

(A Social Welfare Organization for the benefit of Differently-abled persons)

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Voice of World is Social Welfare Organisation engaged in providing philanthropic service to underprivileged Differently-abled persons, Orphans and Destitutes since 1992. 'Voice of World' (VOW), which is a multi-unit & multi-functional Social Welfare Organisation for the underprivileged, especially the differently-abled section of the society. We provide shelter, food, education, rehabilitation to the underprivileged beneficiaries. Our beneficiaries include differently-abled children, marginalized orphans & old age destitutes. About 40% of the beneficiaries are orphans. The balance 60% belong to the economically weaker section of the society. VOW has got necessary registration and licences from various Departments of the State Government&Govt. of India.

'Voice of World' was established in 1992. In an effort to serve the Society in a more comprehensive way we started extending our activities to physically challenged orphans, Orthopedically handicapped, mentally challenged children, marginalized children, elderly persons who do not have any financial/ family support etc. In the past 27+ years we have established a total 24centres which are located in Kolkata, Puri, Delhi and in the districts of West Bengal in an endeavour to bring back hope and smile into the faces of hundreds of hapless souls, that we house. Today we have around 300 underprivileged residential beneficiaries under Voice of World's care in different centres.

The category wise break-up of the residential beneficiaries is:

	Category of Beneficiaries	No. of Residential Beneficiaries
i)	Visually Impaired:	227
ii)	Othropaedically Challenged:	6
iii)	Intellectually Challenged:	20
iv)	Multiple Handicapped:	12
v)	Hearing Impaired:	3
vi)	Marginalised Destitute Children/ Orphans:	15
vii)	Old Age Destitutes:	10
		293

One of our core activity is to provide educational support for the vision less and partial vision less students right from Kindergarten up to Master Degree and finally assist them in their social rehabilitation according to their merit and ability. Apart from that a special schooling is undertaken for students with multiple handicap (visual/mental/orthopaedic) for developing their life skills. We find that it is important for them to learn how to live and work independently with dignity. We always strive to provide them adequate education/ training so that the under-privileged can get a place in the main stream of the Society.

We would also like to mention that we provide fooding, lodging, education, medical assistance, rehabilitation and other necessities of life to all our residential beneficiaries absolutely 'Free of Cost'. Presently we are having about 300 residential beneficiaries under our care at different centres.

Apart from providing Education/ Educational support to the underprivileged differently abled students we provide Vocational Training, Training & organising Cultural Activities, Training & organizing different sports activities, taking the underprivileged beneficiaries for expedition & trekking.

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The Mission of 'Voice of World' is to provide all round support to the differently-abled persons and empower them so that they can lead better life and join the main stream of the society.

It would not be out of place to mention that as recognition of our philanthropic services we have been conferred upon with lot of awards as well. Following are few of them:

- 1) 'Voice of World' received State Award in 2014 for outstanding contribution in the field of providing services to Differently-abled persons.
- 2) Ms. Gargi Gupta, Founder Secretary Voice of World received the most coveted 'Nari Shakti Award' from Hon'ble President of India on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 for her outstanding contribution for empowering underprivileged women.
- 3) Ms. Gargi Gupta, Founder Secretary Voice of World received the State Award in 2012 for outstanding contribution in the field of providing services to Differently-abled persons.

Gargi Gupta Secretary

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# VOICE OF WORLD SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Annual Report **2018-19** 

The year started with positive with the new year. The progress of the school continued to be satisfactory.

Students are attending to the Classes regularly. The classes are conducted by the experienced special educators. We provided learning materials to our students. Life skills were imparted to the ID students in respect of cooking, house keeping and environment protection. Special emphasis was given in the Daily Living Activities for the Ungraded children. Result was observed to be remarkable.

Our School have 12 teachers,1 music teacher,1 psychologist and 1 Occupational Therapist. They are caring and hard working. Beside regular teachers and staffs there are numbers of volunteers providing service to the cause.

Formal education is provided to

- Pre Primary,
- Primary I
- Primary II,
- Vocational I
- Vocational II
- Ungraded UG
- Secondary
- > Autism

#### **Annual Functions:**

Like Previous year, this year too the school observed the following celebrations with colourful participation of the students and eminent guests.

- a) Rabindra Jayanti, The birth day of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore on 25th Baisakh 1424
- b) India's Independence Day on 15th Aug 2018
- c) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth day on 23rd Jan 2019
- d) Republic Day on 26th January 2019
- e) School Foundation Day on 16 Nov 2018
- f) Helen Keller birth anniversary program on 13<sup>th</sup> July 18
- g) World disabled Day on 3rd Dec18
- h) Annual Prize giving ceremony held in the school premises wherein local member of legislative assembly and the Counselor of the Municipal Corporation was present to distribute prizes.

