days a week, they immerse themselves in the world of makeup, skincare, and hairdressing, honing their talents to bring joy and transformation to others, much like the metamorphosis they have experienced themselves.

Beyond skill development, NIDA extends its healing touch to address the physical well-being of its beneficiaries. Regular free medical camps, an oasis of care, are set up to tend to their health needs. The

overwhelming response from the ladies is a testament to the trust and bond they have formed with the NIDA team, who now stand as their pillars of support.

Amidst the flurry of empowerment and growth, the spirit of celebration permeates the air at NIDA. On a joyous occasion like Christmas, 46 ladies, hearts brimming with gratitude, gather at the Circular Road Baptist Chapel. Laughter and camaraderie fill the space as games are played, snacks shared, and heartfelt gifts distributed, symbolizing a community knit together by love and hope.

But NIDA's impact doesn't stop within the project's walls. The ripple effect extends far beyond, as 100 participants, including children, actively engage in an enlightening awareness program on Anti-Trafficking held at Sonagachi. The community, once ravaged by the horrors of trafficking, is now awakened and vigilant, forming a shield of protection around its vulnerable members.

In their quest to ensure the holistic well-being of their beneficiaries, NIDA embraces the power of home-visits, providing personalized care and support to the ladies at Sonagachi. With open hearts and open ears, the NIDA team listens to their stories, offering a safe space to heal, grow, and find their voices.

As the sun sets on the bustling streets of Kolkata, the NIDA project stands as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path towards a life of dignity and empowerment for the rescued females. It is a testament to the strength of the human spirit, of compassion, and the unwavering belief in the power of skill and education to transform lives. Together, the NIDA family envisions a world where no soul is enslaved by the darkness of trafficking, where every individual can spread their wings and soar towards a brighter, more promising future.

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Location: **Canada**

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End date: **01.12.2022**

# 7. Skill Development

A testament to Calcutta SEED's dedication to nurturing minds and empowering lives, stand as beacons of hope and opportunity for the aspiring youth of the city.

## Computer Centre - Saksham

In the heart of Kolkata, where the echoes of history and spirituality blend seamlessly, two Skill Development Centres have found their home within the sacred premises of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary. These centres, a testament to Calcutta SEED's dedication to nurturing minds and empowering lives, stand as beacons of hope and opportunity for the aspiring youth of the city.

At the **Computer Centre - Saksham**, the spirit of progress dances on the keys of determination. A vibrant batch of approximately 15 eager students gathers daily, their eyes gleaming with curiosity and excitement. Within these walls of knowledge, they embark on a transformative journey into the world of modern technology. Under the expert guidance of skilled instructors, they traverse the landscape of the digital realm, mastering the art of typing with finesse.



But the learning doesn't stop there. These young minds delve deeper into the inner workings of the computer system, unravelling the mysteries of hardware and software. The Windows Operating System becomes their canvas, and applications like MS Word, MS Excel, and MS PowerPoint transform into their brushes, as they craft their dreams and aspirations with every keystroke.

From 2 pm to 4:30 pm, the Computer Centre comes alive with the symphony of tapping keys and the hum of discovery. The days of Monday through Friday become a journey of exploration and growth, with the students venturing further into the realms of digital literacy and technological prowess.

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Location: **Netherlands**

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End date: **On going**



## Roshnee Tailoring Training



Meanwhile, at the **Roshnee Tailoring Training Centre**, Calcutta SEED weaves threads of creativity and craftsmanship, nurturing the budding tailors of tomorrow. With a cohort of 20 determined students, the centre becomes a hub of creativity and skill enhancement. Here, the fundamentals of stitching and cutting form the building blocks of imagination, and each student breathes life into fabrics with their nimble fingers.

As the young tailors immerse themselves in the art of creating intricate designs, their enthusiasm knows no bounds. The air becomes charged with the palpable energy of ambition, and the halls of the center become a canvas where dreams take shape, stitch by stitch. Their dedication knows no bounds, and they willingly devote themselves to learning, for they understand that it is through these skills that they can fashion a brighter and more prosperous future.

