



49 Years Of Dedicated Community Service



From the Director's desk

Healthy Planet Healthy Life

The theme of World Health Day 2022 is "Our Planet, Our Health." WHO estimates that more than 13 million deaths around the world each year are due to avoidable environmental causes. This includes the climate crises which is the single biggest health threat facing humanity. The climate crisis is also the cause of health crisis.

Extreme weather events, land degradation and water scarcity are displacing people and affecting their health. Pollution and plastic are our deepest concerns which have made way into our food chains. Highly processed, unhealthy foods and beverages are the cause of obesity, increase in cancer cases, heart disorders, respiratory ailments etc.

The Covid 19 pandemic has revealed weaknesses in all areas of society and underlined the urgency of creating sustainable well-being society committed to achieving equitable health now and for future generations without breaching ecological limits.

Hunger and disease campaign is our effort to restore and revive health and bring healing to all especially to marginalized and poor.

St Joseph's Hospital



Established in November 2011, St Joseph's is a multi-specialty hospital located at Phulpahari in the rural outskirts of Medinipur town. It addresses the healthcare needs of the forested Jangalmahal districts of Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Bankura and Purulia comprising a vast population of tribal and socio-economically backward classes. Today, the hospital is a beacon of hope and healing for the people of this region of West Bengal.



A Word of Gratitude to Our Donors

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our donors for their generosity and overwhelming support especially during the Covid 19 pandemic and other natural calamities.



Vision

A self-reliant society based on peace, love and justice, respecting the human dignity and natural environment.

Mission

Building of a Harmonious Society, based on Cultural Ethos, inspired by Spiritual Heritage, Socially and Environmentally sound through Participatory Process.

About

Seva Kendra Calcutta is the Relief and Development arm of the Catholic Archdiocese of Calcutta. Established in 1973, the organization has diversified fields of activities within the scope of social development and intermediate technologies. Seva Kendra Calcutta works in eight districts of West Bengal state. It is noted for its result oriented and professional team of staff and volunteers. Over the years it has built a network of support agencies through strategic partnerships.

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2022

Community Empowerment Project



Community Empowerment in the urban slums Project of Seva Kendra Calcutta organized a Homeopathic Health Camp on 07 April 2022, the World Health Day, in collaboration with D. N. De Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital for 81 beneficiaries from Motijhil, Bibibagan, Vaishali and Dhapa. The doctors from the Hospital were amidst us to conduct this health camp. A health awareness campaign was carried out for all the beneficiaries to make them aware and understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. During the health check up homeopathic medication was distributed free of cost to all beneficiaries.

Sustainable Community Development Project (SCDP)



The Sustainable Community Development Project of Seva Kendra Calcutta observed "World Health Day" on 07 April 2020. The theme for World Health Day 2022 was "Our Planet, Our Health." World Health Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the founding anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among the children about personal health and hygiene like brushing the teeth, washing hands, combing hair, and eating nutritious food. This was done through demonstration and animated videos. We also shared our thoughts with 75 children present on that day on good habits and how to cultivate them.

Fire Disaster Relief Distribution (FDRD)

A major fire broke out at a godown in Kolkata's Mehr Ali Lane in the Tangra area on 12 March 2022 and the firefighters had great difficulty reaching inside the godown which was engulfed in flames. Two fire brigade personnel were injured during the dousing operation. Tangra, Kolkata, is the area where Seva Kendra Calcutta has worked to improve the lives of the people for the last ten years. Many community-based organizations were formed which meet regularly to address issues in their area. When the fire broke out, members from the community turned to us for help. Our team from Seva Kendra Calcutta went to check the status of the fire outbreak. The condition of the factory was appalling and

completely destroyed. The workers lost their daily livelihood and it would take time to get back to normalcy. The fire had also affected the apartments close to the factory. Some were totally engulfed but fortunately the people were evacuated. The pollution from the burnt objects like plastic and fibre materials was unbearable and extremely harmful for all living beings. According to our survey, 50 families were affected by this disaster. Seva Kendra Calcutta provided 50 dry ration kits to the distressed families to ensure they had food to survive this dire crisis. This dry ration sufficed for a week. The community members were really grateful to Seva Kendra Calcutta for this timely assistance.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Hands on training on assembling LED bulbs for tribal women of Bankisole and Hatighosa villages, Jhargram



Bankisole and Hatighosa villages are remotely located amidst dense forest tracts in the Jhargram district under Lalgah Police Station, and far away from the reach of development. The Natural Resource Management (NRM) Project conducted a hands-on training on assembling LED Bulbs on 12.04.2022 at Bankisole Community Centre for 9 men and 15 women, who for the very first time attended such training programme. This initiative was taken as the NRM Project aims to improve the energy security of the rural population and enhance the income opportunity of the tribal women in the district of West Medinipur and Jhargram. LED bulbs are perfect options for rural households to replace the age-old filament bulbs because LEDs are environment and pocket friendly, reduce power consumption and minimize electricity bills. The participants who attended the training were enthusiastic to start assembling the LEDs in the community centre and generate income by marketing the bulbs in the rural households as a step towards climate change mitigation and enhancing income generation.

