

Eighth Annual Report FY 2020-21





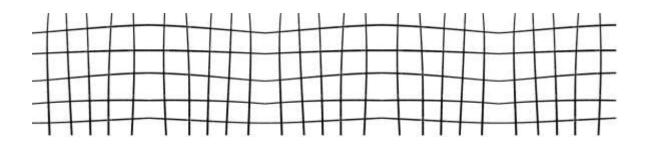




A not-for-profit society registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961

Registration Number: S/2L/13991 of 2013-14 dated January 03, 2014

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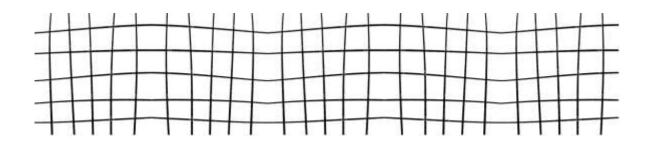


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OTHER DETAILS

Income tax permanent account number: AADAT7092F

Registration u/s 12AA of the IT Act, 1961 - M No. DIT(E)/8E/30/2014-15/S-46/910-12 dated 01/07/2014

(Renewed u/s 12AB of the Income Tax Act, 1961, Provisional Registration No. AADAT7092FE20214 dated 31st May 2021, from AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-27)

Approval u/s 80G (5) (vi) of the IT Act, 1961: No. DIT(E)/8E/30/2014-15/G-101/913-15 dated 01/07/2014

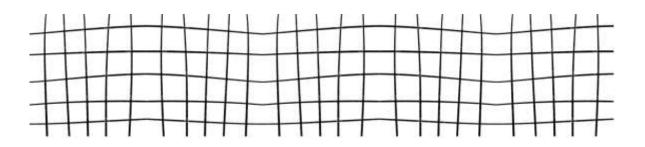
(Renewed u/s 11-Clause (1) of first proviso to sub-section (5) of section 80G, Provisional Approval No. AADAT7092FF20214 dated 31st May 2021, From AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-27)

NGO Darpan (NITI Aayog) registration number: WB/2017/0169601

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OUR OBJECTIVES IN BRIEF

- Non-conventional primary education, especially to first-generation learners
- Facilitating continuance of formal education of children
- Training and support to preventive health care, livelihood generation, and sustainable rural development
- Scholarships to deserving students
- Running schools
- Linkages with government departments, international agencies
- Projects to further the Society's objectives
- Instilling values of
 - o empathy for marginalized persons, especially children
 - o respect for different cultures
 - o betterment of society

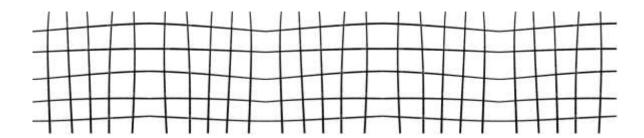


OUR VALUES

- ✓ Making a positive contribution to nation building
- ✓ Giving the best to the society
- ✓ Protecting Nature
- ✓ Building on our heritage a heritage for our progeny
- ✓ Having and showing a positive respect for others
- ✓ Always upholding human dignity
- ✓ Offering equal and non-discriminative opportunity
- ✓ Keeping the trust of all stakeholders at all times
- ✓ Setting high performance standards
- ✓ Creating the environment to deliver
- ✓ Constantly pursuing newer and better ways of functioning
- ✓ Holding on to the highest level of integrity
- ✓ Holding on to impeccable ethical as well as moral values
- ✓ Projecting a positive personal image and a positive image of the Society

Governing Body members shall

- ✓ know and support the mission of the Society, attend meetings regularly, prepare for meetings in advance
- ✓ maintain confidentiality
- \checkmark offer informed and impartial guidance
- ✓ avoid agendas of personal/special interest and conflicts of interest
- ✓ participate in committees and special events
- ✓ provide unstinted support to the President/other office bearers
- \checkmark take part in resource development
- ✓ promote the organization in the community in particular and also to others



