

Naihati New Life Society



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Message from the Founder – Dr. Subrata Sarkar



Pressing on to the Goals of Educating, Enlightening, Empowering and Emancipating for those who can't achieve by themselves...

As a teacher and an educationist I am entrusted with the responsibility of 'educating, enlightening, empowering and emancipating'- (4-Es) thousands of young children and their extended families, and I continue to pressing on to achieve these goals as long as I have the breath in me...! Towards pursuing these '4-Es', I've firmly realized that there exists huge gaps in what a child is taught and what the child actually needs to be successful in life, and larger the gaps remain unresolved, the greater the discontentment follows in aftermath in life, and that's why there're so many youth in the society remain idle without purpose in life! The Naihati New Life Society is founded on the premise to fill these gaps, instilling a new life of hope and purpose in the hopeless persons, beginning with the children, youth and women... I warmly extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to all my co-travellers, staff, friends and well-wishers for all your valued contributions in many forms and facets in pursuit of these '4-Es' and with your active co-operations, we're sure we will press on with greater valour and prudence, enabling as many young persons as we can in our lifetimes, to discover their strength and purpose in life in order for bringing the best out of them, till we reach the goal. With these prudence and assurance, we're now on a special "Mission – Save Sundarbans". Sundarbans – the world heritage, boasts of her largest bio-diversity with her rich cultural heritage... yet, bears the scourge of massive destructions and exploitations of the people and natural resources that form the biosphere and the nerve centre in entire South-Asia. The exploited people of Sundarbans who strive to preserve the coastal ecology with Mangrove Forests – prime sources of carbon sequestration, need urgent intervention with a comprehensive program encompassing '4-Es'. Friends, would you join us in this novel venture of educating and emancipating millions of powerless people of Sundarbans victims of multiple injustices and exploitations...? For indeed I have seen the miseries of thousands of children, adolescents, young housewives being trafficked for economic and sexual gratification, and widows remain vulnerable without shelters and food with their kids! Therefore, may I hope to see you friends as co-travelers with us, pressing on till we achieve justice long due to them?

NAIHATI NEW LIFE SOCIETY

(Not – For – Profit & Non – Govt. Registered Association of Citizens) (Centre for Learning, Research & Holistic Development of Children, Women & Child – Families)

The 'Naihati New Life Society'- (NNLS) is a Not-For-Profit, Association of Citizens, led by a group of Women and Youth of Repute with a Mission to ensure Social Justice for the most deprived Children without Parents, Physically Challenged and rescued from trafficking and exploitations, and Adolescent Girls, Housewives – victims of early marriage, family violence, human trafficking and particularly 'Widows – the victims of 'Human-Animal Conflicts' belonging to fishing, farming, Indigenous and Tribal Communities in some of the most difficult to reach islands of Sundarbans, in South West Bengal, India. The 'Naihati New Life Society' is on the special mission called 'Save Sundarbans', for its Ecological and Geographical importance in whole of South Asia and the gravity of acute challenges faced by the Indigenous and Forest Dependant inhabitants known as 'Saviours of Sundarbans'. The 'Naihati New Life Society' is founded on Two Premises: the 'Development Starts' only when the Humanity is united, educated and liberated from the religio-cultural norms and institutions that govern the communities causing exclusion, gender gap and deterrence for girls and women in particular from education, nutrition and health essential for flourishing and wellbeing of their families, and therefore, it's essential to 'Mitigate these Factors'; and Secondly; the 'Development Sustains' only when the Decision-making power remains in the hands of ordinary citizens' such as youth and women with a scope of equal representation. Towards realizing these Premises, the 'NNLS' has adopted villages in Five islands of Sundarbans, and in the process of collectivizing and educating particularly those who never had any scope of formal learning, with a clear vision to enable them with the tools and skills they lack so far, to resolve many of their challenges locally by themselves. To empower and ensure social justice, the NNLS strives to bring together the Leaders of Community-based Institutes, Judiciaries, Law Enforcement and Development Agencies along with the members of the Local Communities so as to resolve many of the perennial challenges that hold-back the development such as illiteracy among girls causing exclusion, gender gaps, family violence, early marriage, reproductive health and human trafficking, and find ways to rehabilitate Indigenous and Tribal Communities with alternative livelihood in order to end unsustainable exploitation of local resources especially Mangroves essential to ecology and bio-diversity and avert natural disasters... are some of the strategic steps.

