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**Empowerment of Resource Persons for Tribal Skilling Centre Project**



**Meeting on Advancing Tobacco Vendor Licensing under Tobacco Control Project**

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# PREFACE

The journey of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) since its humble beginning in 1988 by a few passionate individuals, reached at present to a state of vibrant well known entity.

It has completed its 38<sup>th</sup> year of existence with a remarkable confidence and established itself as an organization committed towards welfare and empowerment of underprivileged & marginalized section of the society. VHAT has worked with multiple stakeholders, government bodies, private sectors, international and national support agencies, individuals and multilateral organizations.

As a Civil Society Organization, VHAT has been facing some challenges which includes - **Geographical location:** Tripura's hilly terrain and distance from major metropolitan hubs create logistical hurdles. Transporting goods and reaching remote, marginalized communities, multi-lingual rural population in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) can be prohibitively expensive and time-consuming, hindering last-mile delivery of services.

**Funding & Financial Constraints:** There is a severe scarcity of local corporate or philanthropic funding within the state. Organizations are highly dependent on external grants or government support. There is shortage of **trained, professional staff** for the social sector. Low remuneration and the lack of a robust nonprofit ecosystem to learn from make it difficult to attract and retain skilled personnel.

Despite of the challenges, VHAT could overcome most of them due to dedicated members of our work-team and could maintain its vibrant growth & expansion of the services throughout Tripura in the year 2025-2026. In health, education, care & protection of children, welfare activities for Persons with Disabilities, livelihood and skill development among Tribal population and some other miscellaneous services in various sectors of development has expanded throughout this year. This Annual Report is the glimpses of the activities performed in whole year.

We like to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to all the Support Agencies, State Government, the Ministries under Government of India and Individual Donors across the globe to support, encourage and promote our endeavours to serve the people in need. We sincerely appreciate the guidance received from Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, support from RCRC, NABARD, Community Action Collab (CAC), Health & Family Welfare, Social Welfare & Social Education, and Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tripura. We expressed our gratitude to the Print and Electronic Media for covering our activities and helping to reach to the people of Tripura.

We are thankful to all the Member Organizations, Individual Members, all the staff and all Executive Committee Members for their sincere efforts and supports.

Our future goal is to continue contributing to sustainable development through our programmes and initiatives, with a strong focus on reaching the most vulnerable and underserved sections of society. Although securing new funding partners and sponsors is becoming increasingly challenging, we remain optimistic about expanding our network of supporters and strengthening our efforts. We look forward to achieving greater milestones in the years ahead and making a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of disadvantaged communities.

