



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25





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Children of Ratanmani Vidyalaya run by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, during celebration Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

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# ABOUT VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA (VHAT) – THE ORGANIZATION

*VHAT is governed by an Executive Committee that includes 10 members. These members are elected by the General Body in every alternate year during the Annual General Meeting.*

*The Executive Director(ED) is the chief functionary, employed by the Executive Committee. The ED heads the management system & monitored the projects regularly through staff meetings and on ground visits.*

*The execution & performance of various projects is monitored and evaluated periodically by the Evaluation, Monitoring & Development Committee (EMDC). The members of EMDC are elected in the alternate year in Annual General Meeting.*

**VISION of VHAT :** Creating excellence in Health and Socio Economic Development with priority to the less privileged section of the Society.

## **MISSION:**

**Our Mission is to :**

**Build capacity** of Civil Society Organizations through trainings and IEC.

**Promote** social justice, equity and rights in the context of accessibility of health services with emphasis on under privileged sections.

**Promote** sustainable development, gender equity, inclusion and rehabilitation of PWDs, Elementary Education and right to education, implementation of child rights, elimination of all form of violence against children and women.

## **Goal:**

To promote health, education, environment and socio-economic status of the less privileged population of our society.

## **STRATEGIES:**

- ☐ Empowerment of the human resource through trainings on health and other sectors.
- ☐ Working with other organizations, both governmental and non-governmental.
- ☐ Collection, documentation and dissemination of information.
- ☐ Peer education.
- ☐ Working for promotion of community participation in development process.
- ☐ Conducting Vocational Training for employment and socio-economic empowerment .
- ☐ Working directly and indirectly as service provider.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

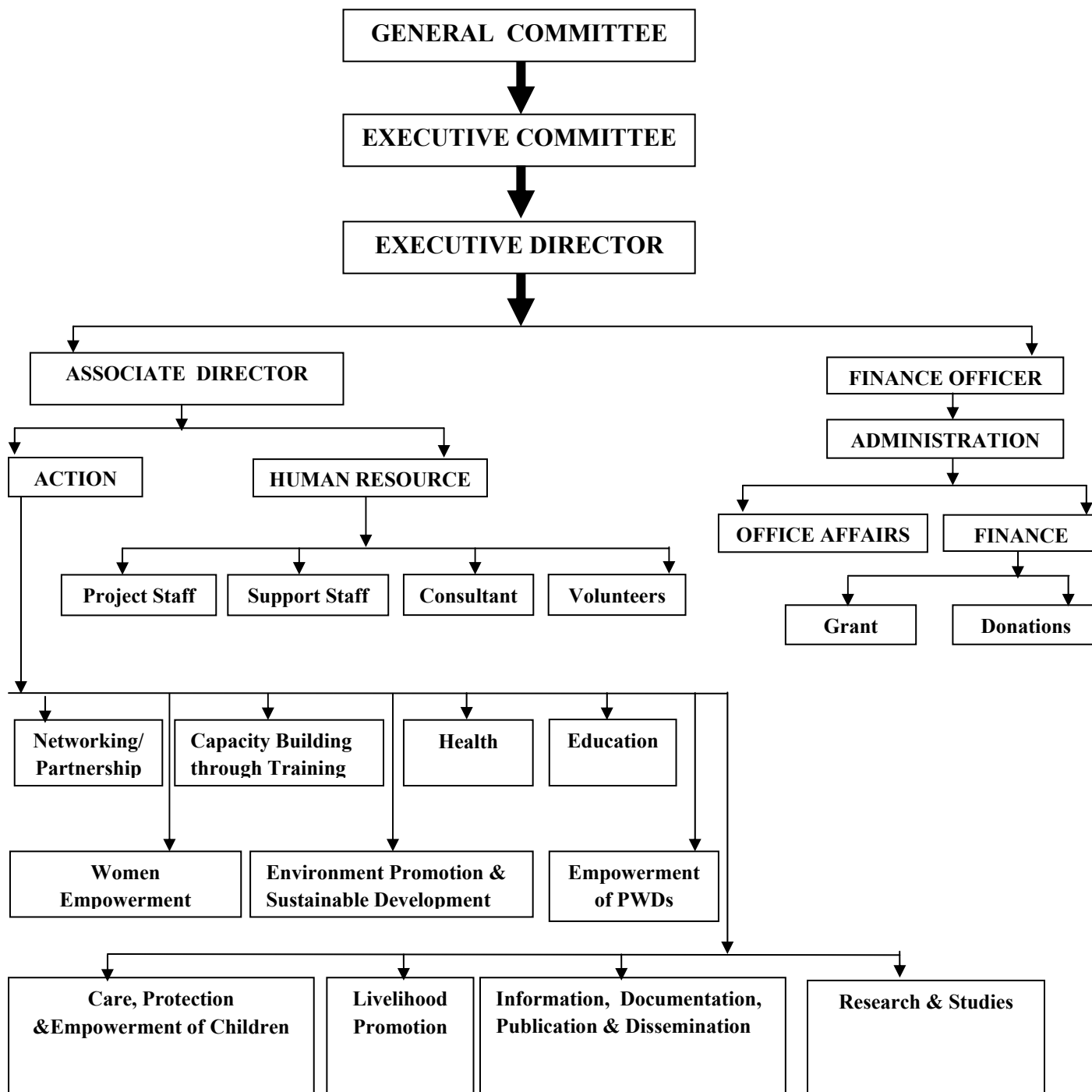
- ◇ Promotion of preventive & curative health service with priority to the less privileged section of the Society.
- ◇ Promotion of health, environment, gender issue, rights of children, women & PWDs, through IEC and technical support.
- ◇ Socio-economic empowerment of the women of the weaker sections and the youths through skill trainings.
- ◇ Promotion of Elementary Education of underprivileged children
- ◇ Prevention of Child trafficking and violence against Children & Women.
- ◇ Networking with Government Bodies, Policy Makers, Corporate Bodies & NGOs for improvement of health, environment & socio-economic status.
- ◇ Rehabilitation of persons with disability through inclusive approaches.
- ◇ To undertake any other activities related to health promotion and care & protection of children.

## **Legal Status of VHAT:**

- a) Registered under Society Registration Act 1860
- b) Registered under 12A of Income Tax Act, 1961
- c) Registered under 80G of Income Tax Act
- d) Registered under Section 11(1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
- e) Registered under NITI Aayog
- f) Registered under Sub-section-2 of Section 51 under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- g) Registered under section 12 (4) of the National Trust Act.
- h) CSR Registration No: CSR00013492 under Ministry of Corporate Affairs

# ORGANOGRAM

## VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA (VHAT)





# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VHAT

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**“PEACE CANNOT BE KEPT BY FORCE; IT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED  
BY UNDERSTANDING” – ALBERT EINSTEIN.**

*Peace is more crucial than ever in today's world due to escalating conflicts, the devastating impact of violence, and the need for a stable environment for development and cooperation. Without peace, societies struggle to address essential needs, hindering progress and leading to widespread suffering.*



# NETWORKING

From its inception, networking has been one of the most priority activities of VHAT to facilitate linkages with other organizations in other sectors including the government agencies. Networking is also an important means to disseminate knowledge and information.

The networking feature of VHAT:-

## A. Within the state of Tripura-

- Federation of CSOs through membership: The membership of VHAT creates opportunity for sharing, co-operating, exchanging information, experiences and activities in the areas of functioning.
- Support Services for member organizations:
  - Creating awareness about the government policies.
  - Guidance for project formulation, monitoring & evaluation of developmental projects in the grass-root.
  - Information dissemination for availability of fund from various sources.
  - Advise to overcome problems of registration, accounting and report preparation.
- Capacity Building through trainings to CSOs, members of SHGs & CBOs.
- Anti- Human Trafficking Activities:

To combat human trafficking and violence against children & women VHAT closely works with the member organizations to sensitize law enforcement agency and allied systems. Hence, law enforcement agencies, administration, Child Welfare Committees, non-government organizations, local institutes and PRIs are involved in sharing information, rescue, and restoration and cross border repatriation.
- Networking with Local Government Departments: VHAT gives priority in networking with government departments and advocacy for implementation of the government policies for giving maximum benefit to the under privileged as well as underserved population.

## B. Networking outside Tripura

- VHAT is federated in national level with Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), New Delhi.
- VHAT is a networking partner of Responsible Coalition for Resilient Communities (RCRC) & Community Action Collab(CAC) which provided us the opportunity to serve the communities in need .
- Give India Network connecting VHAT with different individuals nationally and internationally to know about VHAT activities and supporting the programs to serve the under privileged section of the society.
- VHAT is a part of ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) India network.

## C. Advocacy:

- Since its inception in 1988 as state level network of NGOs and CBOs, it had conducted many advocacy campaigns like protection of biodiversity and promotion of sustainable development, implementation of PCPNDT Act for the prohibition of sex selection, before or after conception, and for regulation of pre- natal diagnostic techniques, advocacy for Inclusive Education to include children with disabilities in the main education system with empowerment of the teachers through training and during COVID pandemic for COVID vaccination. **Latest campaigns were on the ‘Changing Patterns of Climate and its impacts on water availability, biodiversity, soil quality, and flood and food security’.**

**Topsoil, the fertile upper layer of soil, is vital for food production, water filtration, climate regulation, and biodiversity. Its preservation is essential for a sustainable future. Protecting topsoil is crucial for sustaining life and ensuring a healthy planet.**

“উর্বর মৃত্তিকা(টপসয়েল ) মাটির উপরের স্তর, খাদ্য উৎপাদন, জল পরিশোধন, জলবায়ু নিয়ন্ত্রণ এবং জীববৈচিত্র্যের জন্য অত্যন্ত গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। একটি সুস্থিত ভবিষ্যতের জন্য এর সংরক্ষণ অত্যাৱশ্যক। টপসয়েল রক্ষা করা জীবনের স্বাধীনতা এবং জীবনের সুস্থতা নিশ্চিত করার জন্য অত্যন্ত জরুরি।”

# HEALTH-PROMOTION

♠ Tobacco Control Project

♠ Risk Management and Prevention of Antibiotics Resistance-Prevent It

♠ Health Camp & Well-being of Senior Citizens.





# TOBACCO CONTROL PROJECT

As per the Global Adult Tobacco Survey, the prevalence of tobacco use was the highest in North Eastern States. Among them Tripura has the highest rates of tobacco use by the adults. Tripura was in the top of the list, with 64.5% of the people either smoking or using smokeless tobacco. This was an increase of 8.6% over the state's prevalence of 55.9% in 2009-10. The urgent action has to be taken to strengthen the National Tobacco Control Programmes (NTCP) Activities in Tripura as this was one of the high prevalence state. Although Government of Tripura has initiated the activities in all the 8(eight) districts of Tripura under NTCP but only 4 districts were functioning with full capacity. Special attention was needed to be given to the districts where the proper infrastructure was yet to develop. There was urgent need to strengthen the tobacco control process and capacity building of the functionaries both in NTCP and other stakeholder departments to accelerate reduction in tobacco use in the state.

As Tripura was one of the states with a significant tobacco burden, it required urgent and sustained action. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been working across all eight districts of the state through its Tobacco Control Project. The core objectives of the project included strengthening systems for tobacco control, building the capacity of law enforcement and government officials and engaging multiple stakeholders to foster a collaborative environment for comprehensive tobacco control and tobacco-free Tripura. In all of the activities under this project VHAT had work in close collaboration with the State Tobacco Control Cell of Tripura.



**District Level Advocacy Meeting (in South Tripura District) with Women SHG Leaders on Tobacco Free Advanced Village Campaign**



**State Level Workshop on implementation of Tobacco Free Educational Institutions(TOFEL)**

## **Objectives of the project:**

- Building capacity of key stakeholders for strengthening effective implementation of the National Tobacco Control Programme in Tripura
- Implementation of effective and evidence-based policies in line with MPOWER strategies for advancing tobacco control in the state
- To engage multi-stakeholders to create a collaborative environment for comprehensive tobacco control & tobacco free Tripura

## **Key activities during the financial year of 2024-25:**

➤ As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen tobacco control initiatives, district-level stakeholder sensitization workshops were successfully organized in two districts of Tripura. The first workshop was conducted in Khowai District on 28th October 2024 followed by the second in Unakoti District on 22nd January 2025. These workshops aimed to bring together key stakeholders to raise awareness, foster inter-departmental coordination, and reaffirm commitment toward the implementation of tobacco control measures at the grassroots level. Each event was graciously presided over by the Hon'ble Sabhadipati of the respective Zilla Parishads, whose leadership added significant value to the proceedings. The events witnessed active participation from officials representing various line departments, along with enthusiastic involvement from civil society organizations and youth clubs. Their collective presence underscored a shared resolve to address the challenges posed by tobacco use and to promote a healthier, tobacco-free community.

➤ Sensitization events were organized to engage key grassroots stakeholders. On 18th March 2025, a session was held at the VHAT Office with NYK and NSS volunteers, along with youth club representatives, focusing on the importance of creating tobacco-free educational institutions and villages.

Another event was conducted on 26th March 2025 with ASHA and Anganwadi workers. This session was made possible with the active support of the district health authorities and the National Health Mission (NHM), Tripura. Both events aimed to equip community-level influencers with the knowledge and motivation needed to promote healthier, tobacco-free communities.

➤ A District-Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) for Gomati District was held under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate & Collector on 18th November 2024 in the Conference Hall, office of the DM & Collector, Udaipur, Gomati. This meeting was attended by the Superintendent of Police; Chief Medical Officer, Gomati Tripura; District Education Officer; District Nodal Officer (NTCP); District Information Officer; representatives of the SDMs of Udaipur, Amarpur, and Karbook; Principal of NS Mahavidyalaya; Principal of Gomati District Polytechnic College; Inspecting Officer of Drugs; Food Inspector; and other concerned officials.

➤ World No Tobacco Day 2024 was observed in four districts with the theme "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference". This theme highlighted the need to safeguard young people from the manipulative tactics and harmful influence of the tobacco industry.

➤ As part of a state-wide initiative to promote tobacco control through grassroots advocacy, district-level meetings were conducted with women Self-Help Group (SHG) leaders across all eight districts of Tripura. These activities were organized in collaboration with the district administrations and the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM), aiming to sensitize and empower SHG leaders to take an active role in creating tobacco-free communities. The advocacy meetings were held in West Tripura on 16th November 2024, in Dhalai and Gomati on 25th October 2024, in Unakoti on 13th November 2024, in North Tripura on 30th December 2024, in Khowai on 18th January 2025, South Tripura on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and in Sepahijala on 6th March 2025. These interactive sessions enabled women leaders to better understand the risks of tobacco use and equipped them with the knowledge and motivation to act as champions of change within their respective villages.