Gargi Gupta Secretary

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#### AUTISM AWARNESS PROGRAM



On 6<sup>th</sup> April at Gaganendra Shilpa Pradarsashala a LIVE painting activity by Autistic Children was organised to observe Autism Day. This Painting Show is being carried out by Voice of World as a follow-up activity to spread the awareness on Autism post the 'International Autism Day' which was observed worldwide on 2nd April. There were 5 Autistic children took part in the activity.



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# PARTICIPATED IN INCLUSIVE SIT & DRAW COMPETITION FOR ABLED AND SPECIALLY ABLED CHILDREN ORGANISIED BY AN ORGANISATION





SAHANARA KHATOON- 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE WINNER IN THE COMPETITION

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#### **ONGOING CLASSES FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS**





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PHYSIOTHERAPHY FOR CEREBRAL PALSY CHILDREN

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#### **VOICE OF WORLD**

#### ANNUAL REPORT

### 2018-2019

This year 2018-19 Voice of World completed 26th year of dedicated philanthropic service to the mankind. Yet another year has passed adding more maturity, skills, good governance and specialization to the organization. It is our privilege that we are sharing you the annual report 2018-2019. This report has come to you with a sense of achievement as it is a collage of our struggles, endurance and success. Our journey began in 1992 with 1 visually impaired student now under the able leadership of Ms. Gargi Gupta, Board Members, dedicated staff members and Volunteers – more than 300 residential beneficiaries (Visually challenged, orthopedically challenged, Intellectually Challenged, Multiple handicapped and orphans) are benefitted. They have taken part in numerous activities successfully. The organization could not have reached to this level of excellence unless actively supported by appreciable number of well-wishers, who also have played an important role in the rehabilitation of the children.

The D.Ed (VI) College has entered into its sixth year under the leadership of the Course Co-ordinator Shri Sukumar Chakraborty and its performance has been commendable. The Students of two academic years 2015-17 and 2016-18 have passed with flying colours and few of them have already been absorbed in the Educational Service of Govt. of West Bengal.

We are proud to mention that more than 2000 students have completed their education so far from this organization/institute and quite a few have been placed in different fields of service and are now self-reliant.

The activities during the year 2018-19 are appended below:

#### **Special Achievements of 2018-19**

- i) Voice of World was awarded the job of printing Dummy Braille ballot papers for W.B Assembly Election by the State Election Commission.
- ii) All visually challenged students who appeared for Madhyamik and Higher Secondary, from Voice of World passed successfully.
- iii) During Feb 2019, four differently-abled students appeared for State Secondary and eleven students appeared for Higher Secondary Examination.
- iv) Shyamali Barua an orthopedically challenged orphan female beneficiary of Voice of World completed D.Ed. Spl. Ed (Multiple Disabilities) from National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai. She made everyone at 'Voice of World' proud when she received the Diploma Citation 6th March, 2019 from the Hon'ble

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Governor of Tamilnadu at the Convocation Ceremony of the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai.

- v) Shampa Mondal, a partially visually challenged female successfully completed 2 years D.Ed.Spl.Ed (Visually Impaired) course from Voice of World Teacher Training College.
- vi) On 1st August **Mandira Das** orphan girl of Voice of World got married with **Tarak Mondal**. Both of them are visually challenged. Voice of World is successful in Social Rehabilitation.
- vii) Sri Utpal Roy and , Members of 'Voice of World' received Individual State Awards at the 'International Day for the Persons with Disability' Celebration event on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec'18 at the Calcutta University Institute Auditorium.

**Sad Demise** – We have lost our beloved member Dilip Chatterjee who was Guide and mentor of Voice of World. He helped in income generating program for our intellectually challenged girls to make floor cleaning, mosquito repellent, perfume etc. Without his guidance and intervention Voice of World could not have achieved its goals.