**Dr.Sreelekha Ray**

**President**

**Voluntary Health Association of Tripura**

**Dr. Sujit Ghosh**

**Executive Director**

**Voluntary Health Association of Tripura**

# 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:**

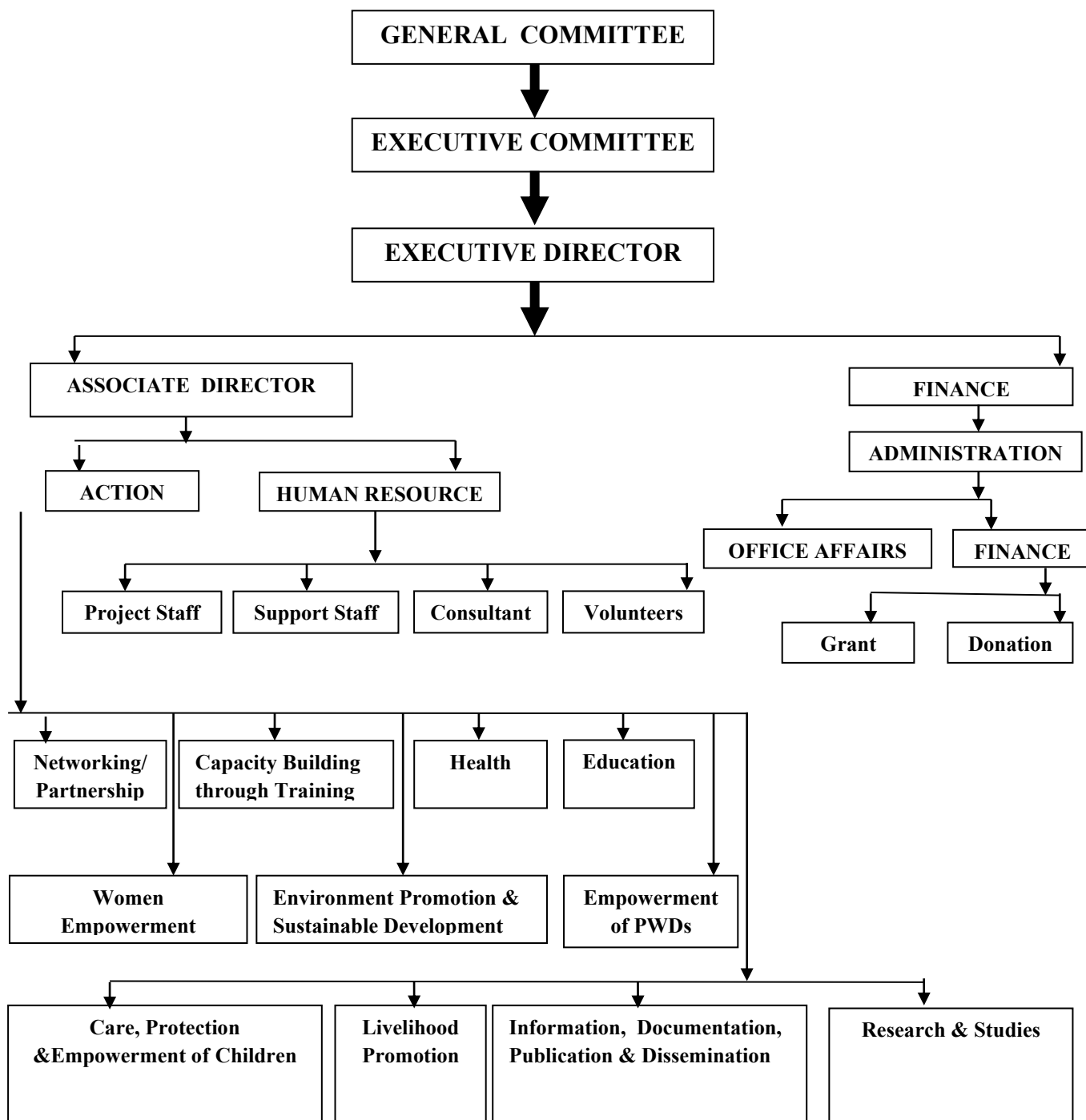
- Promotion of preventive & curative health service with priority to the less privileged section of the Society.
- Promotion of health, environment, gender issue, rights of children, women & PWDs, through IEC and technical support.
- Socio-economic empowerment of the women of the weaker sections and 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 MEMBERS OF VHAT(2025-26)