Our Mission

The mission of Naihati New Life Society is to Collectivize, Educate and Empower the most Un-organized and Powerless Citizens with Tools and Skills they lack so long.

Our Vision

Our vision is to develop an egalitarian society devoid of illiteracy, ill- health and inter – generational poverty, in which everyone enjoys economic and social justice.

Objective

Raising and Developing Collectives of Human Social Capitals with a special focus on younger people, beginning with early childhood development that builds "Health Youth" being the catalysts of all development.

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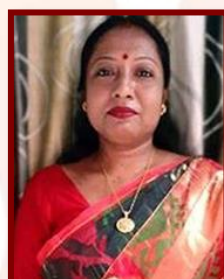
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'ANANDADHARA' - COMPLETE DAY CARE CENTRES WITH EDUCATION, CARE & NUTRITION -

Naihati New Life Society is running 1 ECDI centre in Harishpur village of North 24 Parganas and 3 Pre-primary schools in Sundarbans of South 24 Parganas. Naihati New Life Society, a non-profit organization, has recently opened a ECDI centre to provide quality education to children from underprivileged families who cannot afford to enroll their children in private schools along with a complete day care centres with care & nutrition to



all the deprived children of this village. We have recently opened 2 new ECDI centre one at Murshibad and another one at Minakhan. The objective of opening this ECDI centre is to provide affordable education to children from underprivileged families and to give them an opportunity to learn and develop their skills in a nurturing and supportive environment. Such initiatives are crucial in providing access to quality education to all children, regardless of their socio-economic background, and will go a long way in ensuring a brighter future for our society.

SHELTER HOME FOR STREET CHILDREN FOR GIRLS -



Our Orphanage for orphan street girls had turned 6 this year. The Open Shelter for girls is located in Naihati, a small town in West Bengal, India. The shelter has a capacity of 20 girls, between the ages of 6 and 18 years. The shelter is run by a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who provide round-the-clock care and support to the girls. The shelter provides a safe and secure living environment, nutritious meals, access to education, and healthcare services. The

shelter also provides counselling and life skills training to help the girls build confidence and prepare for a better future. Along with their studies they also learn extra-curricular activities like dance, singing, drawing, computer learning, etc.

CULTURAL COMPETITION -

Every year Naihati New Life Society arranges cultural competition programs and events that are free of cost to the public. This is done to encourage greater participation and involvement in cultural activities among the local community and to promote the cultural heritage of Bengal. Such cultural programs may include musical performances, dance recitals, drama shows, poetry readings, and cultural festivals. These programs may feature local



artists or even renowned artists from outside the region, providing audiences with an opportunity to witness and appreciate various art forms. Naihati New Life Society every year organizes free cultural programs to promote cultural activities and traditions in the region. These programs

provide opportunities for the community to experience and appreciate different art forms while also encouraging new talent to emerge.

COMMUNITY HEALTH MANAGEMENT (PCM-HHM) (Community Health Care Centres for the Rural Poor) -



Naihati New Life Society is a non-profit organization that runs a charitable dispensary at Harishpur village of Barrackpore I block from last 9 years. The dispensary provides free medical care and treatment to patients from economically weaker sections of the society who cannot afford expensive healthcare services. In addition to medical care, the dispensary also conducts health awareness programs and medical camps to raise awareness about various health issues and

diseases. These programs and camps help to educate people about healthy living habits and preventive healthcare measures. Overall, the charitable dispensary run by Naihati New Life Society is a valuable resource for the community.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS & EDUCATION FOR YOUNG-ADULTS-

The Reproductive Health Rights and Education for Young-Adults camp arranged by the Naihati New Life Society at Harishpur, Satyanarayanpur and Mathurakunda villages of North and South 24 Parganas were aimed at educating young women about reproductive health, rights, and services. The camp was a one-day event and was attended by near about 300 women. The sessions were led by trained healthcare professionals who provided the attendees with accurate and up-to-date information on each topic. In addition to



the educational sessions, the camp also provided free reproductive health services such as pregnancy tests, STI testing, and distribution of free contraceptives. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and seek advice on any reproductive health concerns they may have had. Such camps can play a crucial role in raising awareness about reproductive health, providing access to services, and improving the overall health and well-being of women.