#### ORGANISING/ PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS EVENTS:

- i. In April distributed Assistive Device to the Visually Challenged students. DAISY (the Digital Accessible Information System) is standard digital talking books for people who are vision impaired or have a print disability.
- ii. On 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Voice of World in collaboration with BOOKSHARE organized one day workshop. Bookshare, the world's largest online library for individuals with print disabilities, offers a wide range of books including bestsellers, novels, children's books, mysteries, science fiction, nonfiction, foreign-language books, and more, direct from publishers.
  - Bookshare is now also available in India under copyright Act, 1957. Bookshare has books in many Indian languages i.e Tamil, Marathi, Hindi, Telegu but they do not have books on Bengali, which they now plan to start in Kolkata along with Voice of World and Ramakrishna Mission, Narendrapur, W.B
- iii. International Yoga Day was observed on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 'Voice of World wherein the underprivileged differently-abled children put up a special show displaying various Yoga Ashanas.
- iv. Participated in a State Govt. Programme on 'World Autism Day' at Sisir Mancha.
- v. Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated by the students on 9th May '18 at all the centres of Voice of World. Children organized evening cultural program.
- vi. Differently abled children of Voice of World took part in cultural activity on occasion of Deaf-Blind Day organised by the office of Commissioner of Disabilities.

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- vii. Photography Exhibition- on High Altitude Trekking with visually challenged persons of Voice of World was inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup>June Shri Debashis Chandra Group General Manager, IRCTC Kolkata at the Academy of Creative Art, Bhabanipur. Photography book "Darwa Pass Bypassing Limitations" was launched on this occasion
- viii. The 138<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Helen Keller was celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Gana Bhawan Darjeepara wherein about 700 differently-abled persons from various parts of the State participated in a daylong event of different cultural and indoor games competitions. Ex-Governor of West Bengal, Sri Shyamal Kumar Sen graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Board Members and Eminent person came to encourage the participants. Volunteers from different Corporate helped us on the occasion.
  - ix. The 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day of the country was celebrated at all the centres of Voice of World with full honour & respect on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018
  - x. Raksha Bandhan was celebrated by the inmates and 'Rakhees' were fastened on the wrist of the people in the locality by differently abled children of 'Voice of World'. Also participated in Raksha Bhandan Function organised by the Office of the Commissioner (for Persons with Disabilities), Govt. of West Bengal. Differently abled children made "Rakhees" which were sold at different stalls organised by us.
- xi. Children of Voice of World took part in Rakhi Bandhan Utsav.
- xii. Children of Voice of World showcased their cultural talents by putting up two chorus songs and two chorus dance recitals wherein inclusion was on display on occasion of Khuti Puja of Samaj Sebi Sangha for Durga Puja.
- xiii. Celebrated Independence day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- xiv. Children of Voice of World celebrated Teachers Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 .
- xv. 17th Sep Ms. Gargi Gupta Founder & Secretary of 'Voice of World', was felicitated on the occasion of its 84th Foundation Day, of Bank of Maharashtra at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata. The Inaugural Song was delivered by the Visually Challenged Students of 'Voice of World' in the programme.
- xvi. On 4th October Gargi Gupta Founder & Secretary of Voice of World was felicitated by NSHM Knowledge Campus, Kolkata as "Amar Durga" along with 9 other eminent women of West Bengal.
- xvii. Puja Parikrama -on 12th October, few underprivileged differently abled persons of Voice of World were taken for a guided tour to various renowned Durga Pujas to give them the feel of the feeling of the festival. This programme is conducted under the guidance of the Office of the State Commissioner (for Persons with Disabilities) and it was held at the premises of Sangha Teertha Puja adjacent to Laha

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Colony field, Raja Nabakrishna Street, Kolkata. Apart from the guided tour the differently-abled persons were provided with new garments.

- xviii. The Durga Puja of Samaj Sebi Sangha is one of the few prestigious Durga Pujas of the city with rich heritage. The theme of their Durga Puja was 'Experiencing the Durga Puja through their touch senses by the Visually Challenged'. Samaj Sebi Sangha had chosen 'Voice of World' as their Social Partner for their 73rd Durga Puja in 2018. A lot of tactile material and improvisations are used in the Puja Pandal for better experience of the Visually Challenged. All technical support in this aspect have been provided by 'Voice of World'. Photographs of a range of activities of the Visually Challenged students of 'Voice of World' are on display in the Pandal.
- xix. Two-day \*Educational Tour-cum-Excursion\* to Bankura & Purulia on 19th October, 2018 on the auspicious day of Vijaya Dashami. A total of 21 persons successfully completed the Educational tour to Majihira in Purulia District to visit an Ashram built on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and ideology.
- xx. Students of Voice of World participated in Cultural program organized by Naba Kishore Sangha at Baidyapara, Kolkata on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- xxi. Fifteen students from Voice of World participated in 21<sup>st</sup> Usha National Athletics Championship for the Blind held in New Delhi on 10-13 December, 2018. Mantu Ghosh visually challenged girl stood 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Girl B2 100 M & Girl B2 400 M and Malati Ghosh visually challenged girl stood 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Girl B2 200M.
- xxii. 'Puja Parikrama 2018' A programme of the Office of the Commissioner (for Persons with Disabilities), Govt. of West Bengal was managed by 'Voice of World' on 12<sup>th</sup> October'18 wherein about 100 differently abled persons from 10 different districts of West Bengal were brought to Kolkata and were taken on a guided tour to different Puja Pandals. New garments were also distributed to the beneficiaries.
- xxiii. Excursion tour was organised at Sirjam, Purulia for Mentally Challenged and orphan inmates on . Preowned garments distributed among poor villagers during the tour.
- xxiv. Put up stall at the Jagadhhatri Puja Mela at Rishra during Nov'18.
- xxv. Participated in the State Govt. Celebration of 'International Day for the Persons with Disability' on 3.12.18 at the Calcutta University Institute Auditorium. Also took part in awareness rally wherein Visually Challenged students of 'Voice of World' played Military Band.
- xxvi. Voice of World put up stall in the Rojgar Mela organized by the Office of the Commissioner (for Persons with Disabilities), Govt. of West Bengal at the College Square Ground in Dec'18.
- xxvii. Nirmal Niketan organised Drawing Competition for the Intellectual Disable children. Munni Manna from Voice of World took part in the competition and won 2<sup>nd</sup> Position.