|    | Name                    | Address                                                                                             | Gender | Position in Executive Committee        |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | Dr.Sreelekha Ray        | Ashram Chowmohani, PO:Agartala College, Agartala, Tripura-799004.Cell-9436129317                    | F      | President                              |
| 2  | Md. Mokbul Ali          | S/O-Late Hazi Mahamud Ali Babur Bazar, Kailashahar, Unakoty District, Tripura,Cell No: 8798423485   | M      | Vice President                         |
| 3  | Ms. Banarani Choudhury  | W/O:Mr. Rana Kumar Das, Usha Bazar Shanitala, PO: Airport-799009, Agartala, Tripura,Cell-9485146168 | F      | Secretary                              |
| 4  | Mr. Benudhar Acharya    | S/O Late Bhupesh Chandra Acharya, PO-Khowai, Khowai Tripura Pin- 799201 Cell no -9436540591         | M      | Assistant Secretary                    |
| 5  | Mr. Hari Bhushan Das    | S/O- Late Ramesh Ch. Das PO-R.K.Pur, Chanban, Udaipur, Gumati District, Tripura,M: 9862188952       | M      | Treasurer                              |
| 6  | Mr.Partha Sakha Debnath | P.O-Dhaleshwar, Road No.1 Agartala,Tripura                                                          | M      | Member                                 |
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| 8  | Mr.Ajit Pal             | PO: Kadamtala, PIN:799261,Churaibari, North Tripura District                                        | M      | Member                                 |
| 9  | Mr.Meghnad Debnath      | S/O- Late,Hiralal Debnath , Nalgaria, Ranirbazar, Majlishpur, West Tripura                          | M      | Member                                 |
| 10 | Mr.Asit Chakraborty     | S/O-Narayan Chakraborty, Shibpur,Krishnanagar, Belonia, South Tripura,                              | M      | Member                                 |
| 11 | Dr.Sujit Ghosh          | PO: Agartala College, PIN: 799004, Ward No-24(AMC) , Agartala                                       | M      | Executive Director (Ex-Officio Member) |

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# MEMBERS OF VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA

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**Network of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) is important , because it can transforms fragmented, individual efforts into a collective force, improving service delivery, and strengthening accountability. By collaborating, CSOs can pool resources, share knowledge, and influence policy more effectively than they can in isolation. Networking allows local organizations to scale up their impact, covering broader areas and serving more vulnerable communities (women, youth, and marginalized groups).**

# 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 CBOs /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 , raising awareness about ‘Climate Change’, its impacts & mitigation process.

**Health impacts of climate change: -Climate change poses a severe, multifaceted threat to human health, causing increased deaths from heat waves, floods, and storms. It drives the spread of infectious diseases (malaria, dengue), reduces food and water security causing malnutrition, and worsens cardiovascular/respiratory diseases. Vulnerable populations, including the elderly and low-income communities, face the highest risks.(WHO)**

# HEALTH – PROMOTION

## ❖ Tobacco Control Project



## ❖ Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) – Dhalai



Free treatment by VHAT Mobile Medical Unit in a remote area of Dhalai District of Tripura

## ❖ Aarohan (Targeted Intervention) Project- Khowai



Meeting for preparation of Advocacy and Implementation Plan to combat the HIV transmission in targeted project area in Khowai District

## ❖ ASHA Training under Project Prerana



ASHA Training

## ❖ ICMR Study



Field Data Collection for ICMR Study

# VHAT -TOBACCO CONTROL PROJECT

## Introduction:

Tobacco control is a pressing need in Tripura, where tobacco use has become deeply rooted in daily life and culture. As highlighted by the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2, 2016-17), 64.5% of all adults in Tripura consumed tobacco in either smoked or smokeless form, making Tripura one of the highest-prevalence states in the country. This widespread use is not just a health issue but a growing social and economic concern, contributing to rising cases of cancer, heart disease, and respiratory illnesses, while also placing a heavy financial burden on families and the healthcare system.

The National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) has been introduced across all eight districts of Tripura. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been working in all eight districts of in close collaboration the state through its Tobacco Control Project.

## Objectives of the project:

- To orient stakeholders at various levels on tobacco control policies, legal provisions, and their respective roles and responsibilities.
- To build the capacity of district-level law enforcement officials for effective implementation of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.
- To conduct meetings and orientation sessions with officials at different levels to promote tobacco-free premises and strengthen participation in District Level Coordination Committees (DLCC).
- To support Panchayati Raj Institutions in creating an enabling ecosystem for tobacco-free villages.
- To strengthen the capacity of Urban Local Bodies officials for effective regulation, including vendor licensing.
- To establish an “Alliance for Tobacco-Free Tripura” through active engagement of stakeholders and senior anti-tobacco officials to ensure coordinated and sustained action across the state.

## Key activities conducted during the financial year of 2025-26:

■ One-day district-level stakeholder orientation workshop organized on 22nd April 2025 in North Tripura under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate & Collector, which was attended by officials from various line departments, representatives of CSOs/NGOs, and women’s group leaders. Objectives were to create a tobacco-free ecosystem, enhance understanding of the harmful effects of tobacco on society, and promote collective action to safeguard future generations.