FREE EYE CAMP AND SPECTACLES DISTRIBUTION -



The eye camp had arranged by Naihati New Life Society for poor villagers residing in Barrackpore I block to provide them with access to eye check-ups and treatment. The objective of the eye camp was to provide free eye check-ups and treatment to poor villagers who cannot afford to visit a regular eye doctor. The eye camp offered a range of services, including eye examinations, cataract surgeries, eye drop distributions, and free eyeglasses to those who needed them. The eye camp was well-attended by a large number of poor villagers from the surrounding

areas. Volunteers from the organization worked tirelessly to ensure that each individual was given proper attention and care. The eye camp organized by us was a great success and provided much-needed relief to the poor villagers who otherwise would not have had access to eye care facilities. The patients who had cataract on their eyes also got free cataract surgery

YOUTH AWARENESS CAMP -

(a) On World Population Control -



The Naihati New Life Society organized an awareness campaign on world population control on the occasion of World Population Day. The aim of the campaign was to raise awareness about the importance of population control and family planning. The campaign also aimed to educate people about the challenges of overpopulation and the need for sustainable development. The awareness campaign on world population control arranged by Naihati New Life Society was a noble initiative that aimed to educate

people about the importance of population control and family planning. The campaign was successful in achieving its objective, and it made a significant impact on people's attitudes towards family planning. The society's efforts to raise awareness about the challenges of overpopulation also had a positive impact on the community. Overall, the campaign was a great success, and it demonstrated the society's commitment to promoting sustainable development and population control.

(b) On Ganga Pollution Control-

Namami Gange is a government initiative launched to clean and protect the Ganga River, which is considered a holy river in India. As part of this initiative, Naihati New Life Society had arranged several seminars to educate the youth of our country on the importance of saving the Ganga River from pollution. The seminar organized to train the youth of our country on saving the Ganga River from pollution was a great initiative to create awareness and educate them on the importance of protecting our environment. The seminar was well-attended by a large number of youth who were eager to learn and contribute to the Namami Gange initiative. The experts encouraged the participants to share their ideas and experiences and actively participate in the initiative. Namami Gange initiative is a great step towards achieving this goal, and we should all contribute to this noble cause.



PROMOTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, ART & CULTURE -



(a)World Environment Day -

World Environment Day is an annual event that takes place on June 5th and aims to raise awareness and promote action on environmental issues. The theme for World Environment Day 2022 is "Ecosystem Restoration" and highlights the urgent need to protect and restore ecosystems for the benefit of people and the planet. On 5th of June 2021, our Open Shelter organized one program to celebrate World Environment Day. The aim behind organizing this program was to give awareness to people about keeping the environment clean and safe. For this purpose, plant more trees to purify the air and make the earth green. The staff

of Open Shelter gave a sapling to each child and asked them to plant it around our Open Shelter. This was an interesting activity. Each and every child likes this and they were guided by the teacher regarding the planting process. We had also motivated the others for planting trees in our surrounding. And provide them saplings also for planting it in their house or surrounding

(b)Independence Day -



Independence Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism across India every year. Naihati New Life Society also celebrates Independence Day every year with their inmates to create a sense of patriotism and belongingness. The Independence Day celebration at our open shelter typically includes various activities such as flag hoisting, singing the national anthem, and speeches by eminent personalities from the community. The Independence Day celebration organized by Naihati New Life Society is a great initiative to foster a sense of

patriotism, unity, and belongingness among the inmates of the shelter. It is an excellent example of how even small initiatives can make a significant impact on the lives of people.