A district-level law enforcement training session on tobacco control was organized in North Tripura District on 30th September 2024. The training brought together Police Officials, local administrative personnel, and representatives from the Education Department, with the aim of strengthening interdepartmental coordination and effective enforcement of tobacco control laws at the ground level. The session was presided over by the Additional District Magistrate & Collector of North Tripura, whose presence underscored the administrative commitment to the cause. Among other dignitaries present were the Chief Medical Officer, District Education Officer, and the Additional Superintendent of Police, all of whom contributed valuable insights and reaffirmed their departments' support in building a tobacco-free environment.



➤ A state-level workshop on Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) was successfully held on 28th January 2025, in collaboration with the Department of Secondary Education, Government of Tripura. The workshop aimed to promote the implementation of tobacco-free norms across schools and colleges in the state, fostering a healthier environment for students. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Vice Chancellor of the National Law University, Tripura, and the Director of Secondary Education, Government of Tripura. Their participation added significant value to the discussions, reinforcing the importance of institutional leadership and policy enforcement in creating tobacco-free campuses.

➤ As part of a collaborative effort to strengthen tobacco control in the state, initiatives had been undertaken to establish a coalition titled "**Alliance for a Tobacco-Free Tripura.**" This alliance brings together a diverse group of stakeholders, including government officials, academic institutions, civil society organizations (CSOs). So far, two meetings have been successfully conducted with active participation from the members. A provisional committee has also been constituted, with Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the National Law University, Tripura, serving as its Chairperson.

#### **Key achievements:**

➤ During the 2024 Parliamentary elections, a significant step was taken toward promoting public health through the issuance of notifications by the Returning Officers of both the East Tripura and West Tripura Parliamentary constituencies, designating all polling booths as "Tobacco-Free Zones." This initiative received strong support from both district administrations. Further reinforcing the effort, a similar notification was also issued by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Tripura, which greatly boosted the momentum of the *Tobacco-Free Polling Booth* campaign.

➤ The Joint Mission Director of the National Health Mission, Tripura, issued a notification on 13th September 2024 regarding the implementation of the *Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.2*. The campaign was conducted over a period of 60 days, commencing on 24th September 2024, and was implemented across the state. The primary objectives of the campaign were to intensify public awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use, promote greater compliance with the *Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI)* guidelines, strengthen the enforcement of the *Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003* and the *Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019*, and to advance the initiative for creating *Tobacco-Free Villages* in Tripura.

➤ A significant milestone under the Tobacco Control Project was the formal adoption of Article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) by the State of Tripura on 5th February 2025. In line with this commitment, a high-powered committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Health Department, Government of Tripura, to monitor and address any interference by the tobacco industry in public health policy matters.

Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC mandates that: "***In setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law.***" This step marks a proactive move by the state to safeguard public health policies from industry influence and reinforces Tripura's dedication to a tobacco-free future.



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# RISK MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF ANTIBIOTICS RESISTANCE-PREVENT IT

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) organized one workshop on "ONE HEALTH - Antibiotics Resistance" on 21st February 2025 at the Press Club, Agartala, Tripura. The event focused on the critical issue of antibiotic resistance and its impact on human health, agriculture, veterinary sciences, and fisheries. The workshop brought together dignitaries, experts, and participants from various fields to discuss challenges and solutions related to antibiotic use. Totally 60 persons from Nursing Institute, NGOs, Youth Club Volunteers, Agriculture College, Members of Women SHGs and Veterinary Institute participated in this workshop.

The dignitaries graced the occasion were-

- 1) Shri Biswajit Shil, Hon'ble Sahakari Sabhadhipati, PTZP
- 2) Shri Diganta Kumar Das, Deputy General Manager, NABARD Tripura RO
- 3) Dr. Parimal Roy, Professor, College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry
- 4) Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President, VHAT
- 5) Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Executive Director, VHAT



## ভ্যাট'র এক দিবসীয় কর্মশালা

দর্পণ প্রতিনিধি, আগরতলা, ২২ ফেব্রুয়ারি : আগরতলা প্রেস ক্লাবের কনফারেন্স হলে শুক্রবার অনুষ্ঠিত হল ওয়ান হেলথ এন্টিবায়োটিক রিসিস্টেন্স শীর্ষক এক কর্মশালা। রাজ্যের অন্যতম অগ্রণী সামাজিক সংস্থা ভ্যাট'র হেলথ এসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরার ব্যবস্থাপনায় এদিন অনুষ্ঠানের সূচনা করেন পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জেলা পরিষদের সহকারী সভাপতি বিশ্বজিৎ শীল, নাবার্ড ত্রিপুরা রিজিওনাল অফিসের ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার দিপন্ত কুমার দাস, কলেজ অফ ভেটেনারি সায়েন্সের প্রফেসর পরিমল রায়, ভ্যাটের প্রেসিডেন্ট শ্রীলেখা রায়, এগজিকিউটিভ ডিরেক্টর সুজিত ঘোষ, রাজ্য স্বাস্থ্য দপ্তরের কর্মী, ত্রিপুরা ইউনিভার্সিটির ছাত্র-ছাত্রী, বিভিন্ন ক্লাস্টার লেভেল ফেডারেশনের সদস্য ছাড়াও বিভিন্ন এনজিওর সদস্যরা উপস্থিত ছিলেন এই কর্মশালায়। শুরুতেই প্রকৃতিকে সবুজায়নের লক্ষ্যে আমজিত অতিথিরা গাছের চারায় জল দিয়ে অনুষ্ঠানের সূচনা করেন। স্বাগত ভাষণে অ্যাসোসিয়েশনের প্রেসিডেন্ট উপস্থিত সবাইকে বরণ করে এই কর্মশালার তাৎপর্য তুলে ধরেন। অনুষ্ঠানের উদ্বোধক বিশ্বজিৎ শীল সহ অন্যান্যরা প্রত্যেকেই নিজেদের আলোচনায় সমরোপযোগী এই উদ্যোগের ত্বরান্বিত প্রশংসা করেন। এই ধরনের কর্মশালা শুধু মানুষকে নয় পরিবেশ এবং সমস্ত প্রাণীকুলকেও সুস্থ রাখতে কতটা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তার উপরে আলোকপাত করা হয় এবং আগামীদিনে এই ধরনের উদ্যোগ জারি রাখার উপর গুরুত্বারোপ করা হয়। কর্মশালার দ্বিতীয়ার্ধে টেকনিক্যাল সেশনে রিজিওনাল ইনস্টিটিউট অফ ফার্মাসিউটিক্যাল সাইন্স এন্ড টেকনোলজির ইন্সট্রাক্টর প্রিন্সিপাল কবি রাজ হেট্টী উপস্থিত থেকে ওয়ান হেলথ এন্টিবায়োটিক রিসিস্টেন্সের উপর বিস্তারিতভাবে তথ্য নির্ভর আলোচনা করেন।

Paper Clippings from a daily news paper

The welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President, VHAT, who emphasized the importance of addressing antibiotic resistance (ABR) as a global health concern and the need for a multidisciplinary approach. She highlighted how antibiotic resistance not only threatens public health but also affects food security and economic stability, making immediate need of intervention.

The technical session was chaired by Dr. R.R. Chhetree, Principal, Regional Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology, Agartala. The session involved discussion on the topic "**Rationality of Antibiotic Use.**"

**First Speaker:** Dr. Parimal Roy, Professor, College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry discussed on the topic "Use of Antibiotics in Animal Husbandry Sector and its consequences". Dr. Parimal Roy highlighted the followings: -

- Rampant use of antibiotics in livestock farming would have negative impact on food safety and public health.
- Antibiotic residues found in dairy and meat products will develop antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can be harmful for human.
- Policymakers must implement strict regulations on antibiotic use in animal husbandry.
- He further highlighted the emergence of zoonotic diseases linked to antibiotic-resistant bacteria, stressing the need for responsible usage.

**Second Speaker:** Dr. Himadri Saha, Assistant Professor, College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, West Tripura had a brief discussion on "Use of Antibiotics in Fisheries & Challenges."

- Wide use of antibiotics in aquaculture to prevent and treat bacterial infections in fish is harmful.
- There are risks associated with antibiotic residues in water bodies which can lead to ecological imbalance and the proliferation of antibiotic-resistant pathogens.
- Need to adopt probiotic treatments and biosecurity measures to reduce dependence on antibiotics in fisheries.
- Antibiotic contamination in water systems could lead to irreversible environmental damage.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion with participants, where key concerns and possible solutions were deliberated by the experts of the technical session.

# HEALTH CAMP & WELL-BEING OF SENIOR CITIZENS

VHAT initiated a Regional Resource Training Centre (RRTC) in VHAT Complex, West Bhubanban, Agartala, aiming to support the welfare of senior citizens through training, resource provision, and collaboration with other organizations.

Under this RRTC we organized two 'Health Camps' for promotion of well-being of senior citizens of West Bhubanban and its adjacent areas.

**First Camp:** It was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 in the RRTC in ground floor of VHAT's building in West Bhubanban. With senior citizens some children of the village were also received the services. This health camp was supported by the "Homoeo- Yoga Wellness Foundation".

Activities in the camp were-

- Clinical checkup of Health by Doctor
- Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Check-up
- Vision test
- Weight Measurement
- Providing necessary medicines
- Identification of Elderly Persons in- need of Nutritional support

In the camp 86 elderly persons were treated after the check up. And ten senior persons, who were found with under nutrition, received the nutritional kits.

One awareness generation session was conducted with the camp beneficiaries on 'how to take self care of the health of a senior person, nutritional requirement of them, adequate rest, sleep and exercise to keep them physically & mentally healthy'.



Queue for registration outside the Health Camp

**Second Camp:** It was the follow up camp in the same premises on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024. All together 72 senior citizens attended the camp & received the services.



# EDUCATION-PROMOTION

♠ Ratanmani  
Vidyalay: A  
Residential  
Primary School  
for Tribal  
Children

♠ VHAT  
Vocational  
Education  
Centre  
under NIOS



**Observation of World Sickle Cell Awareness Day - "Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally" on June 19,2024. Blood Test of the children of Ratanmani Vidyalay**



**Theory Class on Certificate course in Homeopathy Dispensing**



# RATANMANI VIDYALAY : A RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN

VHAT started a non-formal education centre in April 1994 with a few village tribal children & developed a condensed course to complete the study of Class 1 to Class V within three years. In the year 2000, this centre got the recognition from the state education department as junior basic school by the name “ **Ratanmani Vidyalay**” with the aim to promote quality primary education of the tribal children living in this remote hilly areas of Rupaichari block under South Tripura district. As on March 2025 Ratanmani Vidyalay completed thirty one (31) years of its existence and achieved the status of quality primary education centre for the poor tribal children in the area.

## Students – category:

In 2024-2025, three hundred six (306) children from various block of South Tripura & Gomati district under the Tribal Area Autonomous District Council admitted in Ratanmani Vidyalaya and 289 children were accommodated in the school hostel. The following data will show the status of the children in 2024-25.

Class	SC		ST		OBC		OTH		No of children Hostel children		Total Students		Grand Total
	Boys (B)	Girls (G)	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	
<b>I</b>	0	0	36	43	2	1	0	0	35	39	38	44	<b>82</b>
<b>II</b>	0	0	37	36	0	0	0	0	32	36	37	36	<b>73</b>
<b>III</b>	0	0	39	26	0	0	0	0	36	26	39	26	<b>65</b>
<b>IV</b>	0	0	23	13	1	0	0	0	23	13	24	13	<b>37</b>
<b>V</b>	0	0	31	18	0	0	0	0	31	18	31	18	<b>49</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>306</b>

## Education in the School :

- ❖ The human resource of the project was competent for catalyzing the formal education as well the extracurricular activities for development of the children.
- ❖ The school was following the curriculum of the Tripura Board of Secondary Education
- ❖ This school played effective role in promoting primary education ,sports and extracurricular activities, environmental orientation awareness on health & hygiene.
- ❖ There were 14 staff in the school. Male staff no – 6 & female staff no – 8.
- ❖ All the teachers were residential and giving extra effort out of the school hours to improve the quality of the education.
- ❖ The students from class I-V received health education classes once in a week on prevention of malaria and diarrhea, fever management and first aids as the area was malaria and diarrhea prone.

Beside the regular study ,Ratanmani Vidyalay observed all the national days throughout the year.

■ **Observation of World Sickle Cell Day and Health Check-up Camp on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024** with the support of Baishnabpur Primary Health Centre.Dr. Subhasish Bhattacharjee and other healthcare staff from the hospital were present . Doctor delivered speech on the topic of World Sickle Cell Day. Blood samples of all students were collected for testing.

■ **International Yoga Day Celebrated at Ratanmani Vidyalaya on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

International Yoga Day was celebrated at Ratanmani Vidyalaya with the participation of all students. On this day, various types of exercises and pranayama were performed. A discussion was also held on how yoga benefits us in different ways.

■ **Health Camp for school students, Malaria check up and blood test – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.**



Discussion session on World Sickle Cell Day



Celebration International Yoga Day 2024

■ **Meeting with Parents of Class V Students** on 19/07/2024, to discuss regarding the academic challenges faced by the students, and suggestions were taken to help in the improvement of their studies  
 ■ **Independence Day celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024**, with a drawing competition, a rally and a quiz competition among the students. Prizes were distributed to the winners.  
 ■ **Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur**, who was known as the "Architect of Modern Tripura". On 19th August 2024 discussion was on his visionary works, such as the establishment of schools and colleges, and the planning of Agartala city. Students and teachers paid tribute to his legacy through discussions and presentations.  
 ■ **Teacher's Day celebration at Ratanmani Vidyalaya on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**- senior students took classes for the junior students as a mark of respect for their teachers & discussion and quiz competition on the role of teachers in development of society. A cultural program was also organized with participation of all students.  
 ■ **Flood Relief works:-** In august 2024, Tripura was effected by devastating flood. Ratanmani Vidyalaya was also faced the loss of some infrastructures and materials. On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024, few Alumni of NIT agartala provided note books & pens. On 12<sup>th</sup> Sept,2024, the BDO of Rupaichari RD Block and all the staff members of the block, provided sports materials, some dry foods, drinking water filters, notebooks, and pens for the students of the school.