■ One **State-Level Multi-Sectoral Workshop** in collaboration with the National Law University, Tripura at Agartala which was inaugurated by the Honourable Chief of Whip, Tripura Legislative Assembly. Distinguished dignitaries included Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh and Dr. Abhijit Das, State Programme Officer, NTCP, Tripura, Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President of VHA Tripura. Shri Deepak Mishraji from SEEDs was the main resource person besides Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Pratap Singh, Vice Chancellor of National Law University, Tripura. Participants were from various line departments .

■ **World No Tobacco Day 2025** was observed through a series of activities carried out across four districts of Tripura, culminating in a state-level rally & workshop on 31st May 2025. The initiatives primarily engaged women SHG members, college and school students, creating a platform for meaningful dialogue on tobacco control. The observance also featured a range of participatory activities designed to maximize outreach and community involvement.

■ **State-Level Media Sensitization** Programme was organized on 30th June 2025 in Agartala Press Club , in collaboration with the Tripura Journalists Association and National Health Mission, Tripura. It was witnessed active participation from both print and electronic media professionals, creating a dynamic forum for dialogue and knowledge exchange. Discussions focused on strengthening the role of media in generating mass awareness on tobacco control across Tripura, with emphasis on responsible reporting, effective public health communication, and community engagement. The programme was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Arup Deb, Joint Mission Director, NHM, and Pranab Sarkar, President of the Agartala Press Club.



**National Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0 in Tripura University inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Tinku Roy on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 . MD-NHM and other respected dignitaries were present with VHAT team**

■ District-Level Law Enforcers' Training on COTPA 2003, was organized in Gomati on 11th July 2025 and in Unakoti on 12th August 2025, in collaboration with the respective district administrations. Active participation by senior officials and key representatives, created a platform for in-depth discussions and capacity building. During the event several important decisions were taken place , including the reconstitution of enforcement squads, initiation of regular enforcement drives, and the inclusion of stakeholders beyond the government system to ensure a more coordinated and effective approach towards tobacco control.

■ An important meeting of **Alliance for Tobacco Free Tripura** organized in Conference Hall of National Health Mission (NHM), Tripura, under the chairmanship of the Mission Director, NHM Tripura on 12-09-2025 , in collaboration with National Health Mission (NHM), Tripura. Few decisions were taken in the meeting to support the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) for Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) implementation , quarterly meetings of alliance, development of a comprehensive communication strategy for public awareness, support for Tobacco Free Models to motivate others, special drive for Tobacco Free Educational Institutions.

■ A State-Level Meeting on Advancing Tobacco Vendor Licensing was organized on 22nd December 2025 at Agartala in collaboration with the Department of Urban Development. The meeting aimed to sensitize officials of Urban Local Bodies on the importance of vendor licensing as an effective measure for tobacco control. The main resource person was Dr. Amit Yadav, Deputy Director – Tobacco Control at Vital Strategies, New Delhi, who highlighted the burden of tobacco use in India with special reference to Tripura.

■ A city-level meeting was held on 18th March in Conference Hall of the Udaipur Municipal Council in Udaipur (Gomati district) under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Municipal Council. It brought together key stakeholders to deliberate on the implementation of tobacco vendor licensing. It served as a platform to discuss regulatory provisions, clarified procedures, and highlighted the importance of vendor licensing as an effective tobacco control measure. The interaction encouraged a significant step towards regulating tobacco sales and promoting a healthier, tobacco-free urban environment

#### **Key achievement:**

- VHAT initiated the formation of an “Alliance for Tobacco-Free Tripura,” bringing together key personalities from various departments and agencies across Tripura. This initiative aims to create a coordinated and enabling ecosystem to address tobacco-related issues and advance the vision of a tobacco-free state through collective action and shared responsibility.
- In collaboration with Panchayati Raj Institutions, focused efforts were undertaken to promote tobacco-free villages, particularly in Sepahijala district. These initiatives emphasize community engagement and local governance as critical drives in addressing tobacco use, which remains a major public health concern.

