



## 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

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- Village Meeting with Parent
- E-Learning classes for students
- Empowerment through Sports
- Football and Archery Training
- Art and Craft Training (Mask Making)
- Construction of Village Study Centre
- **Planned**
  - Teacher's Exposure Visit
  - Sports planned for January 2019

**\*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*

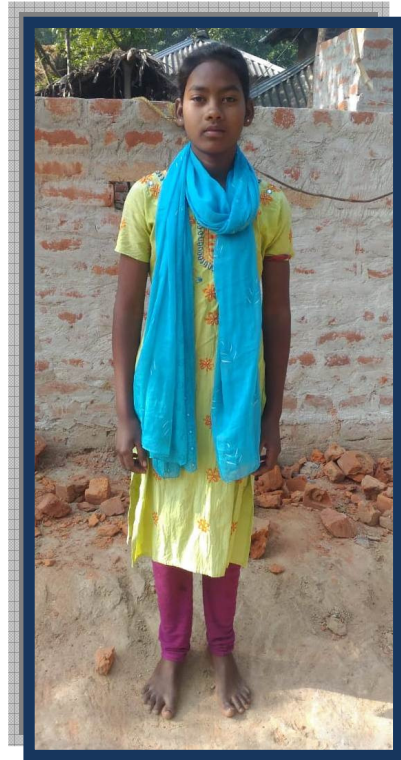
**Problems with Implementation:**

- 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:**

Sonmoni Hazda

Sonmoni of Jambuni village of Chaupahari jungle in Illmabazar block of Birbhum had lost her mother when she was very young. She had been attending the Supportive Education Program run by the Trust regularly though is unable to go to school always. She used to live with her grandmother, father and elder brother. Her father was the only bread earner. She had been assisting her grandmother with the house hold work ever since her mother passed away. Sonmoni's father had the habit of consuming local liquor which had been taking toll on his health. He had taken ill and was hardly able to work forcing Sonmoni's elder brother to leave his studies and work as a labor in order to run the family. A few months back her father fell seriously ill and expired. With the advancing age of her grandmother Sonmoni has to take full responsibility of household work which includes cooking, washing clothes in the nearby pond, fetch drinking water etc. Her brother is now the sole bread earner. Sonmoni wants to study and regularly attends the classes run by the Trust besides going to school. But her relatives want her to get married at this tender age of 14. She wants to study and play football instead. She participated in the recently concluded Mixed Gender Under 18 Football tournament organized by Fun Pickles in Kolkata in December 2018.



Photographs:

- Teachers Training
- Students lunch
- Participation of boys & girls in Mixed Gender Under 18 Football Tournament
- Children's Day celebration
- Village Meeting
- Art & Craft Products





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