Celebration of Independence Day in Ratanmani Vidyalay



BDO of Rupaichari RD Block with his team during distribution of relief materials



- ☐ **Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign on 1st October 2024**
- ☐ **Gandhi Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**
- ☐ **MASKA(Mass Action for Sustained Control of Anaemia) Program at Baishnabpur Primary Health Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024:** All the teachers of Ratanmani Vidyalay participated under leadership of Dr. Subhasis Bhattacharya of the PHC
- ☐ **Deworming Program :** on 24th October 2024- all the students were given deworming tablets from the government PHC.
- ☐ **SMC Committee Meeting held on 8th November 2024**
- ☐ **Children's Day celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**
- ☐ **Celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas from 15th - 26th November 2024 :** The birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda was celebrated through the observance of Tribal Pride Day. Various activities were organized during this period.



**Cultural Events With Tribal Communities at Hazachari Para, Bagachatal ADC Village under Celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**

**Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign**

- ☐ **Parent-Teacher Meeting :** on 23rd December 2024 & 30th December 2024
  - ☐ **Netaji Birth :23<sup>rd</sup> January,2025**
  - ☐ **Republic Day:** On 26<sup>th</sup> January,2026
  - ☐ **Saraswati Puja :** On 2nd February 2025
  - ☐ **Educational Tour of students of Ratanmani Vidyalaya on 6th February 2025 :** Places Visited: Sepahijala wildlife sanctuary, Agartala Royal Palace, and Udaipur Tripureswari Temple
  - ☐ **Annual Sports Day:** On 14th February 2025.
  - ☐ **Celebration of Holi Festival:** on 15th March 2025
  - ☐ **Participation of Students in Royal Sports Talent Games:**
    - ❖ Block Level: PM SHRI Chatakchari Higher Secondary School Ground – 20th February 2025
    - ❖ Sub-Division Level: Sabroom Class XII School Ground – 22nd February 2025
    - ❖ District Level: North Bilonia Class XII School Ground – 5th March 2025
- Students of Ratanmani Vidyalaya achieved remarkable success in the 2025 Royal Sports Talent Search Games.
- ☐ **Annual Program at Ratanmani Vidyalaya on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025:**  
On 20th March 2025, Ratan Moni School organized its Annual Program in a grand and festive manner. The event was attended by all students, parents, teachers, and several esteemed guests and local dignitaries.
  - ☐ **Scores of children in Annual Examination in March 2025 :**

Class	Average Score	Highest Score	Lowest Score
<b>I</b>	69.1%	98.0%	33.0%
<b>II</b>	71.7%	97.3%	33.3%
<b>III</b>	65.1%	96.2%	37.0%
<b>IV</b>	53.25%	99.0%	35.0%
<b>V</b>	62.6%	93.7%	37.0%



# VHAT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTRE

## UNDER NIOS

Since 2007, VHAT has been running a Vocational Training Centre accredited by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Vocational Training Centre of VHAT intends to create employment opportunity for the youths. The following courses were offered by VHAT Vocational Education Centre: (AVI-700001).

In the year 2023-24, below list of students got admitted –

Sl. No.	Name of Course	No of students
1	Certificate in Care of Elderly	05
2	Yoga Teachers Training Programme	12
3	Certificate in Homeopathy Dispensing	04
4	Early Childhood Care & Education	07
5	Certificate in Yoga (Six Month)	06
6	Certificate in Community Health	05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>



**Class Room- Certificate in Community Health**



**Yoga Practical Class**



**Class on Homeopathy Dispensing**

**Open schooling in India is a vital pathway for inclusive and flexible education, particularly for those who cannot access or thrive in traditional schooling. It offers opportunities to marginalized sections of society and those who prefer alternative learning styles, promoting educational equity and empowerment.**

# CARE & PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

♠ Anwasha Child Protection Centre-Open Shelter for Girls & Boys

♠ Anwasha Children's Home for Girls

♠ Unmesh Children Home for Boys

♠ Manorama Shishu Niketan-Children's Home for Girls

♠ Family Based Alternative Care of Children in need



Children of Manorama Shishu Niketan showing their poems which they wrote on Veer Bal Diwas



Annual Day celebration in Anwasha Children's Home for Girls



# ANWESHA CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE-OPEN SHELTERS FOR GIRLS & BOYS

VHAT has been running two Open Shelters ,separately for boys & girls since 2005.These are Anwesha Child Protection Centre - Open Shelter for Girls (for 25 girls) and Anwesha Child Protection Centre - Open Shelter for Boys(for 25 boys).

The Open Shelters provided an enriched platform for learning that empowered the children not only to get education but also to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem. It provided services such as education, nutrition, knowledge of computer. Life Skill Education and vocational training.

## Target Groups :

Children of 5-18 year age group of the following categories were the beneficiaries of this project.

- ☐ Orphaned Children.
- ☐ Street children (rag pickers, baggers, etc), victims of any drug addictions.
- ☐ Abandoned Children.
- ☐ Victims of violence/abuse.
- ☐ AIDS victim
- ☐ Any child eligible for getting emergency services.

The children were guided by House Parents, In-charge, Para-medical staff and two Social Workers. They were supported by extra coaching teachers. Apart from educational support, the children were provided with computer lab to enhance their computer knowledge in extracurricular activities. Life Skill Education training also organized for the children based on their appropriate age. Children observed all the national days with cultural activities.

## Medical Care and services provided for children :

- ☐ Monthly height-weight measurement and record maintenance.
- ☐ Monthly health check-up and treatment.
- ☐ Regular Dental check-up and treatment.      ☐ Hearing test.
- ☐ Vision test.      ☐ Emergency medical care.

Apart from providing emergency care and protection, the Open Shelters were linked with a specialized adoption agency, through which the home can give the children for adoption who were registered under CARA.



**Sports competition on Annual Day**



**Har Ghar Tiranga campaign (15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025)**



# ANWESHA CHILDREN HOME FOR GIRLS

Anwesha Children Home for Girls a registered CCI under the J.J. Act , Ministry of Women & Child Development for 50 girl children. It provides long term shelter for orphaned and underprivileged girls till completion of 18 years of age. The mission of this CCI was to rescue and protect children from the trauma of physical and sexual abuse, extreme neglect, being abandoned and being a victim or witness of domestic violence.

Children were provided shelter, nutrition, education, basic computer knowledge, recreation, medical support and life skill education. To provide a variety of experiences to children, Anwesha Home had undertaken activities like free and structured conversation, rhymes, songs, story-telling, story making, music and movement, dramatization, indoor play activities with blocks, beads, puzzles, clay modeling, outdoor games and outdoor activities including free play running, jumping, hopping, balancing, sand play and gardening. The wall magazine “Anweshon” was pulished on quarterly basis the children. All the stories, poems and drawings were written by the children by their own efforts for this wall magazine.

## **Children were involved in following Key Developmental Activities:**

- Education – all children were enrolled in three government schools where they were regularly attending classes.
- Participating in some household chores which helped children learn about what they need to do to care for themselves, a home and a family.
- Counseling & Emotional Well-being – Peer counseling in individual situations.
- Training & Capacity building –to encourage the leadership to evaluate their abilities to perform in a complex environment.
- Life Skill training on decision-making, creative thinking, interpersonal relationship skills, self-awareness building skills, empathy and coping with stress and emotions.
- Co-curricular activities-dance, yoga, meditation, painting competitions as well as other recreational activities
- Pre-Vocational Training – in stitching and handicrafts, kitchen garden and animal rearing
- Computer Education /digital literacy
- Engaging children in meaningful activities was the pivotal part of the program e.g preparing wall magazine, psychosocial activities that improved personal and social skills, alternative learning, physical activities, games and fun!

**Medical Care and Services provided:** Individual medical file was maintained for all the children. Following were the medical services provided to the children.

- ❖ Monthly height-weight and BMI record keeping.
- ❖ Immunization as per government schedule
- ❖ Monthly Health Check-up and treatment.
- ❖ Annual Dental and ENT check-up. Vision Test. Emergency Medical care.
- ❖ Counseling & psychosocial interventions as per need.

In the year 2024-2025, the children of Anwesha Children’s Home & Anwesha Open Shelters jointly celebrated and enjoyed the following occasions :- • **Rabindra Jayanti on 8th May 2024**

•**Nurses' Day and Mothers' Day (12<sup>th</sup> May2024).**

•**World Environment Day (5th June 2024) .**



**Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign on 15th August 2024**



**Civic Action Program- Police Week 2025  
(19-01-2025)**

•**International Yoga Day (21st June 2024)**

•**Independence Day (15th August 2024)**

•**Janmashtami (26th August 2024) – Story telling and devotional songs about Lord Krishna**

- **Teachers' Day (5th September 2024)** – Children expressed gratitude through songs, dance, and other performances.
- **First Aid Day (14th September 2024)** .
- **Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October 2024)** – Quiz competition and tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.
- **World Mental Health Day (10th October 2024)** –drawing competition and discussion about mental health.
- **Diwali (31st October 2024)**
- **Vigilance Awareness Week:** It was observed from 28 October to 3 November, 2024 with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" .Children prepared various slogans, organised dances & other cultural activities.
- **Children's Day (14th November 2024)** – Drawing and quiz competitions
- **Veer Bal Diwas (26th December 2024)** – Tribute to Guru Gobind Singh through art competitions.
- **Annual Sports (22nd December 2024)** –children were participated in different sports. • **Christmas (25th December 2024)** – Singing, dancing, and festive decorations by children.
- **New Year (1st January 2025)** – Cultural performances to welcome the New Year .
- **Human Trafficking Awareness Day (11th January 2025)** –observed in community level (Anganwadi centre) organized with Voluntary Health Association of Tripura.
- **Netaji's Birth Day:** - On 23<sup>rd</sup> January ,2025 this was celebrated in the honor of the great Freedom Fighter.
- **Republic Day (26<sup>th</sup> January 2025)**
- **Saraswati Puja:-** On 3<sup>rd</sup> February ,2025

These events provided the children with opportunities for personal growth, cultural awareness, and skill development, reinforcing values of unity, patriotism, and well-being.



Meeting of Management Committee of  
Anwesha Children's Home for Girls  
on 27-01-2025



Rabindra Jayanti on 8th May 2024



Republic Day Celebration



# UNMESH CHILDREN HOME FOR BOYS

Unmesh Children Home for Boys is situated in East Gokulnagar, Sepahijala District. The home was started from September 2018. It was registered under Juvenile Justices Act-2015, under Ministry of Women and Child Development on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. During the 2024-2025, 50 children were staying on an average in the home who came with the order from CWC of different districts of Tripura. All the children were engaged in different co-curricular activities like yoga, sports, gardening, music, drama and drawing.

**Class wise number of the children:** Anganwadi Centre- 1, Class-I: 4, Class-II: 3, Class-III: 9, Class-IV: 7, Class-V: 1, Class-VI: 10, Class-VII: 3, Class-VIII: 7, Class-IX: 3, Class-X: 1, Class XI-1

**Regular monthly health check-up and treatment** to all the children were provided by Medical team of Bishalgarh Hospital. One residential GNM (Nurse) was taking care of the health of the children.

**Home visit & reintegration :** This year, **17 children** were reintegrated to the families or extended families after the social investigation of the family situation and counseling of both children and family members. The SIRs (social investigation reports) and counseling were done by the Case Worker and the Counselor of the CCI. Shifting and reintegration was done with the orders from the Child Welfare Committees.

## Celebration of important days in 2024-25:

- i) Rabindra Jayanti on 8th May 2024 , ii) 21st June 2023- International Yoga Day
- iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024- Angdaan Jan Jagrukh Abhiyaan, iv) 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024- Har Ghar Tiranga
- v) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024- Independence Day, vi) 5th September 2024- Teachers Day
- vii) 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024- Gandhi Jayanti & Swachhata Hi Seva 2024
- viii) 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024- Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, ix) 14th November 2024- Children's Day celebration
- x) 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024- Adoption Awareness Programme, xi) 24th December 2024- Veer Bal Diwas
- xii) 12th January 2025- Observation of Swami Vivekananda's Birthday
- xiii) 23rd January 2025- Netaji's Birthday , xiv) 26th January 2025- Republic Day
- xv) 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025- Saraswati Puja



Monthly Health Check up of the children in Unmesh Home



Adoption Awareness Program in collaboration with DCPU , Sepahijala District



Children's Day



Plantation during Swachhata Hi Seva 2024



# MANORAMA SHISHU NIKETAN-CHILDREN'S HOME FOR GIRLS

Manorama Shishu Niketan- Children's Home for Girls situated in West Lowgang village , Santirbazar, South Tripura District, under the umbrella of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura stands as a beacon of hope and empowerment for girls in vulnerable situations, delivering holistic care, education, health, and nutritional support. Our commitment was to cultivate a nurturing environment that allowed each child to flourish socially, emotionally, and cognitively. Through engaging programs and dedicated staff, we foster resilience, independence, and the skills necessary for future success.

Unlike other CCIs , the targeted children for Manorama Home are the Children of 5-18 year age group of the following categories-

- Orphaned Children. □ Victims of violence/abuse.
- Street children (rag pickers, baggers, etc), victims of any drug addictions.
- Abandoned Children. □POCSO victims , □ HIV / AIDS victim

**Enrollment Milestone:** During this year we have given shelter to **ten new children** into this Home and successfully **reinforced family ties by reintegrating three children** back into their homes. Our current number of inmates had reached **44 vibrant young minds**, all actively pursuing education in local government schools as follows:-

Class I-2 children , ClassII-2 children , Class-III-10 children , ClassIV-6 children ,  
ClassV- 3 children ,ClassVI- 7 children , ClassVII-4, ClassVIII- 2 children , Class X- 5 children , ClassXI-2 children , Class XII-1 children.

## **Vibrant Celebrations and Enriching Activities at CCI: A Year of Cultural, Environmental, and Educational Engagement: The key events-**

Throughout the year, CCI has been a beacon of creativity, community spirit, and celebration, bringing together cultural, environmental, and educational engagements that have enriched the lives of everyone involved. Here's a look at the key events that made this year unforgettable:

### **Cultural and Heritage Celebrations:**

#### **Bengali New Year Celebration (April 21st):**

#### **Tribute to Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray (May 1<sup>st</sup>):**

We honored our beloved founder with a heartfelt plantation drive and prayer, reminding the children of the importance of respect, remembrance, and preserving the legacy of those who shaped our lives. The values instilled during this tribute continue to resonate within us.

**Rabindranath Tagore's Birthday (May 8<sup>th</sup>):** A truly artistic celebration where inmates showcased their talent in song and poetry, weaving together a tapestry of tribute to Tagore's legacy. The day echoed his spirit, nurturing creativity and admiration for one of Bengal's greatest literary figures.

