

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



# SOUL

A Source of Unconditional Love

Serve to Grow | Grow to Serve

## **Story of Compassion**

One day, While he was top of his professional career, SUBHANKAR BANERJEE he witnessed, a 2 years old Kabita has lost her father due to tiger attacked at dense forest of Sundarban while his father was fishing on the canal and it changed the direction of his life. He was deeply disturbed. It forced him to leave his job and follow his SOUL. It is "The Biography of Sw. Vivekananda" and "Sri Sri Ramakrishna Kathamrita" which were the catalyst of his transformation. This direction became the reason of the birth of SOUL (SOURCE OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE). The organisation's values are set by the ideology of Sw. Vivekananda and it is the driving force behind all the activities of the organisation.



#### **Bharat Sevashram**



"We are very glad to know that SOUL is working for the Sabar and other trodden families of G-Plot in Sundarban. Presently, they are helping nearly 25 Students for their education, Health care and other amenities including their residential facilities of boarding and lodging. It is great endeavour to reach to them. We are also associated with them in many a respect. We wish them a success in amanliorating the distress of these children in such are mote place".

#### Blessings of Sri Sri Guru Maharaj

#### **Swami Biswatmananda**

(Honourable General Secretary, Bharat Sevashram Sangha)

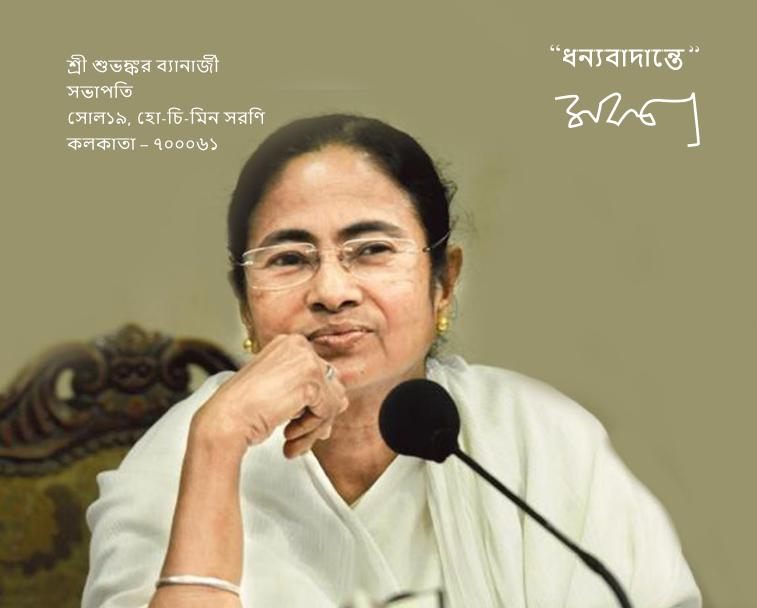


## মমতা ব্যানাজ্জী মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী পশ্চিমবঙ্গ

২ আগস্ট,২০১৮

### প্রিয় শুভঙ্করবাবু,

সুন্দরবনের জি-প্লট -এর প্রান্তিক মানুষগুলির জন্য নিঃস্বার্থভাবে কাজ করার জন্য আপনাদের ধন্যবাদ। ভালো থাকবেন



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#### **Message from Team SOUL**



#### Dear Friends of SOUL,

One more year of cognitive learning from the grassroots with a series of innovations...

In fiscal year 2018-19, we found much reason to celebrate, even as we moved forward boldly with our work in india's most isolated delta at Sundarban. We focused on building the capacities on our service delivery model and explored the opportunities and challenges presented by new technologies.

Our 2 innovative projects "Vidyashram" and "Prayas" were born out of a desire to help those clinging to withstand in adverse situation.

Our mission has evolved to exclusively delivering education to ensure lasting impact through innovative programs that empower people — especially children and women

#### To be agents of change within their communities.

Vidyashram has already created a strong impact within the tribal - community through its innovative approach. Our Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA) benefits of 36 tribal children through the project Vidyashram.

On the other side, Our Web based E-Learning program "Prayas" turned into a game changer. 11 villages found a new opportunity to learn and explore their knowledge through digital medium.

