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Seva Kendra Calcutta



Protecting Children, Preventing Addiction

The Prevention of Substance Abuse and Tuberculosis Project at Sealdah continued its mission in August 2025 to protect and support street-connected children, adolescents, and families. The team conducted regular field visits at Sealdah, Moula-ali, and Bhutnath to identify new children, follow up with existing beneficiaries, and link families to essential services. Three new children were mobilized, and documentation support was provided, including the creation of a mother-and-child card.

Key highlights included a National Space Day celebration at Seva Kendra Calcutta with cultural performances by children from Sealdah, Bhoothnath, Moula-ali, and Saksham. This event boosted self-confidence and creativity among participants, while also fostering inclusion of differently-abled children. In education, two street children were successfully admitted to Adarsh Vidyamandir School, and efforts were made to secure hostel placements for two sisters, Ishita and Ishmita, at Don Bosco Ashalayam.



Health, Skills & Safety in Khanaberia & Uchupota

Empowering Women, Children & Youth

The Sustainable Community Development Project (Extension Phase) in Khanaberia, Uchupota, and Pakapol, supported by Missio Austria, continued to focus on maternal and child health, adolescent empowerment, and livelihood skills in August 2025. The team conducted 78 door-to-door visits and 60 GDA home visits to monitor pregnant and lactating mothers, children under 6, and adolescents. A mobile health clinic at Uchupota served 25 patients, with 19 referred to Chittaranjan Hospital for further care.

Community engagement included puppet shows during Breastfeeding Week, reaching 100 people with awareness on exclusive breastfeeding and hygiene. Self-defense training for 41 adolescent girls boosted confidence and safety, while extracurricular activities like dance classes engaged schoolchildren in Khanaberia. In Pakapol, remedial classes supported 15 children at risk of dropping out.

Skill development also progressed, with 30 women and youth in tailoring training, leading to the production of 12 jute bags. Staff capacity was strengthened through disability and child health training, while weekly review meetings ensured accountability and planning.



Education, Rights & Celebrations

Building Knowledge & Awareness in Motijheel

The Motijheel Study Center remained vibrant in August 2025 with 25 days of regular classes for 32 children, focusing on Bengali, English, Maths, and creative learning through drawing and art. Children who once struggled to write showed steady progress, and spoken English practice improved their confidence.

Special sessions enriched learning this month. A Human Trafficking awareness session engaged 29 women and children through film, discussion, and interactive learning, while a Health & Hygiene workshop guided 30 children on daily practices and seasonal precautions. The Independence Day celebration brought together 35 children, 9 parents, and guests, with flag hoisting, patriotic dances, and speeches in three languages.

Community engagement included 21 household surveys, 3 home visits, and Help Desk services, supporting families with entitlements and documentation. Weekly review meetings kept activities on track through reflection and planning.