Thriving on passion and ambition, the students of the Roshnee Tailoring Centre gather three times a week to hone their craft. With each gathering, their skills elevate, and their determination grows stronger. They grasp every opportunity to upskill themselves, knowing that these threads of knowledge are the key to unlocking the doors of prosperity and job opportunities.

Statistically, the impact of these Skill Development Centres is profound. Across both the Sakhsham Computer Centre and the Roshnee Tailoring Training Centre, a total of 35 young souls are embracing the power of education and skill enhancement. Each day, they step closer to a future that holds endless possibilities, powered by their eagerness to learn and the guidance of their dedicated instructors.



In the heart of Kolkata, amidst the sacred walls of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary, the seeds of transformation have been sown. Through the Computer Centre and the Tailoring Centre, these seeds are nurtured with care, watered with knowledge, and bathed in the warm glow of opportunity. The future shines brightly for these 35 students, as they rise to conquer challenges, inspired by the creative pursuit of knowledge and skill that thrives within the Cathedral's embrace.

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Location: **Netherlands**

Start date: **01.03.2023**  
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# 8. Educational Assistance



In a world where dreams often dance on the precipice of despair, a glimmer of hope emerges through a benevolent act of compassion. In a small corner of the bustling city, a group of children, their faces etched with both innocence and need, found solace in the form of financial aid. With outstretched hands and hearts brimming with gratitude, they embarked on a journey of resilience and determination, driven by the transformative power of a few precious rupees.

In their quest for a brighter future, these children, filled with dreams that defy the limitations of their circumstances, were blessed with a lifeline. Through the generous support of kind souls, financial aid was extended to alleviate their burdens and propel them towards a path of possibility. Month after month, the warmth of compassion flowed through their lives, taking shape in the form of Rs. 500 or, in exceptional cases, Rs. 1,000.

With this modest yet significant sum, the children could now grasp the fragments of their aspirations,

weaving them into a tapestry of hope and opportunity. It became the fuel that propelled their education, a beacon of possibility that illuminated their way forward. The financial aid became a lifeline, bridging the chasm between limited resources and boundless potential.

Amongst the shadows of scarcity, 13 exceptional young souls were selected as recipients of this precious support. Each child, their eyes shimmering with untapped potential, was chosen based on their dire need and their unwavering determination to rise above their circumstances. It was a beacon of light amidst the darkness, casting away the clouds of despair and instilling a newfound sense of belief in their abilities.

Statistically, these 13 children became the torchbearers of hope, each one representing a story of resilience and a testament to the power of financial aid. The monthly support they received infused their lives with stability and allowed them to access the





basic necessities that had once seemed beyond their reach. It was an investment in their future, enabling them to continue their education, procure essential supplies, and unlock the doors of opportunity that had long been closed.

Beyond the statistics and the financial figures, the impact of this aid reverberated through the lives of the children and their families. With each passing month, the burdens of financial strain were alleviated, replaced by a glimmer of possibility. The children could now focus on their studies, unburdened by the worries that often accompany economic hardships. The weight of uncertainty began to dissipate, replaced by a newfound sense of security and the knowledge that their dreams were within reach.

Their journey was not without its challenges, for life rarely unfolds without obstacles. Yet, armed with the support they received, these resilient young minds faced adversity head-on. They embraced their education, knowing that it held the key to a brighter future. They found solace in their shared experiences, forming a community bound by hope and a shared determination to break the cycle of poverty.

In the tapestry of their lives, the financial aid they

received became a thread of possibility, interwoven with their dreams and aspirations. It nurtured their growth, fostering a belief in their own potential and igniting a spark that would drive them to transcend the limitations that had once confined them.

As these children continue their journey, buoyed by the support they received, their stories serve as a reminder of the profound impact that a small act of kindness can have. The ripples of compassion extend far beyond the initial gesture, touching lives, shaping destinies, and inspiring others to lend a helping hand. In the corridors of their hearts, the recipients of this financial aid will forever carry a flame of gratitude, a reminder that dreams can be realized even in the face of adversity, and that through collective effort, we can create a world where every child has a chance to thrive.



