



Kolkata Gives-Quarterly Progress Report

Organization Name: NAYANTARA MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Grant received enhances an existing project or ongoing activity: Yes/No

Project Area: Tribal villages of Chaupahari jungle in Illambazar Block of Birbhum District in West Bengal

Project Summary:

The objective of the Supportive Education Program is the upliftment - cultural, social and economical - of the first generation Santal population of Project area through education.

The Program was started by NMCT in August 2008 with three students. Over the years the outreach of the program has covered over 12 tribal villages and currently enrolls over 350 students. Since 2008, the school drop out rate has come down from 100% to below 20%, with 79 students so far having appeared for the Madhyamik exam, of whom 73 have passed. 2 students have scored first division marks. These figures exhibit the need and success of the program.

Major Activities:

- **Completed:** The program is a continuous and ongoing one and hence none of the activities can be said to be completed.
- **Underway**
 - Free Tutorials / coaching through village centres
 - Tiffin and Meals provided to children
 - Cultural activities through celebration of special days and events
 - Library
 - Teachers Training & Meeting
 - Computer Training

- Village Meeting with Parents
- **Planned**
 - Exposure Visit for 60 Students in October 2018
 - Teacher’s Exposure Visit
 - Sports planned for January 2019
 - Football Coaching in October 2018
 - E-Learning Classes from October 2018

***Beneficiaries:**

Beneficiaries	Children		Villages	Families
	Male	Female		
Direct	167	203	8	212
Indirect	All Family Members		5	-

**Please change as per nature of the project*

Problems with Implementation:

- Adverse climatic conditions results in irregularity in attendance of students
- The unfriendly distance from their home to the study centres through the jungle results in absenteeism.
- Frequent power failure disrupts the regularity of Computer Training classes.
- Innumerable local festivals cause of suspension of classes

Case Studies:

Mamoni Soran, Jaba Soren, Monika Soren and Ashman Soren are four siblings belonging to Laxmiour village. All the four have been attending the Supportive Education Program run by the Trust. Mamoni appeared for the class XII exam this year while Jaba passed Madhyamik last year. Jaba was found to be absent in class quite often. On detailed enquiry it was learnt that she plays football for her school team and also at Block level tournaments. It was Jaba who wanted the Trust to organize Football matches for girls in addition to the boys. She being the best girl students in her class, her request was upheld. It was a surprise to learn that there were many more girls like her who wanted to play. Not being sure of participation the Trust decided to organize an exhibition match during its annual sports meet in January 2018. While at most 2 teams were expected to play, on the day of the meet, surprising everybody there came 4 girls teams in sports attire on the field wanting to play. Laxmipur won the exhibition match. Mamoni, Jaba and Monika were the star

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performers. So when Kolkata Gives Foundation and Fun Pickles informed the Trust about the under 18 girls Football tournament the Trust readily agreed. Jaba was asked to suggest the names of the players. Mamoni was sad as she was over 18 year and could not play. 18 names came up and practice started at Laxmipur village.

On enquiry it revealed that Jaba's father used to play football. The game is very popular amongst the tribal community. It was found that the fathers all these girls loved and played football in their younger days and they encourage their girls to play football. All these girls practice with the boys of their village in the evening.

Jaba is now studying in class XII. All the 4 brothers and sisters sit down to study after practicing football in the evening under the dim light of the bulb. A routine visit to the village and subsequently to their house sprang another surprise. Many small children of their neighborhood came in with books in hand and sat down in their courtyard and started studying. A practice hardly seen in the tribal villages, a habit that the Trust is trying hard to develop in these villages and finding little success, has so easily been brought around in this house of Laxmipur village. Mamoni & Jaba are role models who study and play too. The smaller ones want to follow their footsteps.



Photographs:

- Daily classes in village Supportive Education Centres
- Daily lunch served to senior students before going to school
- Participation of girls in Under 18 Football Tournament
- Independence Day, Rakhi & Yuva Sanmelan being celebrated
- Computer Training
- Village Meeting



Participation in Kolkata Gives Sponsored Under 18 Football Tournament for Girls



Aamkhai Centre



Purandhil Centre



Laxmipur Centre



Korapara Centre →



Panskura Centre ↓



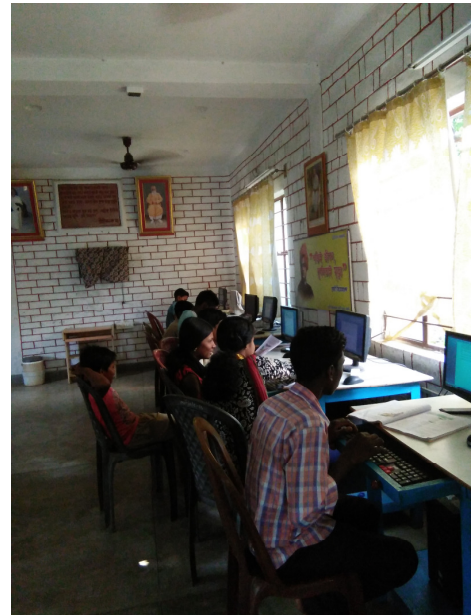
Daronda Centre



Tiffin, Meals, Computer Classes & Village Meetings



Rangabandh Centre



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Events & Celebrations

Independence Day



Felicitation of Madhyamik 2018 Batch

Cultural Program by Students

Rakhi Celebration



Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sanmelan