We are still discovering many layers and aspects about our work and its impact on the last person we connect with. The Good news is.. our both the initiatives are spreading, getting more acceptance from the Adivasi and non Adivasi community at G-Plot. It is growing bigger and with the participation of masses in the other remote villages.

At the same time, some things remain constant. As an organisation, we need to understand and be clear on how we can make an impact that matters – for our beneficiaries.

It is integral to our sense of purpose as an organisation to make sure that what we do has a positive impact. After all, SOUL leadership style and culture is strongly shaped by our spirit, which includes a sense of shared responsibility. Each person takes pride in delivering to the best of their abilities, working together and drawing on the unique strength of each individual in order to achieve more as a team.

At its heart, a good partnership is about trust - trust built on the open, honest and respectful communication which is crucial to so many aspects of our service. Communication is the foundation of our coaching culture. It is fundamental to our capacity to innovate. It is fundamental to our relationships with beneficiaries and with external stakeholders such as donors. It is also a vital aspect of ensuring thatw we always meet the high quality levels expected of us – and that we demand of ourselves. It is time for change. We have been speaking about **SOUL version 2.0...**That change is in our Mind..to follow the path of Sri Ramakrishna "Shiva in Jiva".

Our sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to contribute their valuable input to the report. We hope that you enjoy reading it.

With Warm Wishes,

, Mr

SWAPAN KUMAR KUNDU (On Behalf of Team SOUL)

#### The Government and SOUL

Soul is grateful to the Government of West Bengal specially West Bengal Police for their continued and valued support in implementing Web-based Learning Workshop. Soul has been able to purpose a meaningful and effective implementing arm of the Government's E-Initiative.

Reaching and serving the last delta of Sundarban has been possible with the help of the G-Plot Gram Panchayat and Gobardhanpur Coastal Police Station. This Public-Private Partnership has acted as the perfect underpinning of the Project Prayas, enabling it to provide web-based learning workshop for the children, youth and women .This effective and resourceful partnership has proved pivotal to SOUL's cause of providing opportunity to the learners on Spoken English, Drawing, Dancing, professional grooming, artisan works, job interview etc.

The Government of India, through the Ministry of Finance has enabled the Organisation to seek donations under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act which has been of immense assistance.

SOUL is appreciative and responsive to the Government's support to augment the Web-based learning workshop Programme and Project Vidyashram. To commensurate, the organisation continues to furnish requisite IT returns on time and year after year.

SOUL expresses its gratitude to the Government of West Bengal and local governing bodies for their dedicated support throughout its journey. SOUL looks forward to the Governments' continued benefaction, and hopes to further secure the partnership in making a positive impact on the lives of many more children across the state.





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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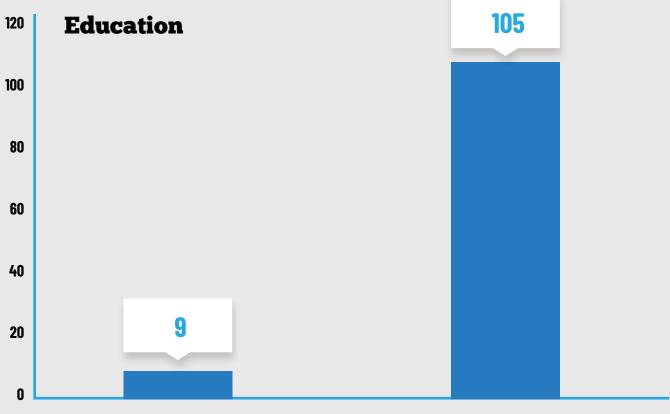
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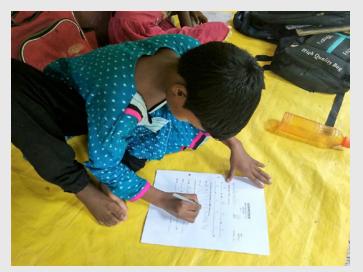
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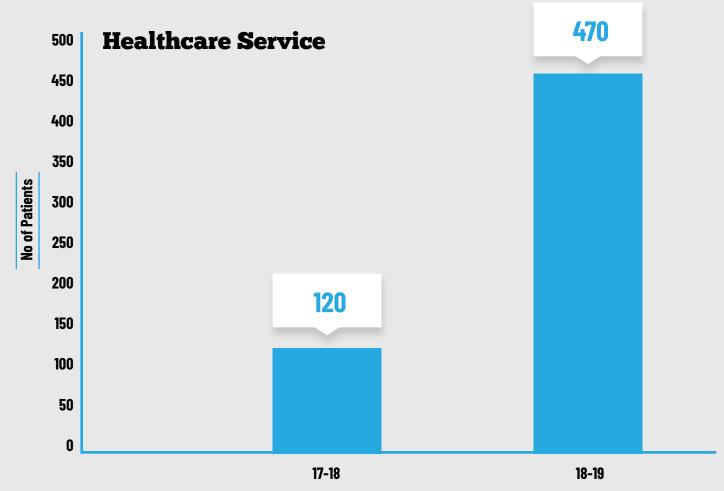
# Basic Education, Drawing, Spoken English, Dance etc