(c)Borsho Boron Utsav-

On 15.04.2022 the Naihati New Life Society (NNLS) organized cultural activities at Vidyasagar Math to celebrate the festival with the children of Muktheadhara and street. The festivities began with a traditional dance performance, followed by a musical performance that showcased the rich culture of Bengal. Next, there was a recitation of Bengali poetry that highlighted the beauty of the Bengali language and its contribution to

Indian literature. The event was attended by a large number of people, including members of the NNLS and local residents. The program successfully brought together people of different ages and backgrounds and provided a platform to showcase and celebrate the rich culture and heritage of



Bengal. The event provided an opportunity for people to come together, share their joy, and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Bengal.

(d)Holi Celebration –



Like every year, this year also we celebrated Holi at Vidyasagar ground with a dance programme in which they included children from our orphanage. The celebration was a beautiful display of community spirit, joy, and inclusiveness. The dance programme was a significant highlight of the event, with both the society members and our Muktaadhara orphanage children participating with great enthusiasm. The children's energy and vibrancy added an extra dimension of joy to the celebration, creating a beautiful atmosphere for all.

It was a perfect example of how a small initiative can make a big difference in the lives of children and the community as a whole

EDUCATIONAL CENTRES FOR SLUM & STREET CHILDREN -

(a)Free Educational Centre –

The Naihati New Life Society has launched a free education centre in its locality, providing access to education for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The centre is a significant initiative to promote education and equal opportunities, especially for those who cannot afford it. The centre is a much-needed resource in the community, providing free education to children who might not have had access to it otherwise. It is an excellent example of how small steps can lead to significant social changes. The centre provides a valuable resource for the community, empowering children with the knowledge and skills they need to create a better future for themselves and their families.



(b)Free Art & Craft Centre –



This year we have launched a free art and drawing centre for street and slum children in its locality. The centre provides children with access to art supplies, guidance, and training to develop their artistic skills. Art education is essential for personal development, and the centre provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to express themselves freely. The society also provides art supplies, which might not be accessible to the children otherwise.

The free art and drawing centre is a much-needed resource in the community, providing children with a creative outlet and an opportunity to develop their skills.

THAI-JACKFRUIT SAPLINGS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT -

From 05th of June, 2022 (Environment Day), we had started a project of distributing Thai-Jackfruit Saplings to the villagers of North 24 Parganas. In total we distributed 7000 saplings to 3500 households. In this project The Toronto Calcutta Foundation – Canada had supported us. Through this project we want to aware the people of our society regarding the benefits of trees. We have distributed these saplings at 10 villages of BKP I block. The villagers got a new source of income through these saplings. The Thai Jackfruit saplings distribution project was successful in achieving its objectives of promoting sustainable agriculture and supporting poor villagers in rural areas.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT -

Our NGO works for the vulnerable women of our society. We empower these women by providing proper vocational trainings. In the villages of North 24 Parganas we have started a centre in which we provide tailoring training to the women by which they can earn for their livelihood. This training will help them in their future. They do not have to depend on others for money. We help in boosting the status of women through this training and by creating awareness among them. In addition to the economic benefits, the tailoring training program also helps to promote gender equality by providing women with equal opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship. The Naihati New Life Society's tailoring training program is open to women of all ages and backgrounds. The program is designed to be accessible and affordable, and participants receive hands-on training and support from experienced trainers.



FUTURE PLAN:

- Senior Citizen Home
- Charitable Hospital in Sundarbans
- Ambulance Service at Mathurakhanda and Harishpur
- Primary Schools in rural Sundarbans
- Promoting Sustainable Agriculture
- Ensuring Social and Economic Justice for the Tiger Affected Widows of the Sundarbans



We make every effort to ensure children's participation as rights holders and changemakers in all the initiatives we undertake in tune with the principles of UN's CRC. In fact, strengthening families through alternative livelihood in a most resource constrained region is essential part of the comprehensive child development program that enables their school completion along with Academic Performance, we ensure that they achieve better Physical growth with Social and Emotional Learning (ESL) abilities etc. that further determine their productivities aftermath in life.

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