- Introduction of tobacco vendor licensing in Tripura was initiated during the financial year 2025–26, starting with the Udaipur Municipal Council. This marked a significant step towards regulating the sale of tobacco products and strengthening enforcement mechanisms at the urban local body level.
- We have successfully implemented the National Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign across Tripura state in collaboration with the State Tobacco Control Cell and Tripura University. The campaign actively engaged young population, raising awareness and fostering youth-led advocacy for tobacco control.
- VHAT has been actively participating in District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meetings on tobacco control across key districts, including Gomati, West Tripura, and South Tripura. These engagements have strengthened inter-departmental coordination, facilitated regular review of tobacco control activities, and supported more effective implementation at the district level.
- Collaborative actions have also been undertaken in alignment with the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, integrating tobacco control efforts within the broader framework of substance abuse prevention. This convergence approach has helped amplify outreach, enhance community awareness, and promote a unified response towards reducing addiction and fostering healthier communities.



**MD, NHM-Shri Saju Vaheed A, IAS, addressing the participants in the meeting under Tobacco Control Project on 12 September, 2025**

#### **Notifications issued by various departments of Tripura State Government:-**

- Tobacco Free Village across all Gram panchayats and Village Committees under its jurisdiction of Charilam RD Block, Sepahijala District. Issued on 28-11-2025 by the Block Development Officer under Chairmanship of Charilam Panchayat Samiti, Charilam Block, Sepahijala district.
- Promoting Tobacco Vendor Licensing, issued by Dy. Chief Executive Officer, Udaipur Municipal Council on 16-03-2026, Gomati District and West District on 15-12-2025.
- Notification for District Level Coordination Committee Meetings where VHAT was a member. Gomati District- on 22-05-2025, North Tripura District- 24-10-2025 & Khowai District- 21-11-2025
- Tobacco Free Educational Schools, issued by District Education Officers- Khowai District- 24-11-2025 & North District- 15-12-2025

**Protect tomorrow: stop the addiction today. Raise your voice and make a Tobacco-free life. Life is worth more than any cigarette.**

# MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT (MMU) PROJECT

## Project Overview:

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura initiated Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Project in Dhalai District of Tripura from July 2025, with financial support from SWASTI and technical support from the district health authority of Dhalai District.

The central goal of the MMU project was to bridge the gap in healthcare access for hard-to-reach communities through a multi-dimensional approach of direct service delivery and community engagement.

- Target Areas: The intervention focused on four key blocks: Dumburnagar, Ganganagar, Manu, and Chawmanu.
- Core Objectives: Improving access to primary healthcare, promoting early disease detection and increasing awareness of healthy life practices.
- Operational Integration: The project worked in close collaboration with the District Health & Family Welfare Society, Dhalai and ensuring convergence with existing government health systems.

**Key Outcomes and Impact:**-The project successfully acted as a vital access point for communities with previously limited interaction with formal health systems.

- **Outreach Impact:** A total of 61 mobile health camps were organized within March 2026.
- **Beneficiary reach:** The initiative reached 2,812 beneficiaries across the targeted intervention areas.
- **Clinical Services:** Services included screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, alongside basic treatment and referral support. Screening of suspected TB & Malaria patients.
- **Behavioural Change:** Increased participation and a better understanding of disease prevention, particularly regarding non-communicable diseases (NCDs) were observed throughout the project period.

**Community Engagement and Awareness:** Beyond clinical services, VHAT team utilized personalized interactions to foster long-term health improvements. These personalized interactions enabled deeper engagement with beneficiaries, allowing for better understanding of individual health needs and promoting long-term behavioural change.