# Free Medicine, Eye Camp, General Medicine





# New Clothes, Shoes, Blankets





#### **Our Programmes:**

#### **Vidyashram:**

It is a residential accommodation for the tribal children aged between 4yrs to 10yrs at G-Plot, Sundarban. SOUL started implementing Vidyashram Project in 2016. Started with 9 tribal children, has now evolved into an effective program with 36 students.

#### **Prayas:**

It is a web-based learning workshop through virtual classroom. Presently there are **100+** students in E-Learning workshop.

#### Other Social Initiatives:

Feeding Programme

**END HUNGER-** This programme is for the people within the tribal community at G-Plot.

No. of Food Plates Distributed: 44790

**HEALTH CAMP** - This Programme is for local underprivileged people of G-Plot.

Provided Spectacles: **110** Health Consultancy: **470** 

**CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION**- This programme is for the tribal people of G-Plot.

With this initiative, SOUL has provided 3620 outfit items like-sarees, frocks, shoes, skirts, sandals, blankets, sweaters, pants, T-shirt, Mosquito nets etc.

#### A Successful Partnership with G-Plot Vivekananda Vidyamandir :

SOUL implements Vidyashram Programme in partnership with the G-Plot Vivekananada Vidyamandir. The School has provided us the premises to implement the scheme. In addition, G-Plot Gram Panchayat and individual donors extend their generous support to our cause, helping us achieve the full potential of this programme. A synergy of various entities coming together for a common goal has made our Public - Private Partnership a successful intervention

#### **Our Vision:**

To set up SOUL branches across the globe to elevate living pattern of underprivileged people by replicating our service delivery model.

#### **Our Mission By 2021:**

To eradicate malnutrition from the Savar tribal community in Sundarban.

To Ensure 120 Savar Children ( Upto 12 yrs) capable to Read, write and understand Bengali Texts.

To bring 20000 people under web based learning workshop "Prayas" for their professional, academic and cultural development. (People includes students, homemakers, small businessmen, unemployed, farmers).

Provide low cost/free healthcare service through Telemedicine to the rural and tribal people in West Bengal.

#### **Whom We Serve:**

Presently, we serve 11 villages in Patharpratima Block.

#### **Our Purpose:**

- Eradicate Malnutrition.
- Provide High quality E-Learning Platform for the students.
- Engage youth and women through E-Learning workshop to skilling for income generating activities.
- Provide Telemedicine support to the remote villages.

#### **Our Values:**

Selflessness, Love and Service







## Project Vidyashram

It's a residential accommodation established in the village for Sabar kids so they could attend the village school. It provides them with the opportunity to focus on their education and physical development, as well as lets them avail computer services. Along with academic subjects, the children are exposed to sports, farming, performing arts and Indian mythology to allow them to grow up as well-rounded individuals.