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- xxviii. Participated in the State Govt. Celebration of 'World Braille Day' on 4.1.2019 at Minerva Theatre. Some of our Visually Challenged students of 'Voice of World' were awarded with Assistive devices by the State Government. The residents of Voice or World participated in different cultural activities.
  - xxix. The children of Voice of World took part in competition based on culture show organized by Vivekananda Welfare Society at Belur on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
  - xxx. Children with Learning disabilities took part in Drawing Competition on 6<sup>th</sup> January which was organized by Express Diary.
  - xxxi. On 14<sup>th</sup> January Voice of World , visually challenged residents took part in gala musical competition organized by Alipore Sarbojanini Club
- xxxii. Residents of Voice of World observed Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Birth Anniversary.
- XXXIII. Young students of Voice of World took part in cultural program organized by Behala Blind School on occasion of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Birth anniversary.
- xxxiv. On 20<sup>th</sup> January Voice of World organised Annual Picnic for all the beneficiaries, members, staff friends and well wishers of Voice of World.
- xxxv. On 21<sup>st</sup> January Visually challenged students of Voice of World took in the sport activity organised by Calcutta Blind School.
- xxxvi. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January we observed Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the centre of Voice of World with cultural program.
- xxxvii. 26<sup>th</sup> January Voice of World observed "Republic Day" with due respect by hoisting Indian Flag at Shakerbazar Centre as well as at other centers. .
- xxxviii. On 9<sup>th</sup> February visually challenged students of Voice of World took part in cultural event organised by Azar Hind Sangha.
  - xxxix. On 10<sup>th</sup> February Voice of World celebrated Saraswati Puja.
    - xl. On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019, All members, staff and children of Voice of World observed "Light of Unity". Children of 'Voice of World' were visibly upset and were quite agitated when they came to know about the Pulwama incident. Spontaneously they decided to show their solidarity with the sentiment of the Nation and also show respect for the departed souls by organising a Condolence Meeting on 17.2.19 after the evening Prayers. Each of the children held an illuminated 'Diya' (earthen lamp) to create the 'Light for Unity'.

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xli. On 21<sup>st</sup> March all children and residents of Voice of World celebrated festival of colours Holi without any religion prejudice.