GOVERNING BODY FOR THE FY 2020-21

1 Arup Roy President

2 Sujit Choudhury Vice President

3 Amit Kumar Biswas Secretary

4 Jayeeta Chowdhury Assistant Secretary

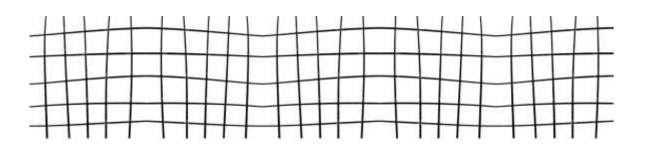
5 Shaswata Mukherjee Treasurer

6 Sanjib Kumar Bose Governing Body Member

7 Bibhuti Bhushan Manki Governing Body Member

8 Laxmi Kanta Mura Governing Body Member

9 Ranjit Kumar Sing Governing Body Member



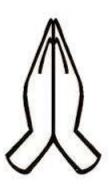
WELFARE ACTIVITIES

IN THE FY 2020-21

Funding

Decision of the ministry remained pending this year also on our application to accept and utilize foreign fund. Without this, even the remaining foreign fund in bank account could not be utilized.

Similar to the year before, we were constrained to keep our focus restricted only to the education of tribal children. For sustaining this activity, this year also it was our local donors who rose appropriately and silently to the occasion and donated regularly - at monthly or some other periodicity. Without their overwhelming response, all our welfare work would have stopped.



The Lockdown

Due to the Covid pandemic, like in other places, life in Amlasole and its neighboring villages came to a complete halt during the year. We were additionally concerned about the vulnerability of the people in these places, and worried lest outside interactions increase their chance of getting infected. Following the Government order, the school was closed throughout the year. The hostel was not run with full capacity in order to maintain social distancing; it continued with only seven children.

During this period, our fund utilization was by way of the payment of honoraria of teachers and other regular service providers – almost all of whom are local tribal people - and other fixed expenses for the school and the hostel operations. This was the minimum requirement, without which the team and the set-up – put in place through last fifteen years' painstaking effort – would have disintegrated.

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In October, when the lockdown was relaxed, students were asked to come to school in small batches and for two hours only. They were provided with tiffin. During this period, we facilitated donation - by a group of researchers from Kolkata - of dresses to the students, teachers, and other staff members of the school and the hostel at Amlasole.

Our Alumnus



This year Rabi Sabar of Amlasole passed the Secondary Board Examination from a school at Kolkata. Ravi had been a student of the second batch at Kendgora Adarsha Shikhshayatan.

Ravi's feat is noteworthy because he is the first ever student from the *Sabar* Community in and around Amlasole to pass Secondary Examination.

In this photo he is with the cycle he was awarded as a token of the humble appreciation from all of us.

Maintaining a Continuity

Due to the school close down during the pandemic, the three tribal girls who had earlier been admitted to Jhargram Nanibala Balika Vidyalaya, came back to the village. They were accommodated at the hostel to facilitate their academic progress. Of them, further arrangements were made at Kolkata for the girl preparing for her secondary examination to be held in 2022, so that she can pursue her studies, without a break, under our personal care.

Major Repairs

As our expenses were lower, a good amount of fund was available out of the local donations. We decided to go for a major repair and maintenance of the school and hostel buildings, about which we were contemplating for a few

years, but did not have the means. The time was suitable as well, since the school and hostel were not in full-fledged operation.

The work commenced in December 2020. It proved to be particularly significant on two counts: Firstly, with no visits from outside advisable, our local members, ably led by Birsha Mura, supervised and monitored the whole work. Secondly, the funding was entirely out of the local donations by individual donors. None of the two is a small achievement, considering the meticulous planning and high volume of activity involved and the fact that this time the repair and maintenance expenditure was the heaviest so far! Thanks to the benevolence of all donors - the friends of Amlasole. Thanks to the increasing maturity and confidence of members like Birsha.

The major repair and maintenance work ...



... the outcome.





Our gratitude to ...

- ☐ All our donors, who generously helped
- □ M/s Mookherjee Biswas and Pathak, the Statutory Auditors
- ☐ M/s Agarwal Kejriwal & Co, for their professional support
- ☐ Friends and well-wishers who kept on creating opportunities
- ☐ All our associates and collaborators