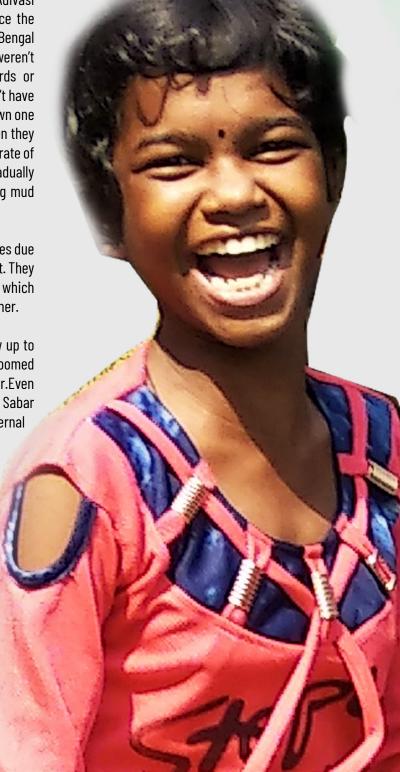
#### **About The Beneficiary Community:**

The Sabar community is considered to be one of the oldest Adivasi (tribal) populations in eastern India. Believed to be there since the epical time of Mahabharata, they now largely inhabit West Bengal and Jharkhand. Sabar people, the residents of that area, weren't cultivators. They worked as bonded labor for large land lords or zamindars. Working in exchange for food and clothing, they didn't have any separate shelters or houses so they had to construct their own one roomed little huts using Hetal trees' leaves as a roof. Later, when they did start working for daily wages, they were either given half the rate of normal wage or work free in lieu of food. Because of this they gradually changed into a forest dependent community, majorly collecting mud crabs or honey from the dense mangroves.

Sabars always remained deprived of basic amenities and facilities due to their ignorance regarding the aids provided by the government. They failed to identify and make use of the facilities provided to them which ultimately led to their backwardness and exploitation by the richer.

Following the footsteps of their elders, the Sabar children grow up to become addicts of tobacco and liquor. They grow up in one roomed huts, without any proper ventilation, toilet or safe drinking water. Even the mid-day meal system in the schools failed to attract the Sabar children who preferred to follow their elders and live a life of eternal poverty.

Vidyashram is a venture to break this chain. Efforts have been put in to ensure that each child gets access to education, to skills that will help them grow up to be self sufficient individuals who can earn and support themselves and their families.



## Prayas

It is an innovative attempt to connect people and sharing knowledge through digital Medium. It is a web-based virtual classroom which is an online learning environment. The environment can be accessed through a software. Just like in a real-world classroom, a student in a virtual classroom participates in synchronous instruction which means that the teacher and students are logged into the virtual learning environment at the same time. This environment provides great experience in distance education.

Through Prayas, we provide learning opportunities from the expert instructors in different filed like-Dance, Drawing, Spoken English, Professional Grooming, Artisan work, agricultural knowledge sharing. Moreover, we also provide opportunities to the youth for different job interviews like -Security Guard, Sweeper, Housekeeping, plumber, Electrician etc.

Project Supported by: West Bengal Police (Sundarban Police District), G-Plot Gram Panchayat

Launched On: 21.12.2018

**Inaugurated By:** 

Mr. N.K Singh, IPS, IG South Bengal

Dr. R.K Singh, IPS, IG Presidency Range

Mr. Tathagata Basu, IPS, SP -Sundarban Police District

Mr. Samir Kr. Jana, MLA, Patharpratima Constituency

And other distingushed delegates and government officials.









IMPACT CASE STUDY



Baisakhi, before she was a member of the Ashram

She is also very good in Sports, a talent which she herself was unaware of and only came to realize it after she became a member of the Ashram.

#### Baisakhi Mullick

**Baisakhi Mullick** is another member of the Ashram. soft-spoken, she impressed everyone around her with her calmness. Coming from a family which had the same issues of societal backwardness, she was one of those many girls whose future was tangled in the wedding knot. Her family's only decision for her was to send her off to her in-laws. And as usual, her education was of no importance.

After **SOUL** took her in, a new energy was born in her. It was clearly visible how happy she was being with the people around her. She was also found to be a quick-learner and can be seen taking part in a drama on child marriage speaking against it and that too in English.