# 9. Anna Dhan Utsab: Illuminating Lives in Burrabazar, Kolkata

In a remarkable display of compassion and solidarity, the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary in the bustling neighborhood of Burrabazar, Kolkata, transformed into a haven of hope and nourishment during the Anna Dhan Utsab for the underprivileged. From the 14th of June, 2022, to the collective joy and appreciation of the local community, this noble initiative organized by Calcutta SEED in collaboration with Annabandhu Foundation, successfully extended a helping hand to those in need. With the selfless dedication of volunteers and unwavering support from various entities, this heartwarming event left a lasting impact on the lives of over a hundred individuals every day.

## Setting the Stage:

Burrabazar, known for its vibrant markets and

bustling streets, is also home to a significant population struggling with poverty. Against this backdrop, the Anna Dhan Utsab emerged as a beacon of hope, bringing together diverse individuals and organizations with the common goal of alleviating hunger and providing solace to the underprivileged.

## The Collaborators:

The Anna Dhan Utsab owed its success to the tireless efforts of Calcutta SEED, an organization dedicated to social welfare and community development. Their unwavering commitment to the cause of eradicating hunger in Kolkata made them an integral part of this endeavor. Additionally, the Annabandhu Foundation, renowned for its philanthropic initiatives, lent crucial support, both financial and logistical, to ensure the smooth execution of the project.



### The Venue:

The Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary, a symbol of faith and compassion, became the chosen venue for this transformative event. Its spacious premises, adorned with timeless architecture and a serene ambiance, provided the ideal setting for uplifting the spirits of those in need. The cathedral's doors opened wide each day, welcoming the marginalized with open arms and nourishing their bodies and souls.

### The Essence of Giving:

The Anna Dhan Utsab operated for six days a week, ensuring that the distribution of food and essential supplies continued relentlessly. From the crack of dawn until late afternoon, the premises were abuzz with activity, as volunteers selflessly dedicated their time and energy to the cause. With utmost care and sensitivity, they prepared and served wholesome meals, embodying the spirit of humanity and compassion.

### The Impact:

The true essence of the Anna Dhan Utsab lay in the smiles and gratitude that radiated from the faces of the beneficiaries. Every day, approximately 100 individuals were able to partake in the nutritious meals, providing them with sustenance and a sense of belonging. Beyond just feeding the hungry, this initiative fostered a spirit of camaraderie and mutual support among the Burrabazar community, reminding them that they were not alone in their struggles.

### The Power of Collective Action:

The success of the Anna Dhan Utsab was a testament to the strength of collective action. The coming together of Calcutta SEED, the Annabandhu Foundation, and numerous dedicated volunteers not only nourished the bodies of the underprivileged but also inspired a renewed hope for a brighter future. The ripple effect of this noble initiative touched the hearts of many, encouraging others to take up the mantle of service and contribute to the betterment of society.

In the heart of Burrabazar, the Anna Dhan Utsab became a shining example of compassion, unity, and resilience. Through the unwavering dedication of its organizers and volunteers, this initiative reached out to the underprivileged, providing them with more than just food—it offered solace, hope, and a renewed sense of dignity. The impact of this transformative event will resonate within the community for years to come, serving as a reminder of the power of collective action and the enduring spirit of humanity.

Supported by: **Local**

Start date: **01.04.2022**

End date: **31.03.2023**







# 10. Real Homeoclinic:

## Restoring Health and Hope at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary

### Introduction:

In a remarkable display of holistic care and healing, the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary in Kolkata has become a sanctuary of health and well-being through the weekly clinic called “Real Homeoclinic.” Organized by Calcutta SEED, this initiative brings together renowned homeopathic practitioner, Dr. Shyamal Kumar, to offer his expertise and compassionate care to the ever-growing number of patients. Every Tuesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, individuals in need of healing and hope flock to the cathedral premises, where a haven of holistic health awaits them.

### A Place of Healing:

The Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary, known for its spiritual significance and serene ambiance, has now expanded its role to encompass physical healing as well. The resplendent halls and peaceful surroundings provide an ideal atmosphere for patients to find solace and rejuvenation amidst their health challenges. The fusion of spiritual and physical healing creates a harmonious environment, fostering a sense of tranquility and resilience for all who seek treatment at Real Homeoclinic.