#### **SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**

- 1. Voice of World organised the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of All Bengal Rapid Chess Tournament for the Visually Challenged on 15th August, 2018 in association with Bengal Blind Cricket and Sports Association at the Behala Sakherbazar centre of Voice of World. More than 80 visually challenged players from different parts of West Bengal came to participate in the tournament. The Tournament inaugurated Chess icon and National Chess Champion Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua in presence of other eminent dignitaries. The award ceremony was also held on the same day at around 4 pm. Diptojit Dey was the winner.
- 2. "Aasprihaa" meaning Divine Desire was theme for High Altitude Trekking Programme to Sangarchulla with 18 underprivileged visually challenged students and 12 escorts. The original plan was to go for high altitude trekking from Auli to Pangarchula peak (14500 ft approx) but due to Government restriction for night camping in the meadow/grass land, the trekkers were forced to change its plan. We received full cooperation and help from Indian Railways, Dharamsalas in Haridwar, Badrinath. Gurdwarars at Josimath, Govindghat and Govindham helped us to accommodate. Visually challenged students participated in the climbing activities at Mountaineering & Skiing Institute of ITBP at Auli. A day trek was conducted from Auli to Gorson top. The team was divided into two with revision to the original plan of trekking. The team comprised with 15 members with 4 fully visually challenged. The team successfully completed the Hemkund Sahib Trek in 3 days. There were experienced Mountaineers, Trekkers who travelled with the team as official and escorts. They imparted huge amount of Training and shared their valuable knowledge. The trekking was successfully completed by our differently abled students.
- 3. 15 students from Voice of World participated in 21<sup>st</sup> Usha National Athletics Championship for the Blind held in New Delhi on 10-13 December, 2018. They travel under the guidance of Sri. Sukumar Chakraborty ,Sri Utpal Roy and Smt. Krishna Dey . Mantu Ghosh visually challenged girl stood 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Girl B2 100 M & Girl B2 400 M and Malati Ghosh visually challenged girl stood 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Girl B2 200M.
- 4. All India under thirteen Padmasree Sailen Manna Smirity Gold Cup Football organized Football tournament from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Douglas Ground Chowrasta, Behala. Visually challenged students of Voice of World participated at the event with Band Party and also provided Ambulance Service with Doctor during the 3 day Match.
- 5. Voice of World organized 7th edition of the Inter State Cricket Tournament for the Visually Challenged in collaboration with Bengal Blind Cricket & Sports Association. Three state Orissa,

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Jharkhand and West Bengal took part in the tournament. Limited over matches were played at the Bratachari Society Ground, Joka (near 3A Bus Terminus, Thakurpukur) from 10 am to 4 pm. on 23rd & 24th February 2019. Three team competed with each other for the 2 days. Like in the previous years, this year also there were large turnout of spectators at the playing arena to witness the event. Quite a few Dignitaries also graced the event. Jharkhand was the winner State.

#### **Exhibition, Cultural Programmes, Fairs Rallies, Seminars, Medical Camps:**

**DURGA PUJA CARNIVAL**: On 23.10.18 at the Red Road Arena, Kolkata during the Immersion (Bisorjon) Procession at the Durga Puja Carnival Visually Challenged Students of Voice of World played Military Band as a part of the Samaj Sebi Sangha Durga Puja team. The performance of the band was mesmerizing and was enjoyed by the spectators. There were a huge number of Dignitaries who witnessed the event. Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms. Mamata Banerjee was also present in the VIP Box and she took the salute from all the participating Puja Committees. Hon'ble Chief Minister was so impressed with the performance of Voice of World that she came down from the VIP Box to greet the Visually Challenged Students. She presented two of the participating students with bouquets of flower and also with decorative scarf.

**MEDICAL CAMP AT NANILAL HALDER VIDYAPITH (MAHESTALA):** Medical Camp had been organised in collaboration with Antaraloke for low socio economic persons around Mahestala on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Nanilal Halder Vidyapith, Mahestala.

Antaraloke arranged volunteer doctors and venue for the medical camp. General Physician, Ophthalmologist and Homeopathy Doctor along with one assistant were present to conduct the Medical Camp. Several volunteers from Antaraloke were also present to make the Medical Camp successful. There were around 224 person came for check-up. With portal ECG machine we checked the aged patients.

**MEDICAL CAMP AT MOMINPUR HIGH SCHOOL (MAHESTALA):** Voice of World organised Medical Camp for low socio economic persons around Mahestala on 14th April 2018 at Mominpur High School, Mahestala.

General Physician, Ophthalmologist and Homeopathy Doctor along with one assistant were present to conduct the Medical Camp. Several volunteers from Antaraloke were also present to make the Medical Camp successful. We provided them with

- Free medicine, allopathy as well as homeopathy who ever opted for the same.
- Distributed Ration-rice, dal, edible oil, etc. to 56 patients who had BPL card.
- Distributed Spectacles to 9 patients.
- Advice for Eye Operation to 7 patients

**EYE CAMP AT MUCHIBAZAR BASTI (ULTADANGA):** Voice of World organised Eye check-up Camp for low socio economic persons around Muchibazar basti locality at Ultadanga on 27th April 2018.

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Ophthalmologist along with one assistant were present to conduct the Medical Camp . Head of Dept of Lions Club was present on the ocassion. There were around 46 patients for check-up .