Link to the drama video: https://www.facebook.com/teamsoul.org/videos/1506980026080282/ (the girl on the extreme left)



#### **CASE STUDY**



#### **Bulti Nayek**

Today is a gift, which is why it is called "Present". But life was no gift for Bulti. There was a time when she was considered a burden by her family. Losing her leg in an accident when she was not even a year old, she was neglected by her community. Not being able to be a helping hand to her community, Bulti had almost lost faith in herself, considering herself useless.

The thought of learning had never occurred as there was apparently no use of it either. She stayed at home doing nothing. Moreover, that she was a girl added more brick to the wall which barred her from living a life she wanted to. She did not haveany social support of any kind. It was as if life itself had abandoned her. Presently 14 years old, Bulti was seldom bullied by others due to her lost right leg and this made her stay back at home and not go out much. Her childhood was everything other than what it was supposed to be.

Bulti before she was a student of the Ashram

But among all these calamities, a lamp still glowed in Bulti's heart. A lamp whose spark never fizzed off. She continued to fight for herself all through these 14 years and today finally she has stood upto life. With the donations from the society members and the efforts of SOUL, Bulti is now living her dream.

She has been admitted to a school where she is receiving her long deserved right of education. SOUL has provided her with crutches which help her to "walk her path." Now she too can dream in a way no one but her thought she could. Now she too can prove herself to all those people who disregarded her when she needed them the most. Now she too has friends who understand her and support her.

From hesitating to talk with anyone at all to speaking in English about child marriage as much as she could, Bulti has come a long proud way.Her breakthroughs have also been appreciated by her community which once had neglected her. She has been accepted by them and all this is due to her nevergive-up attitude towards life and a little help from the society.



Bulti speaking about child marriage in English

Bulti is one of those many who have stood up against all odds of the society to prove themselves worthy and never give up until they do so. She is a perfect example of what SOUL stands for, inner strength to strive towards excellence.



However, there are many others like Bulti who are not getting what they deserve. There are many like her who lack a normal life. SOUL has taken up the initiative of giving such children what they need and deserve. With your help, they too will be able to pave their own path in life.

Bulti walking her own path, now a member of the Ashram

#### **CASE STUDY**



Krishna, before she was a member of the Ashram

#### Krishna Nayek

They say true strength lies in the heart. And Krishna Nayek has proved it. If you are wondering who she is, Krishna Nayek is the newest and the youngest member of the Vidhyashram. Belonging to the Sabar tribe, she was taken into shelter, by SOUL on March 29, 2018, at the tender age of 7.

Krishna began her battle in life almost from birth. She was malnourished. Considered a burden by her family, she was neglected. The reason which worried her family and especially her mother was not how she would live her life but who would marry her. This just shows the stage at which their society is standing. Her dreams did not matter in the least. Her education was not given a thought to. And that she was young made no one listen to her and her wishes for her own life. She felt all alone.

But when she came under the shelter of SOUL and saw what all she could do, a new light shone in her. From the day she was welcomed, SOUL had never seen a more enthusiastic "soul". Krishna, with a smile on her face

at all times, seemed to win the hearts of all the members of the Ashram. On her first day, she was very happy to meet her new friends and so were they. She brought in a new energy which was gladly received by all the other little members of the Ashram. She eventually regained her health as well. The teachers at the Ashram were surprised at her learning skills for she had learnt to write letters on the chalkboard on the first day itself, and she was appreciated by all.

She has even been a part of a drama on child marriage where she is found speaking in English. This is a huge step towards a better future for all of them.

The teachers have encouraged her enthusiasm and urged her to continue working hard so that one day she can achieve her dreams and prove herself to all those who had disregarded her.



Krishna is one of the few whom SOUL is helping to gain back the power to dream which they had lost. With your help and SOUL's efforts, many more such beautiful souls will learn to fly high.

Krishna, youngest member of the Ashram, writing her first letters on the chalkboard

#### **CASE STUDY**



Parbati before she was a member of the Ashram

#### **Parbati Nayek**

Parbati Nayek. She is one of the youngest little angels in the Ashram. She too was one of those whose future was more than uncertain. Her life consisted only of days and nights. She did not talk much and stayed at home at all times. Her education was, as usual in their community, not given a heed to. Her future and her childhood were going in waste.