#### **KaziNazrul Islam's Birthday (May 25<sup>th</sup>):**

The day was filled with poetry recitations and songs, immersing the children in the profound cultural heritage of Nazrul Islam. This celebration not only honored the poet's life but also fostered a deeper love for literature and art among the children.

### **Environmental Awareness and Sustainability:**

#### **World Environment Day (June 5<sup>th</sup>):**

The community came together to raise awareness about environmental conservation through a dynamic rally and tree planting activities. Our wall magazine, "Anuranan," creatively echoed the day's theme, reflecting our collective commitment to protecting the planet.

#### **International Day of Yoga (June 21<sup>st</sup>):**

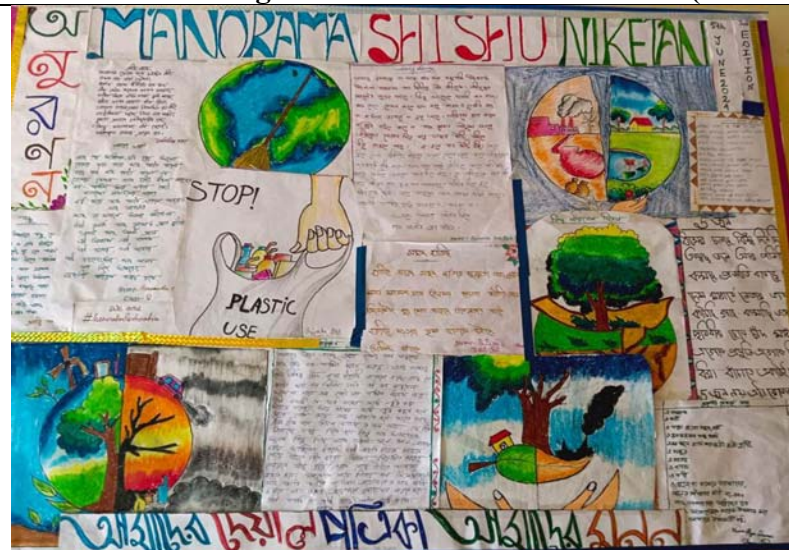
A day dedicated to rejuvenation and mindfulness! Children participated in yoga sessions to enhance their physical and mental well-being, while also planting saplings to enrich our green spaces. It was a perfect blend of wellness and environmental care.

#### **Swachhata Hi Seva (September 22<sup>nd</sup>):**

Our commitment to cleanliness and sustainability was on full display during our cleaning initiatives and

Recycling projects. With energy and creativity, the children actively engaged in this event, learning the significance of keeping their surroundings clean and green.

**Vigilance Awareness Week (Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>):** Under the theme “Culture of Integrity for Nation’s Prosperity,”  
**Kitchen Gardening as Part of Swachhata Hi Seva (Dec 10<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>)**



**Anuronon-Wall magazine's 3rd edition on World Environment Day 2024**



**Dance during World Environment Day**

### **National Pride and Unity:**

**Independence Day Festivities (August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>):** Theme was “HarGharTiranga” set the tone for an unforgettable celebration. The premises were transformed with vibrant decorations, educational posters, and engaging community activities.

**Teacher’s Day Celebration (September 5<sup>th</sup>)** -We recognized the invaluable contributions of our teachers in shaping the future of the children.

**Mahatma Gandhi’s Birthday (October 2<sup>nd</sup>):** This day was a reminder of the importance of cleanliness, non-violence, and sustainable living.

**National Unity Day (October 31<sup>st</sup>):** Celebrated with a vibrant rally, rangoli making, and a unity oath-taking ceremony.

**Diwali Celebration (October 31<sup>st</sup>).**

**Republic Day Observation (January 26<sup>th</sup>):** Patriotism was in full bloom as we celebrated Republic Day with a flag-hoisting ceremony, cultural performances, and discussions about the significance of India’s Constitution and its values.



**Children with Posters ,made during National Unity Day on 31-10-2024**



**Prize distribution by DM & Collector of South Tripura during Annual Day celebration**



### **Educational Engagements:**

**Children's Day Celebration (November 14<sup>th</sup>):** Celebrated by children's creativity and talents.

**Essay Writing, Poem Writing & Drawing Competition (December 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>)-**

During Veer Bal Diwas, the children engaged in essay writing, poem writing, and drawing competitions, all centered on themes of bravery and sacrifice.

**Educational Tour (22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024):** An exciting educational tour to Kalapania Nature Park, Kalachhara, and ShahidDhananjoy Tripura Smriti Eco Park helped the children connect with nature and learn about environmental conservation.



**Shri Sukla Charan Noatia-,Hon'ble Minister of Minorities .  
distributing prize to the inmate on Children's Day**



**Educational Tour on 22nd December, 2024 at  
Kalapania Nature Park**

### **Celebrations of Values and Remembering the National Heroes:**

**Swami Vivekananda's Birthday & Annual Day Celebration (January 12<sup>th</sup>):**

To inspire the children we had among us Ms Smitha Mol, DM & Collector- South Tripura District, MrMantu Biswas &Mr Pradeep Chakraborty- respected members of CWC, South Tripura, Mr Prasenjit Sinha- Protection Officer (Institutional Care), DCPU, South Tripura & Dr Sreelekha Ray, President, VHAT. The children participated in exciting sports events such as 100-meter running, running with skipping, and fetching biscuits, while also showcasing their talents in singing, dancing, and drama performances. The self-defense training session by Miss Suhana Ghosh and a drama by the inmates on "Prevention of Child Marriage" brought attention to empowerment and social awareness.

**Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Birthday (January 23, 2025)**

#### **Special Initiatives:**

**Pledge Taking Ceremony for "Bal Bibaha Mukta Bharat" (November 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**A Year of Learning, Growth, and Celebration:** This year has been filled with events that strengthened our community, empowering children to embrace their heritage, care for the environment, and contribute to society. Through vocational training, such as machine stitching, we're preparing them for future employment. Regular home visits promoted the family connections and our communication with Child Welfare Committees ensured that we were trying to meet Mission Vatsalya standards and provided the best care possible.

**"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN  
USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD." —NELSON MANDELA**

**Education promotes gender equality and helps create a society  
that empowers the underprivileged.**

# **FAMILY STRENGTHENING-FAMILY BASED ALTERNATIVE CARE (FS-FBAC)**

This initiative was supported by Miracle Foundation India. Project activities were being implemented as per the UN Guidelines for Alternative Care of Children, where it stated that: “Family is the fundamental group of society and the natural environment for the growth, well-being and protection of children, and efforts should be primarily directed to enabling the child to remain in or return to the care of his/her parents, or when appropriate, other close family members.”

The project was still in pilot mode. Selected project areas were- Mohanpur, Bamutia, and Jirania block in West Tripura district & Bishalgarh and Boxanagar block in Sepahijala district. Within each block, three vulnerable panchayats were identified as hotspots, making a total of 15 panchayats across the two districts.

A vulnerability assessment survey was conducted in all selected panchayats, which revealed 175 families living in highly vulnerable conditions, requiring immediate and sustained intervention.

## **Key interventions included:**

- Career counseling and life-skills guidance for young adults to support informed and empowered future choices.
- Facilitation of Village-Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) to enhance local child protection mechanisms.
- Strengthening of Bal Panchayats to ensure children’s voices are represented in community matters.
- Promotion of Child-Friendly Eco Villages to create safe, inclusive, and nurturing environments for children.
- Community awareness and sensitization programmes on child rights, child protection, and collective responsibility.

Through these multi-dimensional efforts, the initiative has been instrumental in fostering safer, more supportive communities for children and youth.

## **Project Goals:**

- Reintegration of Children from CCIs: From April 2024 to March 2025, 29 children reintegrate from CCI’s to family settings.
- Community Prevention & Strengthening: Addressing vulnerabilities at the community level, empowering families to provide sustainable care for their children.

## **Approach/strategy:**

i) **Home visits and family crisis intervention:** regular visits to the homes of children placed in our care(CCIs) to assess family dynamics and address any crises or challenges they may be facing. Through working closely with families to resolve issues and our aim was to create a conducive environment for child’s return.

ii) **Social investigation Reports:** through investigations to understand the root causes of family separation and identify the necessary interventions to facilitate reintegration, the report was prepared.

iii) **Five well-being domains:** We focused on five key domains of family well-being: Economic stability, access to education and health care, social support networks, safe and stable housing and emotional well-being.

iv) **Continuous Follow- Up and Family Support:** Our commitment to reintegration extends beyond the initialization process.

v) **Mental Health focus:** this included counseling, therapy and psychosocial support to promote healing, resilience and positive mental health outcomes.

vi) **Community Awareness Program:** We committed to raising awareness within communities about the importance of family-based care for children, through workshops, seminars and outreach initiatives. Another aim was to educate people in the community about the benefits of various government schemes for providing benefits to the children.





**BAL Panchayat leadership training at Padhamoham para HS School unda Madhya Debendranagar GP on 12th September 2024**



**Focus group discussion at Fatik chhera Anganwari Centre on 18th November 2024**



**School Awareness program at Mohanpur Block , under West Tripura District ,on 23rd August 2024**



**Adolescents' Awareness program at Durganagar HS School under Durganagar GP on 13th January 2025**



**vii)Prevention of Institutionalization:** It was aimed to keep children within their families or place them in alternative family-based care arrangements.

**viii) Gate keeping:** By identifying vulnerable families early on, we tried to provide them with necessary support and resources to prevent the unnecessary placement of children in institutions.

**ix) Awareness program with Adolescents:** We conduct targeted awareness programs with adolescents to address issues such as Child Marriage and other forms of exploitation as per the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

**x) Reporting Mechanisms:** We facilitated reporting mechanisms for community members to report cases of child abuse, neglect or exploitation through help lines, online platforms, and community- based reporting systems.

**xi) Child Participation:** Children were involved in decision -making processes that affect their lives. Attempts were to empower children to express their views, preferences and concerns, ensuring that their voices were heard and respected.

#### **Impact in 2024 April to 2025 March: By the Numbers:**

<b>Program Focus</b>	<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Impact Metrics</b>
Family Strengthening	300 families received support	<b>80% of them reported (well being) stability</b>
Child Reintegration	29 children reintegrated from CCI	90% reintegration successful
Alternative Care	50 foster families positively oriented	17 children placed in foster care in such families
Community Prevention	6,000 community members got orientation in target areas through PRI/SHGs/Community meetings	Awareness about FBAC increased
Awareness on grievance redressal , child rights & POCSO Act	12 awareness program / drives conducted	Aprox.500 community people exposed to the subjects

#### **Challenges Faced:**

- **Resource Limitations:** Despite successes, limited funding impacted our ability to expand family-strengthening outreach.
- **Stigma Around Foster Care:** We faced some cultural barriers to acceptance of foster care, addressed through targeted community education sessions.

**Conclusion:** In Anwesha Home, Unmesh & Manorama Shishu Niketan , run by VHAT , our comprehensive approach to child reintegration encompassed proactive family engagement, targeted interventions and ongoing support to ensure that children were reintegrated into safe, loving and stable family environment. By prioritizing family well-being and mental health, we strived to facilitate successful and sustainable reunifications that enable to children to thrive within their families. VHAT , through this FBAC project could provide livelihood support to two families for animal rearing and fast food business. Eight parents got psychological counseling and parenting skill training. In 2024-25 we could reintegrate **29 children** from Anwesha CCI run by VHAT.



# WELFARE OF PWD(DIVYANGJAN)

♠ SNAC Tripura  
under the  
National Trust

♠ Shantineer-  
Half Way  
Home

♠ Indus Towers  
Scholarship for  
students with  
Disabilities

♠ Workshop on  
Rights of Persons  
with Disabilities  
(RPWD) Act  
2016

♠ Distribution of Smart  
Canes for Persons with  
Visual Impairment

## দিব্যাঙ্গজনদের বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতা



আগরতলা, ২৭ নভেম্বর।। রাজ্যের অগ্রণী সামাজিক সংস্থা ভলান্টারি হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অব ত্রিপুরার উদ্যোগে বুধবার দিব্যাঙ্গজনদের নিয়ে এক বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতা ও সচেতনতামূলক আলোচনা কর্মসূচির আয়োজন করা হয়। ভারত সরকারের সামাজিক ন্যায় ও ক্ষমতায়ন মন্ত্রকের অধীনে ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট সারা দেশের সাথে রাজ্যেও কাজ করে চলেছে দিব্যাঙ্গজনদের স্বার্থে। ভলান্টারি হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অব ত্রিপুরা ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর স্টেট নোডাল এজেন্সি সেন্টার হিসেবে বিগত চার বছর ধরেই রাজ্যে কাজ করে চলেছে। বিনামূল্যে নিরাময় স্বাস্থ্য বীমা, আইনগত অভিভাবকত্ব এর পাশাপাশি ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর বিভিন্ন কর্মকাণ্ডে সবাইকে সচেতন করার লক্ষ্যেই বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতা ও আলোচনা সভা। এদিনের আলোচনা সভায় প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন সমাজকল্যাণ ও সমাজ শিক্ষা দপ্তরের পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জেলার সুপারভাইজার নারায়ণ দেব, মানবাধিকার সংস্থার সেক্রেটারি অমিতা বণিক, ভ্যাট এর কর্মকর্তা জ্যোতির্ময় মজুমদার এবং ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট'র স্টেট নোডাল এজেন্সি সেন্টারের কোর্ডিনেটর জয়দীপ ভূষণ প্রমুখ। সমাজ কল্যাণ ও সমাজ শিক্ষা দপ্তরের আধিকারিক নারায়ণ দেব আলোচনা করতে গিয়ে অনুষ্ঠানের তাৎপর্য তুলে ধরে ভলান্টারি হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশনের এই উদ্যোগের ভূয়সি প্রশংসা করেন। জ্যোতির্ময় মজুমদার তার আলোচনায় দিব্যাঙ্গজনদের সামাজিক অন্তর্ভুক্তির ব্যাপারে আলোকপাত করেন। কোর্ডিনেটর জয়দীপ ভূষণ আলোচনায় ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর বিভিন্ন স্কিম সম্পর্কে আলোচনা করে বিশেষত বিনামূল্যে নিরাময় স্বাস্থ্য বীমার উপর জোর দেন। অনুষ্ঠানে বিভিন্ন ক্যাটাগরির মোট ১৭ জন দিব্যাঙ্গজন আজকের এই বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করে।



Smart Canes distribution to Person with Visual Impairment

# VHAT -STATE NODAL AGENCY CENTRE TRIPURA

## UNDER THE NATIONAL TRUST

VHAT is a registered organization under the National Trust a statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India (Under section 12 (4) of the Act). It has been working as the State Nodal Agency (SNAC) of Tripura, under National Trust since January 01, 2021 and was implementing various activities of the National Trust for welfare of the person with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities in this state. VHAT is the member of Local Level Committee (LLC) in three districts of Tripura viz. South Tripura District, North Tripura District and Unokoti District.