- Free medicine and eye drop distributed.
- Advice for Eye Operation to 7 patients

#### BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT MAHESTALA BEN DOKHAN AT FIVE STAR SPORTING CLUB

**:** We organised Blood Donation Camp at Mahestala on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. During Summer there is always acute crisis of Blood. Patients faces lot of difficulty to obtain blood. It is our endeavour to help the Society at large in whatever conducive manner possible. Dr. Lakshmi Rahama ,MBBS, Blood Bank of Bangur Hospital was present throughout the Camp from 10 am to 1.30pm. Under his supervision Donors were undergone general check-up, blood pressure, pulse rate check , blood screening etc. 60 Donor donated Blood on that day. Out of which we declined to take blood from 4 donors due to medical reason. We distributed milk shake, Glucon D to all the Blood Donor.

#### EYE CHECK-UP CAMP AT VOICE OF WORLD, SHAKERBAZAR

Voice of World organised eye check-up camps for all the beneficiaries in collaboration with Sight for Kids on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The medical check-up started around 10 am. Ophthalmologist and assistants were arranged by Sight for Kids, Lions Clubs International Multiple District22. Volunteers from Voice of World helped them to conduct the check-up. Children as well as adults were undergone through check-up. Some of the residents were suggested for further test and glasses. They provided Eyedrops to some of the patients. Around 80 beneficiaries were checked-up on that day. Voice of World provided refreshment and lunch to all the participants of the Medical Camp.

MEDICAL CAMP AT RAJMAHAL, DURGABARI JHARKAND: Voice of World organised medical camp in memory of Late Subra Sarkar on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Smt. Bakulmala Sengupta daughter of Late Subhra Sarkar initiated to establish Subrachinmoy Ashram at Jharkhand. On its opening day a medical camp was organised. 3 doctor conducted this medical along with assistants and volunteers from Voice of World and Antaraloke. Dr. Santanu Roy –Ex Doctor of Sambhunath Pandit hospital and Dr. Pinki Khatun of ESI Hospital were among the three doctor. There were 60 BPL beneficiaries (patient) took benefit of the medical check-up such as BP check up, sugar testing, general check-up. Beneficiaries also received snack packets, juice and garments.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT NIMTOLLA GHAT STREET: Voice of World organised Blood Donation Camp at Nimtola Ghat Street on 17th June 2018. During Summer there is always acute crisis of Blood. Patients faces lot of difficulty to obtain blood. It is our endeavour to help the Society at large in whatever conducive manner possible. In this effort Indian Army also helped us to conduct the medical camp successfully. Dr. N.k. Chakraborty, General Physician was present throughout the Camp from 9 am to 3.00 pm.

**EYE CAMP AT ULTADANGA BASTI**: Voice of World organised Eye check-up Camp for low socio economic persons around Ultadanga Basti on 24th June 2018. Ophthalmologist along with one assistant were

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present to conduct the Medical Camp . Several volunteers from Antraloke were also present to make the Medical Camp successful. Medical check-up started around 11 am and ended around 3 pm .

**MEDICAL CAMP AT SHAKERBAZAR:** Medical camp organized successfully on screening Thalasemmia at Voice of World, Shakerbazar. There were around around 100 underprivileged and differently persons who undergone blood test for detection of Thalasemmia.

**MEDICAL CAMP AT SALTIGHAT:** Apart from above medical camps periodical Medical Camps have been organized on a regular basis at Saltighat Centre in which apart from our children, the local villagers also have reaped benefit.

**BOOK FAIR**: 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of Kolkata International Book Fair is being hosted at the Central Park Mela Ground, Salt Lake from 31st January to 11th February, 2019. Like every year, 'Voice of World' was present in the Book Fair with a Stall having Braille Books, Photographic Travelogue Books, Special Education Books, Newspaper, Greeting Cards and Handicrafts on the shelves.

#### **Donations:**

- 1. We received kind donation from various Donors . Some of them are listed below.
  - i. Scale Changer Harmonium
  - ii. Table and benches for students
  - iii. Multifunctional Laser Printer
  - iv. Toys for children
  - v. Braille Embrosser
  - vi. Braille Typewriter
  - vii. Groceries
  - viii. Laptops

#### **News from the Centres**

#### KOLKATA, Registered Office-3 Chidam Mudi Lane, Kolkata 700006

Voice of world started its journey of social welfare service from this Centre way back in 1992. It is Registered office of Voice of World. All support services like reader service, writer service, talking and Braille book Library etc. started from this centre and were later extended to all other centres. This centre is operated from a rented property which is currently under demolition and reconstruction by Developers. At present most of the official jobs are being done from our Sakherbazar Center.

#### KOLKATA, SAMBEDAN -44/1B Ramdhan Mitra Lane, Kolkata, 700004

Counselling treatment is provided to Handicapped students and also to normal persons from this centre on daily basis by qualified Physicians and Special Educators. An Ambulance Service is provided to all local people from this centre. A special Awareness Programme 'Maitree Bandhan' was organized from this centre on the occasion of Rakhi Purnima to spread awareness amongst general public especially Bus Conductor/Drivers about Disability.