However, things took a totally different turn when she joined the Ashram. Parbati who till then did not talk started speaking her heart out and that too loud. She was found very jovial among her new friends at the Ashram and was very enthusiastic. It can be said that had she not been in the Ashram, SOUL would be one beautiful soul less. Yet, thanks be to God that Parvati is today a very important part of the Ashram and she has added to the happiness of the Ashram with never-ending enthusiasm. This nature of her is clearly visible in a drama in which she is found talking in English about child marriage and wrong it is.

She is a very happy soul and more so when she goes to school with her friends. The experience of learning has turned out for her to be one which has fun in it.

From not talking at all to speaking in English, Parbati has come a long way indeed, a way which she has paved on her own. With a little help from SOUL and the donations of the society members, she today walks a well-deserved path and with your help, many other souls will also be able to do so.





Sonali, before she was a member of the Ashram

#### **Sonali Nayek**

Sonali Nayek is another happy soul at the Ashram. An ever-smiling little girl of 8 years, Sonali too was a victim of malnutrition when SOUL found her. Disregarded by her community, she too was considered a burden. No education and no means to dream could lead her nowhere and there was no one to take her side.

But after she joined the Ashram, there came a radical change in her. She was found to be very jovial with her friends in the Ashram and moreover, she turned out to be an enthusiastic learner. She loves going to school.

The efforts of the members of SOUL have brought a smile on Sonali's face and the possibility of dreams in her heart. With your help, SOUL will be able to do so in the lives of other such innocent souls as well.



SOUL is registered as a not-for-profit organisation under the **Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (Reg. No. 190303689)**.

The Trust deed will be made available on request.

SOUL is registered under Section 12A (a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

SOUL is registered under Section 80G of Income Tax Act.

OUR BANK

#### **YES BANK**

7A, Kanak Tower, Russel St, Kolkata, West Bengal 700071

**OUR AUDITOR** 

#### D DAS & KAMALUDDIN

(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)

"Moon Plaza", 62 Lenin Sarani 3rd Floor, Kolkata-700013

#### **GOVERNANCE POLICY**

SOUL believes that a well-balanced Governance Policy is the key to an organisation's success. Adherence to it helps the organisation perform efficiently and ethically, while creating value for its stakeholders.

SOUL strives for excellence through adoption of laws, regulations, and best practices. We believe that transparency, in the context of financials and operations in particular, adds to the accountability of our initiative and the organisation as a whole.

Our governance practices also reflect the culture of trusteeship which is an important component of our value system.

#### **Key Tenets**

- 1. Board accountability to the Organization and stakeholders
- 2. Maintaining equality with the stakeholders.
- 3. Ensuring Strategic Direction by the Board
- 4. Effective monitoring the activities by the board
- 5. Transparency and timely disclosure

## DIGNITARY VISIT

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This is a great initiative full of mission Love & Compassion for poor tribal children. Wish God Bless & Success.

Dr. R. K.Singh (IPS)
IG PRESIDENCY

১১ SOUL সংস্থার উদ্যোগে প্রয়াস এর কর্মোদ্যোগ এককথায় সুন্দরবনের
প্রত্যন্ত এলাকার এক অনবদ্য ও
অবিস্মরণীয় উদ্যোগ, আশ্রমে শবরদের
জন্য শিক্ষা ও সংস্কৃতি চেতনার যে
প্রয়াস চলছে তাকে স্বাগত জানাই।

Sri Samir Kr. Jana (MLA , PATHARPRATIMA) 66

Visited Vidyashram, it is a great & unique effort for the upliftment of tribal children . My best wish to all.

Sri N. K. Singh (IPS)
IG SOUTH BENGAL

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Wish all of us a best of luck

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Sri Tathagata Basu(IPS)
SP, SPD

Great initiative.
Continue with
the great wish.