### The Expert Practitioner:

Dr. Shyamal Kumar, a highly esteemed and result-oriented homeopathic doctor, spearheads the Real Homeoclinic initiative. His extensive knowledge and experience in the field of homeopathy have made him a trusted figure in the community. With unwavering dedication and a compassionate approach to patient care, Dr. Kumar has garnered a reputation for his commitment to holistic healing and positive outcomes. His presence at the clinic each Tuesday marks a beacon of hope for those in search of effective and personalized treatment.

### The Power of Homeopathy:

Real Homeoclinic offers a distinct alternative to conventional medicine, embracing the principles of homeopathy. With its emphasis on treating the individual as a whole, homeopathy addresses not only the physical symptoms but also the underlying causes of illness. Dr. Shyamal Kumar skillfully applies this holistic approach, tailoring treatments to each patient’s unique needs, and guiding them on their path towards restored health. The profound impact of homeopathy resonates within the walls of the cathedral, providing patients with a renewed sense of hope and vitality.

### Nurturing Health, One Patient at a Time:

Every Tuesday, the Real Homeoclinic draws an ever-growing number of patients, seeking relief from various ailments. From chronic conditions to acute illnesses, individuals from diverse backgrounds and age groups arrive at the clinic, eager to receive Dr. Kumar’s expert guidance and personalized treatment plans. The calm and welcoming environment, coupled





with the trust patients place in Dr. Kumar's expertise, fosters an atmosphere of healing, where each individual's journey towards well-being is nurtured with care and compassion.

### **Restoring Lives, One Visit at a Time:**

The impact of Real Homeoclinic extends far beyond the cathedral's walls, as the clinic serves as a catalyst for positive change within the community. Patients not only experience physical healing but also find solace in knowing that their well-being is prioritized. The restoration of health at Real Homeoclinic transcends the physical realm, empowering patients to reclaim their lives and pursue their aspirations with renewed vigor.

Real Homeoclinic at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary stands as a testament to the power of holistic healing and compassionate care. Through the expertise of Dr. Shyamal Kumar and the unwavering support of Calcutta SEED, this initiative offers a haven of hope and health to all who seek its services. By embracing the principles of homeopathy and fostering an environment of holistic well-being, Real Homeoclinic exemplifies the transformative potential of merging spirituality and healthcare. As patients leave the clinic each Tuesday, they carry with them not only the remedies prescribed but also a restored sense of vitality, reminding them that their health and happiness matter.

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# 11. Looking Forward

In a visionary leap towards addressing key social challenges, our organization is embarking on an ambitious endeavor to intensify efforts in the areas of education and climate change mitigation. We are delighted to announce the launch of a small yet significant program in the villages of Saljpur, Medinipur. This program aims to train young women as solar technicians, empowering them with valuable skills and fostering entrepreneurship. Furthermore, we are committed to securing funding for the establishment of a learning center in these villages, paving the way for holistic education and sustainable development.

## **Embracing the Power of Education:**

Education has long been recognized as the cornerstone of progress and empowerment. With an unwavering focus on improving the lives of marginalized communities, our organization is dedicated to harnessing the transformative potential of education. The program in Saljpur, Medinipur, represents a key milestone in our efforts to create sustainable change, particularly for young women.

## **Solar Technology: A Pathway to Empowerment:**

Recognizing the immense potential of renewable energy in combating climate change and unlocking economic opportunities, we have chosen to equip the young women of Saljpur, Medinipur, with skills in solar technology. Through comprehensive training, they will become proficient solar technicians, equipped to contribute to the growing renewable energy sector. By empowering women in this field, we aim to challenge gender stereotypes, bridge the gender gap, and foster entrepreneurship in a traditionally male-dominated industry.

## **From Technicians to Entrepreneurs:**

Our program not only aims to train young women as solar technicians but also envisions them as future entrepreneurs. By providing them with the necessary knowledge, tools, and mentorship, we will foster their entrepreneurial spirit, encouraging them to establish their own ventures in the solar energy sector. This approach goes beyond merely providing employment

opportunities; it empowers women to take charge of their own economic destinies, contributing to the growth and sustainability of their communities.