### As per National Trust norms, VHAT implemented following activities in 2024-25:

- ♠ In 2024-2025, VHAT enrolled 39 (Thirty-nine) new beneficiaries for Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme and did renewal of the Health Cards for 27 (Twenty-seven) beneficiaries in this scheme.
- ♠ 10th to 20th May 2024, & 12th to 22nd Feb 2025, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura organized “BADTHE KADAM” – a community awareness activity regarding the schemes of National Trust for the welfare of PWDs (autism, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, and multiple disability) through distribution of 5000 number printed leaflets and posters along with small group discussion.
- ♠ On November 27th, 2024, under “BADTHE KADAM” – a drawing competition was organized for children with disabilities, fostering creativity and inclusivity. 17 young participants showcased their artistic talents, supported enthusiastically by their parents and other attendees.
- ♠ On 29th September, 2024 an event was organized by the VHAT to mark World Alzheimer's Day. The event focused on spreading awareness about the challenges posed by Alzheimer's disease and the importance of early detection and care for the elderly affected by it.
- ♠ World Down Syndrome Day was observed on 21st March 2025 through one-day workshop focusing on the theme “Improve Our Support System.”, for creation of awareness among the community.



**Observation of World Down Syndrome Day**



**Drawing Competition**

♠ VHAT actively participated in the two-days Khelo Tripura Para Games- 2024 for creating awareness regarding various schemes of National Trust, focusing on Niramaya Health Insurance and Legal Guardianship. The event was organized on the 18th and 19th of December at Swami Vivekananda Maidan in Agartala by Social Welfare and Social Education Dept. Govt of Tripura.

♠ On 12th March-2025 VHAT participated in a one-day Purple Fair-2025, organized by Composite Regional Centre of Tripura under NILD, Kolkata with the support from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of Tripura. Our stall in the event was for spreading the message regarding Niramaya Health Insurance and Legal Guardianship to improve positive participation of the community.

♠ A special workshop focused on the welfare of Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) was organized on 24th January, 2025 at the Conference Hall of the Education Department in Gomati District.



♠ VHAT as the SNAC observed World Disability Day on 3rd December 2024 in collaboration with the District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) of West Tripura District.

♠ 12th Feb to 22nd Feb 2025, we organized “BADTHE KADAM” – a community awareness activity regarding the schemes of National Trust for the welfare of PWDs through distribution of 2500 printed leaflets and posters. One workshop for creating awareness among school teachers was organized in collaboration with Samagra Siksha Aviyan within this period.

♠ Consultation Program on RPwD act, 2016 Organized by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura in collaboration with All Tripura Blind Association on 16th March 25 at the Conference Hall of CRC Narshingharh, Agartala with 40 participants present in the event.

♠ Voluntary Health Association of Tripura is a Local Level Committee member for issuing Legal Guardianship under the chairmanship of District Magistrate and Collector of North, South and Unakoti District of Tripura. Under the Chairmanship of DM & Collector total 02 (two) Legal Guardianship Certificates issued for the benefit of the PwDs.



“BADTHE KADAM” event on November 27th, 2024



Workshop on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities



# SHANTINEER- HALF WAY HOME(HWH)

VHAT has been running this home with support from the Social Welfare & Social Education Department under Government of Tripura. This shelter home was for the welfare & rehabilitation of persons living with mental illness (Schizophrenia) who have been cured, who do not need further hospitalization, who are homeless & who are not accepted by their families or guardians and are in need of shelter, care and protection. To meet this objective, the Govt. of Tripura has established 'SHANTINEER'—a Half Way Home at Narsingarh, West Tripura wherein 25 female and 25 male cured mental patients can be accommodated.

VHAT could initiate this project in October 2023 with 25 female inmates sent by the Modern Psychiatric Hospital, Narsingarh. In the year 2024-25, 25 female and 25 male inmates were staying in Half Way Home.



Male inmates of Half Way Home during visit to Durga Puja Pandal on October 10,2024



Medical checkup of inmates on January 16,2025



Female inmates of Shantineer visited the Durgapuja Pandal

## Services provided to the inmates:

- 14 fulltime staff were engaged for the HWH
- Food: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and two times tea & snacks as per the diet chart approved by MPH.
- All necessary warm clothes & regular dresses were given
- **Regular Health Check-up** were done for all the inmates by the Doctors of Modern Psychiatric Hospital (MPH). Two fulltime residential Nurses taking care of their hygiene, giving them medicines & looking after whether they were taking food Properly. The MPH provided the list of medicines being administered to the inmates during handing over of the inmates from MPH to the SHANTINEER – Half Way Home
- In case of relapse of symptoms, immediately they were shifted to MPH until their symptoms subsided.
- Repatriation/ Integration into family: On regular basis, our staff did home visits, discussed with the family members for taking back them in their original families. We also communicated with local leaders, panchayat Members and religious leaders. **Out of them 12 (Female-10, Male -02) inmates were reintegrated to their family within last one year.** We would continue the reintegration process as these cured mentally ill persons have the right to live with the families.
- The MPH was the inspecting authority for the SHANTINEER - Half Way Home



# **INDUS TOWERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Since 2016, VHAT has been collaborating in various activities with Shishu Sarothi , an organization based in Guwahati, dedicated to early intervention and rehabilitation, education, advocacy, awareness, and the protection of rights for children and individuals with disabilities in North-East India. In relation to this we have been actively involved in implementing a Scholarship Program, aiming to empower students with disabilities to pursue higher education. Our goal was to counteract the declining trend and significant drop in the number of students with disabilities in higher education while fostering employment opportunities and the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the mainstream.

From Tripura, 51 students have already benefited from the scholarship support in pursuing their higher education, many of them securing jobs and leading a life of dignity and financial independence. In 2023-24, eleven (11) students/scholars were selected from different parts of Tripura for scholarship. This year Shishu Sarothi wanted to take feedback from those students regarding the improvement of their works with the support from Indus Tower Scholarship.



**Mr.Sourabh Chakraborty of Shishu Sarothi receiving feedback from the Scholars**



**One Scholar received a laptop from Indus Tower Scholarship Program**

Accordingly on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 ,one Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was conducted with scholars of the Indus Towers Scholarship Program at VHAT Training Hall to understand their experiences, challenges, and recommendations for improving the program. The discussion aimed to assess the impact of the scholarship on their academic and professional journeys and explore ways to enhance support for future scholars. 07scholars participated in this Focus Group Discussion and all the scholars have completed higher education successfully with the financial support of Indus Towers Scholarship Program. The program was well thought-out by Mr. Saurav Chakraborty, ShishuSarothi ,Guwahati and Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder , VHAT, Agartala.

**Providing equal opportunities for persons with disabilities leads to their full participation in society, contributing to economic and social development while upholding human rights. This includes ensuring access to education, employment, healthcare, and other essential services, alongside addressing specific needs and removing barriers to participation. Ultimately, inclusion empowers individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential and contribute to a more just and equitable society.**

# WORKSHOP ON RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RPWD) ACT 2016

Workshop on the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016** was conducted on the 18th of March, 2025. This workshop was organized by **Voluntary Health Association of Tripura** in collaboration with the **All Tripura Blind Association** to raise awareness and encourage discussions around the provisions of the RPWD Act, particularly for the blind and visually impaired community. The event took place in Conference Hall of CRC Narsingarh. Dr. A K Kushwasa, Admin officer CRC inaugurated the workshop.

The event aimed to facilitate an in-depth understanding of the Act's provisions and discuss how its implementation impacts the rights and opportunities for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Tripura.

- To raise awareness about the RPWD Act -2016 and NT Act-1999 among the blind and visually impaired community.
- To foster discussions on challenges faced by the PWDs in Tripura.
- To understand the role of local authorities and organizations in the implementation of the RPWD Act 2016.
- To ensure better compliance and accessibility in public spaces and workplaces.
- To empower participants with knowledge of the Act's provisions, including accessibility, education, employment, and social security.

47 persons actively participated from the various group of stakeholders, including:

- Representatives from the **All Tripura Blind Association**.
- Government officials from the **Composite Regional Centre**
- Experts and legal professionals in disability rights.
- Members of the **blind and visually impaired community**.
- NGOs working with persons with disabilities (PWDs).
- General public and concerned citizens.

Resource Persons were- Dr. Litan Bhowmik, Councilor cum legal expert, Mr. Joydeep Bhusan, SNAC Coordinator, Adv. Haridas Datta, Legal consultant & Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder, Coordinator of VHAT.

During open discussion with the Participants various points came up for more accessibility and better implementation of the ACT. Therefore, few recommendations were made:

- Strengthening the **implementation and monitoring** of the RPWD Act at local and state levels.
- Setting up a **state-level task force** for disability rights that can oversee the effective implementation of the Act.
- **Training government staff** in handling disability-related issues, including providing better services for persons with disabilities.
- Conducting **regular workshops and awareness programs** for the general public about the rights of persons with disabilities.

The workshop concluded with a speech by the Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder, Coordinator VHAT, who emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in ensuring that the RPWD Act's provisions translate into real-life improvements for persons with disabilities.



**Consultation cum Workshop on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016**



# DISTRIBUTION OF SMART CANES FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

On June 21, 2024, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura organized a Saarthi Smart Canes distribution event among the persons with visual impairment in collaboration with Blind People's Association and Torchit, Gujarat. These appliances (Saarthi Smart Canes) were supported by IRCTC for the visually impaired individuals. It was successfully conducted at the Conference Hall of IEPVD in Narsingarh, West Tripura District. The event was graced by distinguished guests including the Chief Guest Mr. Haridullal Acharjee, Zilla Sabadhipati, West Tripura District, Honourable Guest Mr. Achintam Kilikdar, Deputy Commissioner, PWD, SW & SE Department, and Special Guests Mr. Dilip Raj, Station Officer, IRCTC (Indian Railway), Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President of VHAT, Mrs. Krishna Ray Goswami, Principal, IEPVD girls, Mr. Prem Katar, Communication Officer, Torchit, Gujarat, Mr. Adnam Shek, Programme officer, BPA, Gujarat.

The event started with an opening address by Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President, VHAT, highlighting the importance of these assistive devices and appealing to all to use the device during their movement for safety.

Mr. Achintam Kilikdar, Deputy Commissioner, PWD, emphasized this distribution program and categorical success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of all involved parties and the generous support of sponsors. He hoped that the smart canes would make a lasting positive impact on the lives of the visually impaired community.

Mr. Prem Katar, Communication officer, Torchit, Gujarat, was significant in assisting technology in improving the lives of the visually impaired. He also details the operating system of the Smart Canes and benefits of smart canes. He also mentioned that the smart canes are designed to enhance mobility and independence for visually impaired individuals, incorporating modern technology to aid navigation and obstacle detection.

The distribution process was meticulously organized, ensuring each recipient received proper guidance on using the smart canes effectively. During the program, 110 Persons with Visual Impairment received these assistive devices. The distribution of 110 smart canes represents a significant step towards empowering visually impaired individuals of our state. These devices not only provide enhanced mobility but also contribute to their overall quality of life by promoting self-reliance and safety. This initiative reflects a commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, ensuring that all individuals can participate fully in their community and lead fulfilling lives.

## ভ্যাটের উদ্যোগে নরসিংগড়ে দৃষ্টিহীন প্রতিবন্ধীদের স্মার্ট কেইন



সভাপতি প্রতিনিধি, আগরতলা, ২১ জুন। রাজ্যের অগ্রণী সামাজিক সংগঠন ভলান্টারি হেল্প এসোসিয়েশন অব ত্রিপুরার উদ্যোগে দৃষ্টিহীন প্রতিবন্ধীদের মধ্যে স্মার্ট কেইন বিতরণ কর্মসূচি অনুষ্ঠিত হয় শুক্রবার। এদিন নরসিংগড়স্থিত এল ই পি ভি ডি কনফারেন্স হলে আমন্ত্রিত অতিথিদের মধ্যে উপস্থিত ছিলেন পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জিলা পরিষদের সহসভাপতি হরিদুল আল আচার্য, পিডব্লিউডি ডেপুটি কমিশনার অচিন্তম কিলিকদার, আইআরসিটিসি স্টেশন অফিসার দিলীপ রাজ, আইইপিভিডি অধ্যক্ষ কৃষ্ণা রায় গোস্বামী সহ ভ্যাটের সভানেত্রী ড. শ্রীলেখা রায় প্রমুখ। অনুষ্ঠানে এদিনের অনুষ্ঠানের বিষয়ে আলোচনা করেন ভ্যাটের সভানেত্রী ড. শ্রীলেখা রায়। আজকের এই কর্মসূচির ভূয়সী প্রশংসা করে বক্তব্য রাখেন পিডব্লিউডির ডেপুটি কমিশনার অচিন্তম কিলিকদার। তিনি এই জাতীয় কর্মসূচিকে আগামী দিনেও এগিয়ে নিয়ে যেতে ভ্যাট কর্তৃপক্ষের সার্বিক সহযোগিতা কামনা করেন। শেষে উপস্থিত অতিথিবৃন্দরা ১১০ জন দৃষ্টিহীন প্রতিবন্ধী ব্যক্তিদের মধ্যে স্মার্ট কেইন তুলে দেন। উন্নত প্রযুক্তিতে তৈরি এই লাঠি দৃষ্টিহীন ব্যক্তিদের জীবনে চলার পথে যথেষ্ট সহায়ক হবে বলে সকলেই অভিমত পোষণ করেন। স্বাভাবিক ভাবেই আধুনিক প্রযুক্তির এই চলার সাথী হাতে পেয়ে দৃষ্টিহীন ব্যক্তির যারপরনাই আশ্বস্ত।



**"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart". - Helen Keller**



# LIVELIHOOD & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

♠ Jan  
Shikshan  
Sansthan  
Dhalai

♠ Integrated  
Tribal  
Development  
Project  
(North &  
Khowai  
district)

♠ Livelihood  
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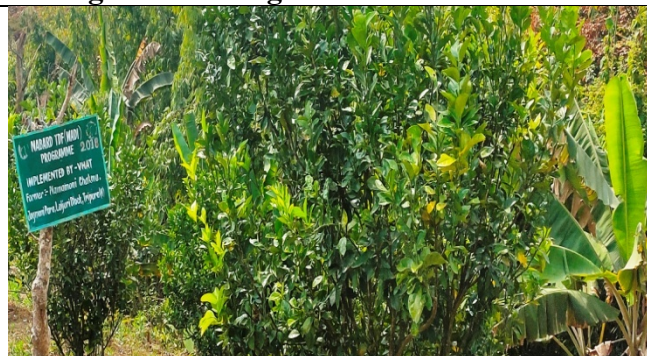
♠ EDP under  
SANKALP  
Scheme of  
Directorate  
of Skill  
Development



PM Vishwakarma skill training in Tailoring under JSS Dhalai



Inauguration of Rural Haat in  
Madhupur



Horti-garden in ITD Project, North Tripura



E D P Training



# JAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHAN DHALAI

**Background:** Jan Shikshan Sansthan is one of the important scheme under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Government of India. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been implementing this scheme in Dhalai district of Tripura as JSS Dhalai since October 2021. JSS Dhalai covered entire Dhalai District and providing vocational skill training in non-formal mode reaching to the unreached areas in the age group of 15-45 years. The priority groups are women, SC, ST, Minorities and other backward sections of the society. We worked at the door step of the beneficiaries with a minimum infrastructure and resources through forming and mobilizing Self Help Groups (SHGs), loan mobilization and establishing linkages with mainstream markets for sustainable livelihood generation.