Sri Praveen Prakash(IPS)
ADDITIONAL SP, SPD

#### AWARD

SOUL received a **'Performance Excellent Award '** from **HUM NGO & Kolkata Police on 9th May, 2018** 







#### **SP Letter of Appreciation**

femo No. /SP/SPD	Dated. 5/12/2018
	Tathagata Basu, IPS
men	Superintendent of Police
	Sundarban Police District

#### //Letter of Appreciation//

The charitable trust "SOUL" registered under Indian trust act. Reg no. 1903005984/2016 has been doing pioneering work for the upliftment of tribal people of "Sabar" community at G-Plot under the jurisdiction of Gobardhanpur Coastal PS, Sundarban Police District.

The Sundarban Police District in-collaboration with "SOUL" has taken up an initiative for e-education, "Prayas". The initiative seeks to impart employability skills and basic learning to the members of the Sabar Community and local residence for their socio-economic empowerment and strengthening their cultural values.

Superintendent of Police Sundarban Police District.

Superintendent of Police Sundarban Police District

## **14Th August**















## **Birthday Celebrations**









## Puja Porikroma

With the support of **Sundarban Police District** Vidyashram children with their family visited (1st time) Kolkata and celebrated Durgapuja.

















## Prayas Opening











#### বিদ্যুৎহীন গ্রামের খুদেরা দেখল আলোর রোশনাই



মাজ্য ও থানায় আরকালাস বেওয়ার সিজান্ত নেওয়া হবেছে। চিকিৎসক এবং স্থানীয় বাসিকা নাসিম আহমেদ বকোন, ''আমি হোট থেকে এই শহরে বাড় হয়েছি। বা ঘটেছে, সেটা জবনপরের ঐতিহ্য নহা। আমানের সহরে এই দাপাদাপি (भरत त्नथ्या याग्र ना। जानि ना

পুরপ্রধান সুক্তিত সরখেল বলেন, "রাজনীতির নামে লোক ভরানো সভা এটা নয়। এখানে যাঁরা এসেছেন সকলেই সতঃকৃত ভাবে এসেছেন। খুব অল্ল সময়ের মধ্যে সভার আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। তা সত্তেও এলাকাবাসীর এই বিপুল সাড়া বলে দিচ্ছে, তাঁরা কি চান "

#### অনলাইনে পড়াশোনা

গোবর্ধনপুর কোস্টাল: কলকাতা শেখানো হবে সুন্দরবনের গ্রামের ক্রেল্ডাফাদের। সুন্দরবন জেলা ছেলেমেয়েদের। পুলিশ ও একটি স্বেচ্ছাসেবী সংস্থার

অনলাইন প্রশিক্ষণ শিবিরের কথা ভাবা হয়েছিল। পাথরপ্রতিমার বি 'অনলাইনে' পড়াশোনা প্লট পঞ্চায়েতের সহযোগিতার শবর সম্প্রদায়ের পভূয়া ও শিক্ষকদের জন শুক্রবার দুপুরে ওই পঞ্চায়েতের এক স্থলে সেই শিবিরের উদ্বোধন হয়।

#### সুন্দরবনেও এ বার ধৃত তিন অনলাইন প্রশিক্ষণ ধান কেনায় অনি

মান্ত্র হার থেকে দেহ উদ্ধার

#### সুন্দরবনে শিশুদের জন্য অনলাইন কর্মশালা

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স্কোয়ার মলত 30 কিলোমিটার অঞ্চলের এই 'জি-প্লট' এলাকাটি সুন্দরবনের একদম শেয অবস্থিত। শিক্ষাগত शास्त्र যোগ্যতায় অনেকখানি পিছিয়ে এখানকার অধিবাসীরা। তাঁদের জীবিকা হল মধু সংগ্রহ এবং কাঁকড়া এখানকার শিশুদের জীবনযাত্রার মান উন্নয়নে গত ২১ ডিসেম্বর 'প্রয়াস' নামে একটি বিশেষ কর্মশালায় আয়োজন হয় জি-প্লটে। যেখানে ৩৬ জন শবর শিশুকে নিয়ে শুরু করা হয় ভার্চয়াল কাস। স্বেচ্ছাসেবী সংস্থার সভাপতি ভভাশিস বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় বলেন, 'এই এলাকার যোগাযোগ ব্যবস্থা অত্যস্ত খারাপ, তাই লাইভ স্ট্রিমিংয়ের অনলাইনে ভিভিভ শিওদের কনফারেরজ নাচ - গান - আব্ভি - অছন. ইংরেজি ও হিন্দি ভাষার শিক্ষাদান করবেন বিশিষ্টজনেরা। উদ্বোধনী थन्छार्न উপস্থিত **कि** (शन অনুভানে পাথরপ্রতিমার বিধায়ক সমীর জানা, আইডি (দঞ্চিণ) নীরজ সিং-সহ অন্যান্যরা।