Sambedan also organized programs and celebrated Hellen Keller Birth Anniversary, Independence Day,

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Rabindra Jayanti, Gandhi Jayanti, Republic Day. This centre also organized several Blood Donation Camp with the help of volunteers at different places in Kolkata. This year members of Sambedan celebrated Christmas with Senior Citizen immaterial to their caste or religion.

#### 24PARGANAS (SOUTH), SHAKHERBAZAR - BIKAIMAA HOME

The first residential school for the sightless of Voice of World started in 1994 with four students only in a small single storied building at Sakherbazar, Behala which is now a 3 storied building with class rooms and hostel facility. The institution has acquired all necessary registration and licenses from State and Central Govt. as a recognized Special School.

An upper Primary school operates from this centre. The school is well-equipped to cater the needs of primary students

Various Community Service is provided from this centre to the local underprivileged families: They celebrated Hellen Keller Birth Anniversary, Independence Day, Rabindra Jayanti, Gandhi Jayanti, Republic Day.

#### 24 PGS SOUTH, SALTIGHAT - TEACHER'S TRAINING COLLEGE

A Teacher's Training College with specialization course of Education for visually impaired has been running successfully for the last six years. The college is approved and recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India. College organised International Seminar on 'Understanding Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Poverty Alleviation Programme' was organised in April 2018 for teachers, special educator, rehabilitation professional, the students of the college where in eminent speakers participated. Subsequently Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) program was also organized on "Ensuring safety for children with disability" was organized for the teachers, special educators, etc. in February 2019.

As a part of the college curriculum College organized educational tour for the students to visit NIVH, Dehra Dhun. Apart from celebrating Republic Day, Rabindra Jayanti and Independence Day, the students took part in Swach Bharat Mission on 2nd October 2018 and cleaned the premises at Saltighat.

During 2018 twelve student took admission for D..Ed. Spl.Edu. (VI) out of which 7 were visually challenged.

#### 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH), BAIDYAPARA - BUDS

15th Foundation Day of the Kindergarten school "Buds" being celebrated this year at the school auditorium at Behala Sakherbazer. The children and teachers also celebrated Republic Day, Netaji Subhas Chandra Birth Anniversary, Independence Day, Rabindra Jayanti, Gandhi Jayanti,

"Buds" is an English medium Kindergarten school run by 'Voice of world' at Baidyapara Sakherbazar centre. It caters to the economically weaker section of the society in and around Sakherbazar by providing quality education for building the foundation block of the kids.

From this year we are able to add ClassV and VI. We thank all the teachers of BUDS, especially Smt.Sikha Biswas - Headmistress for her dedication and hard work, for such an achievement.

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#### 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH), BEHALA - BRAILLE PRESS

Voice of World have been running a computerized Braille Press since 1997. Apart from taking care of Braille printing of our own study materials, this press also prints Dummy Braille Ballot Paper during any election period as per specific Govt. Order Voice of World publishes a Braille Magazine "Sharadiya" every year prior to Durga Puja .This Magazine is printed in our Braille Press and is meant for Visually Impaired persons. Braille Press has a significant contribution for education of students of Voice of World as most of the study materials which they use are converted in Braille form using it.

#### 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH), BEHALA - INTERACT CLUB

Voice of World Interact club function under the affiliation of the Rotary Club, Rabindra Sarobar. This Interact club is run by Visually impaired students of Voice of World and undertake various social and cultural activities throughout the year .It is the only Interact club in the country which is run by Visually Impaired Persons.

#### 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH), THAKURPUKUR - PRATYASHA

This is mainly a home for destitute girls with various multiple disability ie.vision impaired, orthopedically challenged, mentaly challenged, deaf and dumb. Moreover most of them are Orphans. 'Pratyasa' Home has received due recognition from the Social Welfare Dept., Govt. of West Bengal under the Cottage Scheme and a Government grant is also received for its operation. This Home houses around 25 destitute girls & Children. They also celebrated Hellen Keller Birth Anniversary, Independence Day, Rabindra Jayanti, Gandhi Jayanti, Republic Day, Deepavali, They also celebrated Christmas. Board Member Biswajyoti Bagchi popularly known as "Kaku" being Santa Claus for these underprivileged residents of Voice of World.