## **Physical Progress in the year 2024-25:**

The courses offered in the JSS were a blend of technical and employability skills. This enabled the beneficiaries in learning the right set of skills to be utilized for gainful self/wage employment. The courses were as follows:-

Sl. No.	Course Name	No. of Batches	Total No. of Trainees	Duration In days	Session (in days)
1.	Assistant Dress Maker	16	320	105	80
2.	Helper- Two/ Three Wheeler Mechanic	4	80	105	80
3.	Beauty Care Assistant	16	320	105	80
4.	Helper- Electrical Technician	6	120	105	80
5.	Assistant- Fruits and Vegetable Processing and Preservation	8	160	75	60
6.	Assistant Hand Embroider -(Phulkari / Chickankari / Kashmiri / ZariZardozi / Kantha)	8	160	105	80
7.	Assistant Artisan- Bamboo Craft	6	120	105	80
8.	Assistant Computer Operator	10	200	150	120
9.	Layerman	4	80	55	45
10.	Stringing/Beading Artisan (Fashion Jewellery)	2	40	115	90
11.	Painting Helper	2	40	125	100
12.	Assistant Carpet Weaver Knotted	6	120	105	80
13.	Solar PV Project Helper	2	40	115	90
Total		90	1800		

## **Others Activities:**

Celebrated events were-World Health Day, Labor Day, International Yoga Day, World Skill Day, Har Ghar Tiranga, Independence Day, Swachaata Hi Seva, Gandhi Jayanti.

## **Capacity building Workshop:**

As per the suggestions of the Ministry, JSS Dhalai has participated in a capacity-building workshop for Jan Shikshan Sansthan and also organized a capacity-building program for resource persons (Trainer) at Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, Agartala Office.

## **Livelihood Activities:**

For the FY 2024-2025, we could form 40 SHGs , 48 pass out trainees were registered in Udyam Registration Portal for loan benefits and enterprise development. We have also mobilized loan up to 14 trainees with linkage to the bank.

## **PMVK:**

J SS Dhalai has implemented PM Vishwakarma skill training on two trades i.e. Tailor (Darzi) and Assistant Hair Dresser(Barber Naai). The total target given for each trade is 120 and we have trained and certified 175 candidates, 19 trained for Barber Naai and 156 trained for Tailor Darzi.

# INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NORTH & KHOWAI DISTRICT)

In the year 2024-2025, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), with support from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Tripura Regional Office, was implementing the **Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) Laljuri Block of North Tripura District and Kalyanpur Block of Khowai District**, with the primary objective of improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal families, while addressing the ecological concerns of the selected areas.

**In Laljuri Block the project activities started in 2018-19:**

## **Project Coverage:**

- Villages Covered: 6 ADC villages, Target Families: 300
- Area Covered: 300 acres

## **Major Components Implemented:**

1. Horticultural Orchard Development (WADI)-Plantation support provided: 40 mango, 20 lemon, and 200 pineapple plants per beneficiary family for orchard development under the WADI model.
2. Health Camps (General / Special – Eye & RCH) - 27 health camps were organized across the project villages, covering general health checkups, eye care, reproductive and child health (RCH).
3. Women Development Initiatives
  - 300 pressure cookers were distributed—one per family—to promote health and safety in cooking.
  - 15 poultry chicks per family were provided to promote backyard poultry farming as an additional income source.
4. Trainings provided:- To promote sustainable livelihoods and enhance local skills, following trainings were conducted:
  1. Orchard Development : 7 trainings
  2. Mushroom Cultivation: 6 Trainings
  3. Backyard Poultry Management : 10 Trainings
5. Water Source Development
  - 180 individual farm ponds/tanks developed with water lifting facilities.
  - 120 cluster-based water reservoirs were also established for community benefit.
6. Awareness events :
  - ♠ 15 Legal Awareness Campaigns were conducted covering legal rights, gender sensitization, health, and Nutrition.
  - ♠ 9 Digital Financial Literacy Awareness Program (dFLAP) organized, covering:
  - ♠ PMJJBY, PBSBY, Jan Suraksha Yojana, APY, KCC, Mudra loans, ATM usage, and digital/less-cash transaction concepts.
  - ♠ Anti-Drug and Anti-Tobacco campaigns were also organized from the first year onwards.

**In Kalyanpur Block under Khowai District, the project activities started in 2024-25:**

## **Project Coverage:**

The project aims to promote financial capability of 300 targeted families across two ADC villages and one Gram Panchayat through sustainable livelihood models tailored to the local context.

## **Key Intervention Models followed in implementation :**

1. Horticulture Plantation Model – Benefiting **70 households** aimed to enhance green cover and generate sustainable long-term income through the cultivation of high-value horticultural crops (Mango, Lemon, Pine apple and border plant Moringa and as intercropping Ginger & Turmeric)



2. Integrated Fish Farming Model – Engaging 60 households, this approach was to promote efficient resource utilization by combining aquaculture with complementary agricultural activities.
3. Integrated Pig Farming Model – Targeting 170 households, this model was to support improved livestock management, income generation, and nutritional security.

#### Major Components Implemented:

1. Horticulture, Soil Management & Water Resource Development
  - Land clearing and preparation completed for WADI establishment.
  - Plantation support: **60 mangoes, 20 lemon, 200 pineapple, and 20 moringa (as border plants)** per beneficiary.
  - Totally **70 families** benefited under this intervention.
2. Fishery Farming with Duckery & Orchard Development
  - 60 ducklings distributed to each of the **60 beneficiaries**, along with lemon plantation in pond areas.
  - Beekeeping training conducted and **bee boxes** distributed to **60 households** to support apiculture as an income-generating activity for women.
3. Integrated Piggery Farming with Orchard Development
  - **170 families** supported with 2 piglets each, along with:
    - Pig shed construction support • Feeding assistance
    - Orchard development: 50 mango and 20 lemon plants per beneficiary under the integrated model.
4. Health Awareness and Sanitation
  - **18 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)** on health and hygiene (2 FGDs per village per year for 3 years).
  - **18 general health camps** organized (2 per village per year), with emphasis on general health and malaria prevention.
  - **9 Eye/RCH camps** planned over 3 years (1 camp per village per year).
5. Women Development Initiatives
  - **10 awareness sessions** on menstrual hygiene for adolescent girls in collaboration with local education and health authorities, targeting **500 participants**. Sanitary napkins were distributed during these sessions.
  - **300 families** supported for **organic kitchen garden promotion**, organized in 10 batches. This intervention ensures access to green, organic vegetables and promotes better health and nutrition, particularly for women and children.
6. Nutri Garden Development
  - Promoted to ensure household-level nutritional security through self-grown fruits and vegetables.
7. Training & Capacity Building
  - **Trainings for PIA staff** on project implementation and monitoring- 1 Training has been completed.
  - **Orchard development trainings** for farmers- 1 training completed
  - **Fish cultivation trainings** for relevant beneficiaries- 1 training completed
  - **Pig rearing trainings** to enhance livestock management practices- 1 training completed.



**Training of Beneficiaries on Orchard Development in Kalyanpur Block**

# LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION THROUGH PIG REARING AND INITIATIVES TOWARDS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

## Initiation:

Pig rearing is one of the important livelihood activities of the indigenous people of Tripura. This project aims for the scientific pig rearing, engaging the women SHG members towards enhancing the livelihood in a cluster approach manner. With support from **Azim Premji Foundation (APF)**, VHAT initiated the project in December 2024.

The project was started in 2 (two) Village Councils i.e- Shivnagar VC and Ujan Machmara VC. 400 households (HH) were targeted, who were mainly from the Tribal Community in Laljuri Block of North Tripura district. The prime objective of the project was to improve the socio-economic condition of the women in the tribal community.

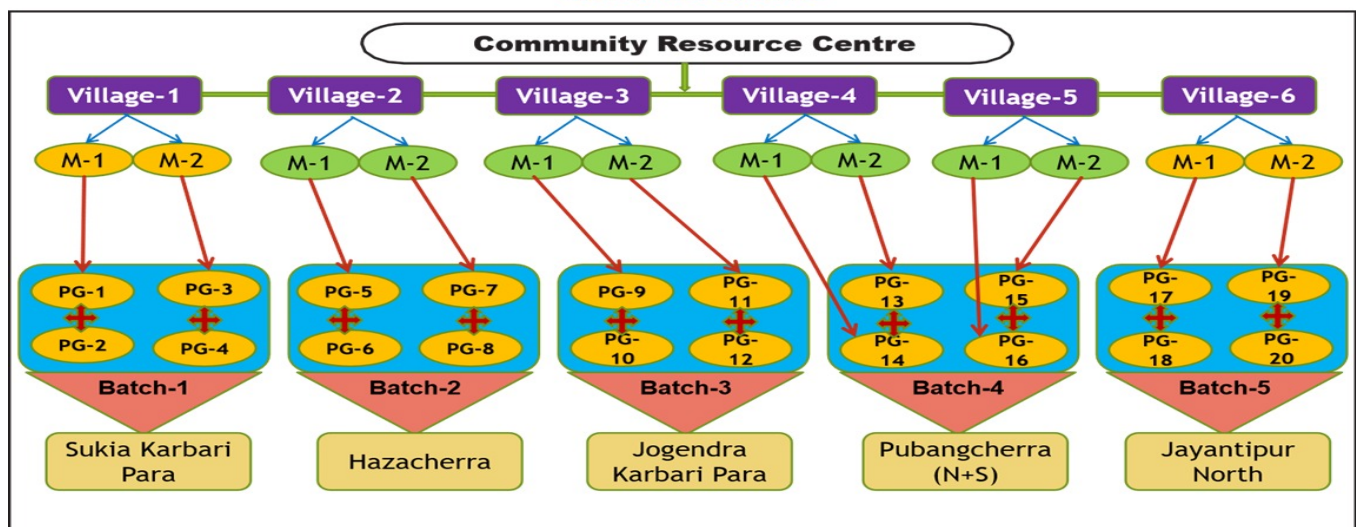
## Major Components under the project were: -

- Pig farming with technical support, followed by marketing linkages.
- Capacity building of women on preventive health care, especially on menstrual hygiene.
- Organizing special health camps for women.
- EDP training for women, supporting the women SHGs in book keeping,
- To provide trained CRP (Pashu Nurse) from the villages to support the pig rearing activities.

## Cumulative progress done till March 2025:

- ✓ Base-line Survey of more than 500 House Holds(HHs )& selection of 200 beneficiaries for 1<sup>st</sup> phase.
- ✓ Staff Orientation including the Pashu Nurse.
- ✓ Formation of 20 PGs & trained them in 5 Batches on Pig Rearing & Management
- ✓ Formation of CRC committee including establishment of CRC:
  - ❖ Assigned 3 nos. of Pashu Nurse to support the beneficiaries on regular basis.
  - ❖ 5 Batches Training done on Pig Rearing & Management including the awareness on social security schemes covering 200 beneficiaries out of 400.
  - ❖ 80 nos. of pig shed construction completed.
  - ❖ Total 80 nos. piglets distributed to 40 no.families under the project. Total 400 HHs to be covered in three years.
  - ❖ Good quality Pig feed supplied to 40 HHs. One Community Resource Centre (CRCs) established and one committee has been formed for managing Community Resource Centre (CRCs) for regular support to the pig farmers, providing Pig Feed & marketing support to the beneficiaries.

## CRC Structure





# ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDER SANKALP SCHEME

## Background:

The “Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion” (SANKALP) scheme was launched by the **Directorate of Skill Development** and entrusted to **CognoLabs** for implementation through **NI-MSME**. We have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **CognoLabs** to implement this scheme in **Tripura**, targeting the training of **500 candidates across 10 batches**.

Under this initiative, **certificates would be issued by NI-MSME** upon the successful completion of the trainings. The training period for the project was from **September 2024 to January 2025**.

## Area coverage under this Training:

The project was implemented in 5 (Five) locations under 4 (Four) Districts- Agartala in West Tripura, Udaipur & Amarpur in Gomati District, Kalyanpur in Khowai District and Ambassa in Dhalai District.

## Objectives:

- ❖ To address the issue of Enterprise promotion, capacity building of micro entrepreneurs.
- ❖ To engage the people in setting up of micro enterprise for livelihood development.
- ❖ To take initiatives for overcoming the challenges to established micro enterprise.
- ❖ To reduce the unemployment through enterprise promotion.

## Candidates Coverage through EDP Training:

- In Agartala- 2 batches completed covering 100 candidates.
- At Ambassa-3 batches completed covering 150 candidates.
- 2 batches completed at Udaipur covering 100 candidates.
- 1 batch completed at Amarpur covering 50 candidates.
- At Kalyanpur 2 batches completed & trained 100 candidates.



**Participants of Training on Entrepreneurship Development in Agartala on 23rd Sept. - 2nd Oct, 2024**

## Outcome of this Training:

Total 500 candidates trained under SANKALP scheme of Skill Development. Total 482 candidates assessed & pass-out among 500. Which shows that 96.4% success achieved. A number of 47 persons started processing of micro enterprise set-up. Another 15% candidates joined in the refreshing training of EDP through online mode provided by ECHO India & VHAT.

# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

♠ Shelter Houses for Urban Homeless

♠ 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of VHAT

♠ International Women's Day 2025

♠ Mapping of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises

♠ Celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

♠ International Bio-Diversity Day

♠ E-Vehicle Survey

♠ NCPCR Study

♠ Flood Relief Response by VHAT



International Women's Day celebrated with NABARD in Ambassa, Dhalai



36th Annual General Meeting of VHAT



Observation of International Bio-Diversity Day 2024



# ■ SHELTER HOUSES FOR URBAN HOMELESS

**Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** is a scheme under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. NULM constructed few Shelter Houses for the vulnerable segments of the urban homeless like the dependent children, aged person, disabled, migrated students coming for competitive exam or interview and the patient party coming to town for medical purpose/treatment. Since January 2024, VHAT has been actively looking after the shelter houses in Agartala, Udaipur, Amarpur & Dharmanagar and making sure that all the necessities were available in these shelter houses.

To disseminate the information about the facilities in shelter houses, VHAT staffs did the outreach activities in several locations under the below Shelters:-

- 1. Radhanagar Shelter House, Agartala:** Shelter house staff have visited Chandrapur, Nagerjala & Radhanagar bus stand, GB Bazar, Badharghat & Jogendranagar Railway Station. Organized meetings with vehicle drivers associations & the passengers for increasing the number of inmates. Also visited to the patient attendants or relatives of patients who were admitted in the GB Panth Hospital, IGM Hospital, Hapania Medical College & Hospital, and various Nursing Homes so that they can avail the facility of stay in the shelter house. In 2024-25 totally 1106 inmates got the staying facility in the shelter. We have visited various government offices like Police Stations, Clubs, Bazaar Committees, Bus Stands, and Railway Station to spread the messages. We have also fixed banners, distributed leaflets in public places to help people know about shelter's location and facilities.
- 2. Pandit Deendayal Shelter House, Udaipur, Tepania:** Shelter house staff have visited key public locations such as Gomati District Hospital, Udaipur College, Rajarbag Bus Stand, Matabari, and Udaipur Railway Station. Meetings were organized with vehicle drivers and passengers to encourage more individuals in need to utilize the shelter facility. We also interacted with patient attendants and relatives of patients admitted at Gomati District Hospital and the Sub-Divisional Hospital, informing them about the availability of shelter facilities. During the financial year 2024-25, 596 individuals were provided with accommodation in the shelter.
- 3. Dinadayal Shelter House, Amarpur:** We have visited the Amarpur Sub-Divisional Hospital, Nagerjala & Amarpur bus stand, Karbook Bazar, Amarpur College. Organized meeting with vehicle drivers & the passengers for increasing the number of inmates. Also visited to the patient attendant or relatives those patients were admitted in the Amarpur Sub-Divisional Hospital for their staying in the shelter. In the 2024-25, 60 persons got the staying facility in the shelter..
- 4. Dharmanagar Shelter House:** We have visited the Dharmanagar ISBT, Rajbari bus stand, Dharmanagar Bazar & Railway Station, Dharmanagar Hospital. Organized meeting with vehicle drivers & the passengers for increasing the number of inmates. Also visited to the patient attendant or relatives those patients were admitted in the Dharmanagar Hospital & various Nursing Homes. In the 2024-25, 57 persons got the staying facility in the shelter..

Shelter house staffs have done flower gardening in front of the shelters for beautification & to make it attractive. Staffs were also doing organic farming inside the boundary & in the roof top of the shelters.

**Providing shelter for homeless individuals is a multi-faceted effort involving government initiatives, non-profit organizations, and community involvement. Government programs like the Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) under DAY-NULM provide, all-weather shelters with basic amenities. Individuals can also contribute by donating to shelters, volunteering time, or offering direct assistance like food and clothing.**

## ■ 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was held in the conference hall of VHAT Eye Hospital at West Bhubanban, near Usha Bazar, Agartala, Tripura on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. This AGM had two sessions- a theme session & business session.

It was inaugurated at 11.00 AM on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 followed by a theme session. In inauguration session the Chief Guest was Dr. Vishal Kumar, IAS, the District Magistrate and Collector of West Tripura District, Special Guest was Dr. Vandana Sinha, Assistant Professor, SIPARD.

**The theme was on “Climate Change: From Awareness to Action”.** The Resource Persons for theme session were- - Sri. Sarat Kumar Das, Sr. Consultant & SPO Dept. of Revenue, Govt of Tripura, Dr. Bishu Karmakar, Member Secretary, Tripura State Pollution Board, Dr. Rajib Malakar, Assistant Professor, SIPARD



36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura

The **Bussiness session** was started at 2.30 pm after the lunch break. Executive Committee was reformed for 2024-2026. The General Body also expressed their gratitude towards the outgoing Executive Committee Members for their valuable contribution during their tenure.

Evaluation, Monitoring & Development Committee (EMDC) of VHAT was also reconstructed at the same time for next two years. The Business session of 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was ended with Vote of Thanks and declaration of closing by Mrs Sikha Saha Das, Chairperson of the AGM and outgoing President of VHAT.

## ■ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), with the support from NABARD, organized the International Women's Day celebration on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 at Agartala Press Club. And on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, at Panchayat Raj Training Institute (PRTI), Ambassa, Dhalai district of Tripura. Both the events brought together SHG members, individual women entrepreneurs, JSS women trainees (in case of Ambassa), and other women participants to celebrate women's empowerment and discuss opportunities for development. Total Participants in Agartala were 78 women & in Ambassa were 88 women & men.

Chief Guest in Agartala was Mr. Anil Kotmire, General Manager of NABARD, and Mr. Amit Das, DDM Dhalai District in Ambassa. Mr. Anil Kotmire delivered the welcome speech, extending warm greetings to all attendees. He emphasized the significance of celebrating International Women's Day and acknowledged the valuable contributions of women to society.

Ms. Megha Jain, ADM West Tripura, shared an inspiring story of a woman entrepreneur from North Tripura who started a small business with minimal investment and, through perseverance and support from bank loans, successfully expanded her enterprise. She encouraged women to strive for financial independence and maintain high standards in their work.





As part of the celebration, outstanding individuals were felicitated for their remarkable contributions in various fields. Each awardee was recognized for their dedication, skill, and perseverance.

## ■ MAPPING OF MICRO, SMALL, MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSME)

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), with support from Cognolabs, Hyderabad, undertook a detailed survey *from January 2025-March 2025*, to assess the current state of MSMEs, skill training institutes, and the perspectives of high-ranking officials involved in the sector. The objective was to identify gaps, opportunities, and areas for strategic intervention that could drive sustainable economic growth in Tripura. Findings of the survey were stated below:

**1. Mapping the MSME Sector-** The survey covered eight districts of Tripura, aiming to assess and document the presence of MSMEs in each region, their production, skill required in present and future.

*Targeted MSMEs: 674, achieved MSMEs: 662.* With an achievement rate of **98.22%**, the mapping exercise successfully provided a near-complete picture of MSME activity in the state.

### **2. Evaluating Skill Development Institutes**

Skill training institutes serve as the backbone for workforce readiness and entrepreneurship support. The survey set out to analyze their distribution and effectiveness. *Targeted Institutes: 170, Mapped Institutes: 125*



**Pashchim Halflong, Tripura-799254**



**Sonatala, Tripura-799207**



**Teliamura, Tripura-799205**



**Agartala, Milanchakra, Tripura-799003**



### **3. In-Depth Analysis of MSME & Skill Ecosystem**

Beyond basic mapping, the study also included in depth analysis, involving qualitative assessments and interviews. For this target was 45 Officials & achievement was 12.

This deeper investigation provided valuable insights into key challenges faced by both MSMEs and skill training institutes, shedding light on policy gaps, infrastructure needs, and financial constraints.

The findings of this survey underscore the importance of targeted interventions in the MSME and skill development sectors. While Tripura has made commendable progress in fostering entrepreneurship and skill enhancement, several areas require further attention. Bridging infrastructure gaps, improving access to finance, and strengthening market linkages are critical to empowering the MSME ecosystem.

## **☐ CELEBRATION OF RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS**

In observance of “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas”, the NIOS Study Centre (AVI- 70001) of VHAT organized a special ceremony on 30th October 2024, with staff & 100 children Anwesha Home to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the Iron Man of India and a symbol of national unity. The event aimed to inspire students and staff with the values of unity, integrity, and patriotism. The ceremony began with an introduction to “**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**” and a brief overview of Sardar Patel’s significant role in unifying India. All attendees participated in the “**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**” Pledge. Students, faculty, and staff stood together to take the solemn pledge to uphold the unity, integrity, and security of the nation. Reciting the pledge aloud, the participants reaffirmed their commitment to preserving the nation’s diversity and working toward the progress of a united India.

The event served as a reminder of the role each citizen plays in building a unified and stronger India, embodying the legacy of Sardar Patel.



### **RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS PLEDGE**

**I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.**

## **☐ INTERNATIONAL BIO-DIVERSITY DAY 2024**

Voluntary health Association of Tripura, observed the ‘International Day of Biological Diversity -2024’ on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 with the support of Tripura Biodiversity Board, Agartala. The event was focused on combating invasive species (Parthenium plant) and raising awareness about biodiversity. Fifty volunteers, including VHAT staff, students, local residents, environmental activists and Government Officials participated in the weed removal process from Pandit Nehru Complex & Park.

Awareness campaign was also done through street corner meeting in the side of Nehru Park, to educate the public on the significance of biodiversity, the dangers of invasive species and the role of community action in environmental conservation. The initiative successfully created the targeted areas, allowing for the re-establishing of native species and reducing the allergenic impact of Parthenium on local community.



## ❑ **E-VEHICLE SURVEY : SURVEY OF ELECTRIC THREE WHEELER VEHICLES FOR FACILITATING ITS INCREASED ADOPTION IN INDIA**

The survey was done in collaboration with Barefoot Trust of Shillong, Meghalaya for the purpose to analyze the consumer perspective of electric 3 wheelers for facilitating its increased adoption in India.

**Area of the Survey:** Agartala Municipal Corporation Area, Nagerjala motor stand, Radhanagar motor stand, GB Bazar Stand, Chandrapur ISBT.

### **Activities done during this Survey:**

- ❖ Eight category surveys have done for the Petrol 3 wheelers, CNG 3 wheelers & Electric 3 wheelers.
- ❖ Total 30 sample survey was conducted in the 4 locations of Agartala Municipal Corporation.
- ❖ Cost analysis was done for all the 3 types of vehicles.



### **Outcome of this Survey:**

- ❖ Majority owners of the petrol & CNG 3 wheelers were very much interested.
- ❖ They suggested for the route permit of the Electric 3 wheelers to adopt it widely.
- ❖ It was cost effective, but without route permit it was very tough to control the E-vehicle registration & huge traffic jam was happening at Agartala due to E-vehicles.

## ❑ **NCPCR STUDY**

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) a statutory body constituted under section (3) of CPCR Act, 2005 and working under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. This body has the mandate to ensure that all laws, policies, programs, and administrative mechanisms are in consonance with the Child rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Children.

As part of overall well-being of children in India, NCPCR has initiated this significant study titled **"To Assess the Implementation of Duties of Teachers and Redressal of Grievances, Pupil-Teacher Ratio and Implementation of Section 28 that Prohibits Teachers from Taking Private Tutions."**

This study is designed to comprehensively evaluate various aspects of the education system, with a focus on teacher performance, grievance resolution mechanisms, Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) compliance, and the enforcement of Section 28 of the RTE Act, 2009. This study was conducted by VHAT with support from Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP), a reputable research organization.

The research involved six primary stakeholders: Students, Parents, Teachers, Principals, School Management Committee/ PTA and Govt. Officers.



### Area of the study:

To ensure the successful completion of this vital research endeavor, VHAT has been engaged for Tripura (West Tripura and Gomati District) and Arunachal Pradesh (Namsai and Chanlang District) for schools and related FGD.

### Activities done during this study:

- ❖ Six category of survey was done- 1 for students, 1 for parents, 1 for teachers, 1 for principal, 1 for the SMC members & another for the DEO & BEOs.
- ❖ The study was conducted in 2 districts of Tripura & 2 districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The study covers 25 schools in each district- in Tripura 50 Schools & in Arunachal Pradesh 50 schools.
- ❖ Every school covered the survey of 4 students, 4 teachers, 4 parents, 1 principal & 1 SMC member.
- ❖ The study has also covers 8 BEOs, 4 DEOs & 3 FGDs in Tripura & Arunachal Pradesh.

## ☐ FLOOD RELIEF RESPONSE BY VHAT

In August 2024, Tripura experienced a devastating flood, affecting several districts, with South Tripura, Gomati, and Khowai being among the worst hit. In response, the VHAT stepped in to support flood-affected families across the state.

In South Tripura District, VHAT distributed 500 dry ration kits in the following areas: Lawgang, West Charakbai, Kusharghat, Amzadnagar, and Baishnabpur. Similarly, in Sepahijala District, we reached 300 affected families in Rangamura, Grantoli, and East Durlabnarayan.



**In Mohanbhog**



**In Lowgang Panchayat**

In addition to food support, VHAT also provided shelter kits to 150 families in Kalyanpur Block of Khowai District, 100 families each in Nalchar and Mohanbhog Blocks of Sepahijala District. These relief efforts were generously supported by Donate Cart, our donor partner for this intervention. Beneficiary selection was based on vulnerability, level of flood impact, and verification through field visits and consultation with local panchayats.

In collaboration with Goonj, VHAT also extended relief to 900 families in Gomati District, particularly in the Udaipur Subdivision. The areas covered included Amtali, Hadra, Garjanmura, Jamjuri, Khil Para, Rajdhar Nagar and Udaipur Municipal area. These families received dry ration kits and some shelter materials.

Through these coordinated efforts, VHAT remained committed to providing timely and meaningful support to families in distress.



# REPORT OF MONITORING, EVALUATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EMDC) OF VHAT FOR 2024 – 2025

The EMDC of VHAT was operating under the leadership of Chairperson Mrs. Sikha Saha ,along with other five members. **Main purposes of EMDC -**

- ♠ Strengthening the accountability to the support agencies and the beneficiaries.
- ♠ Allocation of expenditure as per activities.
- ♠ Improvement of performances by strictly adhering to the timeline
- ♠ Find out the gaps in implementation and correcting these.
- ♠ Measuring impact of the performances with key evidences.