## **A Learning Center for Holistic Development:**

To complement the training program, we are committed to establishing a learning center in Saljpur, Medinipur. This center will serve as a hub for educational activities, encompassing a range of subjects beyond solar technology. Through partnerships with local educational institutions, the learning center will offer comprehensive courses, empowering individuals with knowledge and skills that extend beyond the realm of renewable energy. This holistic approach aims to create well-rounded individuals capable of addressing diverse challenges and contributing to the overall development of their communities.

## **Seeking Funding for Sustainable Impact:**

To ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of the training program and learning center, we are actively seeking funding from various sources. By engaging with governmental and non-governmental organizations, private entities, and individual donors, we aim to secure the financial resources necessary to realize our vision. We believe that through collective action and shared commitment, we can create a brighter future for the young women of Saljpur, Medinipur, and positively impact their lives for generations to come. The program for training young women as solar technicians and the establishment of a learning center in Saljpur, Medinipur, represents a significant step towards empowering women, fostering entrepreneurship, and addressing the pressing issue of climate change. Through education, skill development, and sustainable initiatives, we envision a future where communities are self-reliant, resilient, and committed to environmental stewardship. As we embark on this journey, we invite like-minded individuals and organizations to join hands with us, ensuring that we illuminate the path to a brighter and more sustainable tomorrow.



# 12. A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Pillars of Support

As an organization committed to making a positive impact in the lives of others, we recognize that our achievements are only made possible through the unwavering support, dedication, and contributions of various individuals and entities. In this spirit of gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Executive Board, the AGM, our generous donors, staff, parents, students, and all stakeholders who have been instrumental in the success of our programs. It is through your collective efforts and unwavering commitment that we have been able to create meaningful change and touch countless lives.

## **The Executive Board and AGM: Guiding Lights on Our Journey:**

We begin by expressing our deepest appreciation to the members of the Executive Board and the AGM. Your guidance, wisdom, and unwavering support have been the cornerstone of our endeavors. Your tireless dedication and strategic direction have steered us through challenges and propelled us towards achieving our goals. Your belief in our vision and commitment to our mission have been an invaluable source of motivation, inspiring us to push boundaries and strive for excellence.

## **Donors: Champions of Our Cause:**

To our generous donors, we offer our heartfelt thanks for your financial contributions. Your belief in our work and your unwavering commitment to making a difference have enabled us to bring our initiatives to fruition. Your support has not only provided the necessary resources but has also served as a beacon of hope, reinforcing our belief in the power of collective action. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to touch the lives we have or create lasting change in our communities.

**Staff: Champions of Compassion and Dedication:**  
Our appreciation extends to our dedicated staff members who work tirelessly behind the scenes, embodying compassion, professionalism, and unwavering dedication. Your selfless commitment to our mission, day in and day out, ensures the smooth running of our programs and the overall success

of our organization. Your passion and expertise enrich the lives of those we serve and inspire us all to strive for excellence. Your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are eternally grateful for the invaluable contributions you make.

## **Parents and Students: Partners in Progress:**

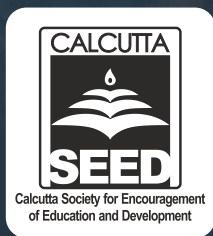
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents and students who have placed their trust in us. Your unwavering support, active participation, and engagement have been instrumental in the success of our programs. Your enthusiasm, feedback, and collaboration have driven us to continuously improve and innovate. We are honored to be part of your educational journey, and your belief in our vision fuels our dedication to providing the best possible experiences for our students.

## **Stakeholders: A Community of Champions:**

To all the stakeholders who have contributed to our programs and initiatives, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your engagement, collaboration, and advocacy have created a vibrant and inclusive community that thrives on shared values and common goals. Whether you are volunteers, partner organizations, or community members, your collective efforts have multiplied our impact and created a positive ripple effect within society. Together, we are making a difference and shaping a better future for all.

In conclusion, we humbly express our gratitude to the members of the Executive Board, the AGM, donors, staff, parents, students, and all stakeholders who have been instrumental in our journey. Your unwavering support, commitment, and belief in our mission have been the driving force behind our accomplishments. It is through your collective efforts that we have been able to bring positive change, uplift lives, and create a better world. As we move forward, we remain deeply grateful for the privilege of working alongside such remarkable individuals and entities. Together, we will continue to make a lasting impact and inspire hope for a brighter future.





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