The Project Asha ki Kiran



The Project Asha ki Kiran was initiated on 01 April 2022 at SKC's Training and Research Centre at Bahihati - a medium-sized agrarian village, with a total of 430 marginal SC and ST families located in Kharagpur - II Block of Paschim Medinipur, one of the most backward districts globally recognized, in the state of West Bengal. The project title 'Asha Ki Kiran' means a ray of hope amidst the darkness of illiteracy, unemployment, and social taboos existing in Bahihati village. The Project aims to develop human resources and talents especially for the deprived children and vulnerable women of this community. So a coaching centre with 20 most needy children is ongoing at Bahihati centre with 2 trained teachers. Regular classes with special activities, games and physical exercises are going on in full sway. Simultaneously a special income generation programme for the mothers has also started with a focus to empower women socially and economically. Presently the trained members of the SDP (Skilled Development Programme of Project Sambandh) have received an order to make 200 cotton bags and 10 mothers are actively involved in preparing them, which would directly contribute to their monthly income.

Celebration of International Dance Day 2022



The Sustainable Community Development and the Community Empowerment Project of Seva Kendra Calcutta celebrated International Dance Day on 29 April 2022 with 50 youth and children of Ward number 56 & 58. The idea behind the celebration was to encourage participation and acquaint them with the different Indian dance forms like Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Monipuri etc and other western dance forms. Auditions were taken for this programme and 30 youth and children were selected for the final competition. Of them, three were selected as winners and others were given consolation prizes. It was a wonderful day where the youth and children displayed their talent. Now the winners would be training other youth and children as part of the co-curricular activities of the learning centre.

SKC Extension Centre Dum Dum Cantonment, Nalta School Road, Kumarpara

The dream of SKC Extension Centre Dum Dum came into reality after much hard work. The centre is now utilized for the children who belong to the families living along the railway track Rail Gate No.2 Dum Dum Cantonment and in the cowshed (khatal). Survey of the children was done in these two areas. About 25 school-going children, dropouts and new-comers are eager to learn and are interested to take tuition. Considering the future of these children the step was taken by Seva Kendra Calcutta to entrust to the Ursuline Sisters at Dum Dum Cantonment to begin the tuition classes for these children. The project would focus on the education of the children enrolled at the Extension Centre Dum Dum, ensuring that they have access to facilities to develop their talents and knowledge. This would also encourage and motivate them to continue in Government schools instead of dropping out. The underprivileged students of this area would be given daily tuitions by experienced teachers. They would be provided with books and other study materials which otherwise they are not in a position to afford. The education process would urge and involve them to learn to speak in English as well. Health checks and health education would be provided periodically to ensure their well-being.



SEVA KENDRA CALCUTTA FACILITIES

Hospitality



Skill Development



Daily Bread



New Horizon Cafe



Solar Panel Roof Top



Beauty and Wellness



Food Urban Organic Home Garden (Roof Top)



Welcome to Seva Kendra Calcutta. Seva Kendra is the social arm of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kolkata. In its 50th year of service to people in need, it stands as a strong social organisation today, involved in many areas of training, empowerment and social engagement. Seva Kendra Calcutta offers a beautiful calm compound in the centre of vibrant Kolkata. This compound is open to public and can be reserved for conferences, meetings, trainings and overnight stays. It offers all facilities needed for a peaceful stay in Kolkata. Seven conference rooms (ranging from 30 to 200 people capacity) with state-of-the art technology are here available. In-house dining with multi-cuisine facilities is provided. Besides a general kitchen capable of serving food for up to 200

people, a Western Cafeteria and Confectionary and even a Continental and Chinese Restaurant are available within the campus. There are 59 rooms – single, double and dormitory with bathrooms - for up to 150 over-night guests. Beautiful sitting area surrounded by plants invites visitors to spend their free time in this relaxing environment. Kindly get in touch with us for bookings and further information.

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We look forward to welcoming YOU!