This committee had meetings with project staff on regular basis, either in project sites or in the main office during monthly meetings, and half yearly evaluation meeting. They had-

- ▣ Interaction with staff, community and direct beneficiaries
- ▣ combined half yearly and year end meetings with core project staff
- ▣ Verification of project reports submitted by the Project Managers /Coordinators

## **Observation and findings:**

### ***Health promotion-***

- In Tobacco Control project , VHAT worked in strong collaboration with State Tobacco Control Cell and District Administration of all eight districts.
- After taking feedback from the participants and the associated Experts , it was strongly felt that activities for Raising awareness on ‘Risk Management and Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance’ should be continued.
- This year , emphasis was given on the Elderly Care through organizing Health Camps which should be given more importance in the coming years.

### ***Education promotion-***

- This year Ratanmani Vidyalay completed 31 years of its glorious existence in providing quality primary education to tribal children of poor tribal families.
- VHAT should take more efforts to increase number of candidates for NIOS courses which were run centrally at Agartala.

### ***Child care & protection-***

- Care & other services in the CCIs were as per the guidelines of Mission Vatsalya. CCI staff attended many trainings in and out of the state to enhanced their skill and quality.
- Family based alternative care for the integrated children was extended to Sepahijala district.

### ***Welfare of PwDs (Divyangjans)--***

- All the scheduled activities under SNAC were completed
- With support from Social Welfare and Social Education Department VHAT could successfully run the Half Way Home for 50 cured mentally ill persons. The Modern Psychiatry Hospital extended all the help in health check up of the inmates.
- VHAT had few collaborative works with Shishu Sarothi and Blind Peoples Association & Torchit of Gujrat.

### ***Livelihood and skill development --***

- JSS Dhalai project fulfilled the targeted activities.
- Integrated Tribal Development project in Kanchanpur was completed this year . New TDF project initiated in Kalyanpur , Khowai district.
- Pig rearing project in North Tripura was initiated with support from Azim Premji Foundation.

***Shelter Houses for urban homeless*** extended to four districts.

### ***Challenges-***

- On time release of the grants was a problem.

### ***Recommendations-***

- Engagement of technical staff (IT)
- Some of the core staff should be equipped for using more and more modern information technology for better monitoring and documentation of activities keeping space with the current time.
- More emphasis should be given for developing the competent second line leadership for the organization at least for sustained projects.

# TRAININGS /WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS ATTENDED BY WHAT MEMBERS & STAFFS IN 2024-25

Trainings/Workshops / Meetings	Date of the Event	Participated by
Seed Systems for Traditional Varieties for Sustainable & Resilient Agriculture.	17-18 April 2024	Gitanshu Das HiranmoniReang
Annual General Meeting of RCRC at New Delhi	3-4 May 2024	Dr. SujitGhosh
Impact of Climate Change on Women & Children Across Agro-ecological zones in India organized by M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Guwahati	21-05-2024	Dr. Sreelekha Ray
Child Trafficking, organized by NCPCR & Department of SW&SE Government of Tripura, at PragnaBhavan, Agartala,	21-05-2024	Anwesha Ray, Jayanti Deb, PrasenjitChakraborty
District Management Team of District Disability Rehabilitation Center (DDRC) West District, DM & Collector's Conference Hall, Agartala	21-05-2024	JyotirmoyMajumder
Preventing & Combating Child Trafficking, in collab with TCPCR & District Admin., DM & Collector Conference Hall, Sepahijala Tripura	12-06-2024	JoydeepBhusan Ranabir Das
Preventing & Combating Child Trafficking organized by NCPCR, in collaboration with TCPCR & District Administration, DM & Collector Conference Hall, Khowai Tripura	15-06-2024	Sajal Deb
Model Consultation with respect to Person U/S 39 POCSO Act 2012, organized by NCPCR in collaboration with TCPCR, held at Pragna Bhavan	21-06-2024	Keya Bhowmik, TanusreeDey, Sangamitra Kar. Ranabir Das, PrasenjitChakraborty
District level Exhibition /Model Display Competition on Affordable and Sustainable Lifestyle in Greener Tripura at M.T.B H.S School, Agartala, organized by District Education Office, West Tripura	3-07-2024	JyotirmoyMajumder
North East CSR Connect 2024 organized by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Indian Habitat Center, New Delhi	3-4 July 2024	Dr. Sujit Ghosh, JoydeepBhusan
Meeting on Mission Shakti & Mission Vatsalya under the Chairmanship of DM & Collector, DM & Collector Conference Hall, Sepahijala Tripura	12-07-2024	JoydeepBhusan Ranabir Das
Foundation Day of NABARD, Polo Tower, Agartala	12-07-2024	Dr. SujitGhosh, Priyatosh Pal
North-East Regional Round Table Discussion on Community Stewardship on PES Market, organized by Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) at Guwahati	19-07-2024	Dr. SujitGhosh
Legal Aid Layering held at National Law University, Tripura	20-07-2024	JyotirmoyMajumder, PrasenjitChakraborty
Campaign, Advocacy & Networking (Northeast Regional Capacity Building Workshop), organized by Campaign against Child Rights(CACL) at DonBosco Institute, Guwahati, Assam.	25-26 July 2024	JoydeepBhusan, Alivia Naha
Planning & Priorities of Tobacco Control in India organized by Vital Strategies, NewDelhi, India	25-07-2024	Dr. SujitGhosh
Community Radio Awareness Program, by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India at Hotel Parkline, Agartala	29-30August 2024	JyotirmoyMajumder. PrasenjitChakraborty
Regional Dialogue and Exchange Patterns of Climate Change and Gendered Vulnerability organized by North East Network (NEN) at Hotel Atithi, Guwahati	10-11 Sept 2024	Dr. Sreelekha Ray(As a Penalist)
Provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children Act 2015 with its Model Amendment rules 2022) organized by NCPCR in collaboration with TCPCR, at Bhagat Singh Conference Hall, Agartala	03-10-2024	JoydeepBhusan, JayantiDey, PrasenjitChakraborty, TanusreeDey
Prevalence of HIV/AIDS amongst Children & Preventive Strategies in Tripura, organized by NCPCR in collaboration with TCPCR at PragnaBhavan, Agartala	15-10-2024	JoydeepBhusan, PrasenjitChakraborty, JayantiDeb, TanusreeDey
Sanjha Meet organized by GoonjBosco Reach out, Guwahati	11-12 Nov 2024	Mridul Paul
Local Action for Advancing SRH in North-East organized by PRERANA at Guwahati	12-14 November 2024	Dr. Sreelekha Ray, JoydeepBhusan
North-East Convention on Skilling Education & Entrepreneurship organized by AISECT	18-19 Nov 2024	Mridul Paul
Annual Partners meeting organized by Vital Strategies at Kochi	16-18 Nov 2024	Dr. SujitGhosh



Local Level Community Meeting of National Trust for Legal Guardianship at DM Office, Unakoti Tripura	12-11-2024	JyotirmoyMajumder
District Level Committee Meeting on NeshaMukt Bharat at DM & Collector, Conference Hall, West Tripura	14-11-2024	Dr. SujitGhosh
District Level Committee Meeting on NeshaMukt Bharat at DM & Collector, Conference Hall, Gomati Tripura	19-11-2024	ChottanMajumder
National Children Consultation on ending violence against children with special focus on SAIEVAC themes, organized by NACGEVAC India held at Guwahati	27-28 Nov 2024	Alivia Naha, Sania Sultana
District Level Committee Meeting on NeshaMukt Bharat at DM & Collector, Conference Hall, South Tripura	02-12-2024	ChottanMajumder
State Level Seminar on Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, at Tripura Judicial Academy, Narsingarh, Agartala	08-12-2024	JayantiDey, Alivia Naha, Ranabir Das
National Consultation on Shaping the Vision and Plan for the Childline Network, organized in Delhi	11-12 Dec 2024	Dr. Sreelekha Ray
Two days Consultation on the Beijing +30 review for the North East region on 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Guwahati, Assam	19-20 Dec 2024	Dr. Sreelekha Ray
Gramin Bharat Mahotsav at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organized by Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India & NABARD	05-01-2025	Priyatosh Pal
SwarajSambad organized by Climate Rise Alliance and VAAGDHARAheld at Indian Habitat Center, New Delhi	7-9Jan 2025	Dr. SujitGhosh
Women Welfare Conclave with NGO's for Impactful Changes held at PragnaBhavan organized by Social welfare & Social Education	11-01-2025	TanusreeDey, RinkiBhowmik
North East Agro-Ecological Conference organized by Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Guwahati	23-24 Jan 2025	Dr. SujitGhosh
Direct Trainers Skill (DTS) conducted by DoPT, Govt. of India, at SIPARD	27-31 Jan, 2025	RinkiBhowmik
Design of Training (DoT) conducted by DoPT, Govt. of India, at SIPARD	11-15Feb 2025	RinkiBhowmik
First National Family Summit organized by Miracle Foundation India held at India Habitat Center, New Delhi	13-14Feb 2025	Dr. Sreelekha Ray
Regional Consultation on Strengthening Access to Rights and Services for Persons with Disabilities in North East India	28-02-2025	Dr. Sreelekha Ray
Proposal Writing & Grant Management, IIT Guwahati organized by CLEAN Energy Access Network	10-11 March 2025	JoydeepBhusan
Raise Revisited at Bosco Reach out, Guwahati	20-2 March 2025	JyotirmoyMajumder
Mission Vatsalya Portal, organized by Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Govt of India in collaboration with Dept. of Social Welfare, Assam at NIPCCD Regional Center, Guwahati	21-22 March 2025	Alivia Naha



**In North-Eastern Regional Capacity Building Workshop – 2024, on 25th & 26th July 2024, at Don Bosco Institute of Management, Joypur, Kharghuli Hills, Guwahati, Assam**



**Sports Festival in Anwesha Home**

# ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF 2024-2025

The following tables were filled in based on duly audited accounts of VHAT for the financial year  
ending on 31st March 2025

## 1. BALANCE SHEET

All figures are Rs. in Lacs		
Assets as on	03/31/2024	03/31/2025
Fixed Assets	243.60	319.16
Investments	195.80	240.07
Loans & Advances	0.00	0.00
Cash and Bank balances	103.26	328.14
Other Current Assets,	12.11	3.01
Excess of expenditure over income (if any)	0.00	1.22
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>554.78</b>	<b>891.61</b>
All figures are Rs. In Lacs		
Liabilities as on	03/31/2024	03/31/2025
Trust/Society/Share-holder funds	0.00	0.00
General Fund (unrestricted fund)	299.74	318.31
Corpus and endowment fund (s)	0.03	0.03
Restricted/Earmarked funds	310.05	550.30
Grant balances	-85.52	20.37
Loans and borrowings	0.00	0.00
Current Liabilities and provisions	11.03	2.60
Excess of income over expenditure (if any)	19.46	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>554.78</b>	<b>891.61</b>

## 2.INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

All figures are Rs. in Lacs		
Income for the year ended on	03/31/2024	03/31/2025
Self generated income	20.96	18.31
Donations from Indian sources	18.24	6.33
Grants from Indian sources	291.47	406.40
Donations from International sources	0.00	0.00
Grants from International sources	102.15	58.69
Other Income	19.20	39.06
Excess of expenditure over income (if any)	0.00	1.22
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>452.01</b>	<b>530.00</b>
All figures are Rs. in Lacs		
Expenditure for the year ended on	03/31/2024	03/31/2025
Programme	393.25	480.71
Pubilic education and fundraising	6.51	9.49
Management and administration	18.29	21.59
Payments to Beneficiaries	0.20	0.00
Other expenses	14.31	18.21
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>432.56</b>	<b>530.00</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>19.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>452.01</b>	<b>530.00</b>



### 3. RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

All figures are Rs. in Lacs		
Receipts for the year ended on	03/31/2024	03/31/2025
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	190.04	103.83
Self generated income	10.27	18.31
Donations from Indian sources	17.46	6.33
Grants from Indian sources	235.74	608.97
Donations from International sources	0.00	0.00
Grants from International sources	88.23	58.69
Sale of investment /assets	20.47	0.00
Loans	0.00	0.00
Other receipts	20.14	179.97
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>582.35</b>	<b>976.09</b>
All figures are Rs. in Lac		
Payment for the year ended on	03/31/2024	03/31/2025
Capital items / assets purchased for the organisation	0.70	3.47
Capital items / assets purchased for the beneficiaries	35.73	0.00
Purchase of investment	16.00	30.00
Grants / Donations to other Organisations	0.00	0.00
Loans and advances	0.00	0.00
Other payments	416.31	614.48
Total Payments	468.74	647.95
Closing Cash and Bank Balance	113.61	328.14
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>582.35</b>	<b>976.09</b>

4. Major Projects/ Donors of the year (2024-2025)	Expenditure (Rs.)
1) CCI, Dept. of SW & SE, GoT	2,10,08,068.00
2) Bi The Union Tobacco Control Project (FCRA)	2,99,514.00
3) GIVE India Foundation	79,162.00
4) The Miracle Foundation (FCRA)	24,67,880.00
5) EDP Skill Training & MSME Survey, Cognolabs	16,27,470.00
6) Tribal Development Fund NABARD	49,24,455.00
7) Livelihood Promotion through Pig Rearing, APF	38,09,663.00
8) Madhupur Rural Hut, NABARD	12,20,300.00
9) Tribal Welfare Department, GoT	26,64,000.00
10) Shantineer Half Way Home, SW & SE, GoT	51,09,020.00
11) PREVENT it (Erasmus)	81,812.00
12) The American Indian Foundation, PRERANA (FCRA)	3,90,327.00
13) Vital Strategies Tobacco Control Project (FCRA)	30,70,870.00
14) Shelter House for Urban Homeless /TULM	13,50,000.00
<b>TOTAL (Rs.)</b>	<b>4,81,02,541.00</b>

The distribution of staff according to salary levels as on 31-03-2025-Slab of gross salary plus benefits (Rs. Per month)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	3	11	14
5000-10000	23	22	45
10000-25000	36	19	55
25000-50000	08	04	12
50000-100000	01	00	01
Greater than 100000	00	00	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>127</b>

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- ☐ Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India.
- ☐ Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Govt. of India
- ☐ Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India
- ☐ Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education, Govt. of Tripura.
- ☐ The Miracle Foundation.
- ☐ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Govt. of India.
- ☐ Vital Strategies
- ☐ Responsible Coalition for Resilient Communities (RCRC)
- ☐ North East Together (NET)
- ☐ Tripura Urban Livelihood Mission (TULM)
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- ☐ Goonj
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- ☐ District Administration - West, Sepahijala, Khowai, South , Gomati , Dhalai, Unokoti & North Tripura.
- ☐ Print and Electronic Media
  - ☐ All local Individual Donors.
  - ☐ VHAT Board Members.
  - ☐ VHAT Members.
  - ☐ VHAT Staffs and Volunteers.