## সুন্দরবনের প্রত্যন্ত গ্রামের যুবক-যুবতীদের চাকরির জন্য দেওয়া হবে অনলাইনে প্রশিক্ষণ

সামিম আহমেদ, পাধরপ্রতিমা: সুন্দরবনের প্রতান্ত গ্রামের যুবক-যুবতীদের এবার থেকে চাকরির জন্য অনলাইনে প্রশিক্ষণ দেওয়া হবে। বৃহস্পতিবার প্রশিক্ষণ শিবির কেন্দ্রের সূচনা করেন আইজি সাউথ বেঙ্গল নীরজ কুমার সিং। বঙ্গোপসাগরের শেষপ্রান্তের বহীপ হল জি প্লট গ্রাম পঞ্চায়েত। এই জি প্লট গ্রাম পঞ্চায়েতটি পাথরপ্রতিমা পঞ্চায়েত সমির্তির অধীন। জি প্লটে প্রায় ৩০ হাজার তপশিলি জাতি ও উপজাতি মানুষের বসবাস। তাদের মধ্যে রয়েছেন ৫০০ শবর সম্প্রদায়ভুক্ত মানুষ। তপশিলি জাতি-উপজাতির পাশাপাশি রয়েছে সংখ্যালঘু পরিবার। জি প্লট গ্রাম পঞ্চায়েত সূত্রে জানা গেছে, এখানকার বাসিন্দা কাঁকড়া ধরে ও মধু সংগ্রহ করে জীবিকানির্বাহ করেন। এই জীবিকা যা অত্যন্ত ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ পরিস্থিতির সন্মুখীন হতে হয়। সেই সমস্ত বাসিন্দাদের স্বনির্ভর করতে অনলাইন প্রশিক্ষণের উদ্যোগ নিয়েছে সুন্দরবন পলিশ জেলা। জি প্লট গ্রাম পঞ্চায়েত ও একটি স্বেচ্ছাসেবী সংস্থার সহযোগিতায় এই প্রশিক্ষণ দেওয়া হবে বলে প্রশাসনিক সূত্রে খবর। আইজি সাউথ বেঙ্গল নীরজ কুমার সিং বলেন, কলকাতার অফিস থেকে ভিডিয়ো কনফারেন্সের মাধ্যমে বদ্বীপবাসীদের নাচ, ছবি আঁকা শেখানোর পাশাপাশি সরকারি চাকরির কোচিং দেওয়া হবে। বেকার যুবক-যুবতীদের নিরাপতারক্ষীর কাজের প্রশিক্ষণও এখান থেকে দেওয়া হবে। নতুন ব্যবসায়ীদের উৎসাহ দিতে অভিজ্ঞ ব্যবসায়ীদের সঙ্গে আলোচনার ব্যবস্থাও করবে প্রশাসন। পাথরপ্রতিমার বিধায়ক সমীর কুমার জানা বলেন, জি প্লট বদ্বীপের বাসিন্দাদের স্বনির্ভর ও



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It is my pleasure to write a few words about the activities of 'Soul' working for the development of Sabar community about whom I am well acquainted. Soul gives priority to the education of Sabar children and runs a Vidyashram for them. This sincere effort of the organization has already touched the heart of the local people of G Plot, an island in Sundarban. Soul aims at total upliftment of the Sabar community with the cooperation of the common people of our country. I hope the sincere and honest endeavour of Soul never goes in vain. Thanks to the members, well-wishers and patrons of Soul.

Dr. Sankar Kumar Pramanik (A Sundarban Lover, Author of many books on Sundarban)





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