#### 24 PARGANAS (SOUTH) SALTIGHAT -

- a) VOICE OF WORLD BLIND SCHOOL A primary School for the visually impaired children has been successfully running at this centre for quite some time. The school is under the sponsorship of Deptt. Of mass Education Extension and Library Sciences, Govt. of West Bengal. During the year we organized educational tour to Puri for the visually impaired students and mentally challenged children.
- **b) ANTARALOK** This destitute home for boys is successfully running since 2009. Construction of the second floor as well as kitchen cum dining hall was completed during the year with active support and donation from Kolkata Global Concern, Corporate and Individual Donors. A Free medical camp is organized by VOW at the Saltighat Centre on the last Sunday of each month for the local needy villagers.
- c) VOICE OF WORLD INCLUSIVE SCHOOL FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED An Inclusive School for the Intellectually Challenged is being operated at this centre for the last eight years where along with the Intellectually Challenged students, other underprivileged (but otherwise normal) students and students with other disabilities also are provided developmental value based education. There have been quite a few instances where the intellectually challenged or multiple challenged students have responded to the mode of education and their development have been quite appreciable.

HOOGHLY, RISHRA-LALIT PANKAJ HOME FOR THE SIGHTLESS

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It is a Home for adult girls with vision impaired pursuing their higher studies. It houses about 35 visually impaired students who stay here, pursue their higher studies and learn Computer. Vocational Training is also imparted to these students to make them self-sufficient .Various vocational training course s like Physiotherapy, Computer skills, Handi-craft &Weaving bags imparted to the students at this centre. These Courses are conducted under the aegis of Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, Govt. of India.

#### TARAKESWAR, HOOGHLY CENTRE

Visually Impaired male students stay here and pursue their higher studies from this centre.

#### NADIA, KRISHNANAGAR-PITAMBARPUR SCHOOL

A KG school is run at this centre catering to the needs of local under privileged minority community. Two Teachers are engaged for this school.

#### PURBA MEDINIPUR, NANDIGRAM - JIBANANADA SEBASHRAM

Voice of World runs a K.G school for the children of socially low economic group families of the area. A free homeopathic clinic is run at this centre. We have here another plot of land (10 kattah approx.) for future development.

#### BANKURA-JHNTIPAHARI CENTRE

Voice of World owns a plot of land have a plan of setting up an all-round Welfare centre for the tribal people of this area. At the moment it has an office which regulates and guides the activities of other centres located in Bankura District. Special tree plantation drive is undertaken periodically for the all the centres of Bankura.

#### BANKURA-NETKAMLA CENTRE

A coaching centre is run here for SC/ST students where they are provided free tuition to the needy. This centre is for underprivileged students who are normal, mentally and physically handicapped.

#### BANKURA, SIMLAPAL - HEMANTA VIDYAMANDIR, BETJHORIA

A free pre-primary school is run at this centre for local poor tribal students. This centre is on a growth path with residential facility for about six visually impaired students.

#### **BURDWAN, JAMGRAM - KIDDYZONE**

Voice of World has established an English Medium School for students up to class V mainly for the children from the low economic background of coal miner families. It also run a training centre for teaching the basics of computer. A total 8 Teachers are engaged in this institution.

#### ODISHA, PURI-SISHU SIKHA NIKETAN & DRISTIHEEN PRATIBANDHIASHRAM

This is our first centre outside west Bengal which was set up in 2004 at puri, Odisha. Voice of World runs a free primary school under the guidance of 6 lady teachers. Looking at the increased rate of students Voice of World has added more class rooms. Apart from the school a home (Dristiheen Pratibandhi Ashram) is also run at this centre for blind students. The Ashram is headed by a Visually impaired person. At the school they

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celebrated Republic Day, Independence Day, Rath Yatra, Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti , Durga Puja , Deepawali and Christmas

#### DELHI-SEVASHRAM

A free coaching centre for local slum dwellers are run from this Sevashram. This centre, being at Delhi, also acts as our Liaison Office for different Governmental jobs.

#### DINABANDHU – ANNARPURNA SEVASHRAM, MUCHIPARA, KOLKATA

A new centre has started in 2017, functioning at Muchipara, Kolkata at a house donated by Smt. Ruby Chakraborty. A hostel for about 10 visually challenged male beneficiaries is being setup at the centre.

#### **Special Thanks:**

We take this opportunity to acknowledge and remember with gratitude the support and help we have received from our friends, well-wishers, donors, volunteers & staff members. Without the active support of them we could not have ever achieved any success in our endeavor towards serving for the society. We express our heartfelt gratitude to:

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- d) Global Concern Kolkata Singapore (East Campus) for Specialized care to the Intellectual Disable girls of Pratyasha Home.
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