**Educational topics included:** • Balanced nutrition and physical activity. • Avoidance of tobacco and alcohol. • Personal hygiene and family planning. • Non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention

**Health System Strengthening:** The project also focused on enhancing the capacity of the local health infrastructure through donation of specialized medical equipment.

| Equipment Donated                         | Purpose/Impact                                          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Micro Typing Centrifuge& an X Ray machine | Enhanced diagnostic and clinical service capacity.      |
| Semi-Auto Hematology Analyser (3-part)    | Supported smoother operations at healthcare facilities. |
| Suction Machine (1/2 HP HYVAC)            | Improved service delivery for advanced care.            |



**Beneficiaries in remote areas getting free Health Care services**

The MMU Project in Dhalai District was recognized as an effective and scalable model for inclusive healthcare. By combining mobile delivery of required medicines with community mobilization and system strengthening, the initiative significantly improved health outcomes and strengthened the link between vulnerable communities and the public healthcare system. The efforts of the VHAT team were formally appreciated by district health authorities for their contribution to the region.

# AAROHAN (TARGETED INTERVENTION) PROJECT IN KHOWAI DISTRICT

**(Advancing Awareness and Outreach for HIV/AIDS Testing and Prevention)**

**Project Overview:** A Targeted Intervention (TI) Programme for Prevention & Control of HIV/AIDS was initiated in Khowai District by VHAT) with support of the Tripura AIDS Control Society (TSACS) from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The project specifically focused on high-risk and vulnerable groups, like Man Having Sex with Man (MSMs), Transgenders (TRs), and Injecting Drug Users (IDUs), aiming to reduce the transmission of HIV and improve access to prevention, care, and support services. The project was being implemented across various hot-spots and vulnerable locations in Khowai District.

## **Objectives of the Project:**

- To prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS among MSMs, TRs, and IDUs
- To promote safe practices and behavioural change
- To ensure access to HIV testing, counselling, and treatment services
- To distribute preventive materials such as condoms and sterile needles/syringes
- To reduce stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS

## **Key Activities Conducted:**

### *a) Identification and Registration*

- Mapping and identification of target population (MSMs, TRs, IDUs)
- Registration of beneficiaries for regular follow-up and services

### *b) Awareness and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)*

- Regular awareness sessions on HIV/AIDS prevention
- One-to-one counselling and group discussions
- Distribution of IEC (Information, Education, Communication) materials

### *c) Health Services*

- HIV testing and referral to ICTC centres
- Linkage to ART centres for HIV-positive individuals
- Facilitation of STI screening and treatment

### *d) Condom and Needle/Syringe Distribution*

- Free distribution of Condoms and Lubricants among MSMs and TRs
- Prevention of sharing of Needle & Syringe
- Promotion of safe injection practices

### *e) Community Outreach*

- Outreach workers engaged in regular field visits
- Peer educators involved in mobilizing the community
- Building trust and rapport with target groups



**Screening Test Camp at Khowai district**



**Community Meeting at Padmabil, Khowai district**

## **Achievements (from 15th February to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026):**

- 50 numbers of MSMs, TRs, and IDUs identified and registered
- Conducted 5 awareness trainings with community regarding HIV/AIDS prevention and early intervention.
- Improved uptake of HIV testing and counselling services.
- Strengthened linkage with government health services

# ASHA TRAINING ON HBNC, HBYC & IYCF UNDER PROJECT PRERANA

**Background:** PRERANA (Promoting Equity and Reproductive Health Access for North-East India) project funded by the American India Foundation (AIF) was initiated in 2024 with a focus on strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health services in the region. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the project could not be continued in 2025 following the conclusion of support from the funding partner. In alignment with the organization's commitment to community well-being, the unutilized funds were strategically redirected towards capacity-building initiatives, including training programmes for ASHA workers. This reallocation was undertaken with due approval from the AIF, ensuring transparency and responsible utilization of resources.

In partnership with the District Health & Family Welfare Societies of Khowai, Agartala, and Ambassa (Dhalai) consecutively, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), conducted a series of three-day trainings aimed at empowering ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers. These sessions, held in February and March 2026, focused on reinforcing grassroots service delivery for maternal and child health.

**Core Objectives and Specialized Care:** Primary goal was to equip ASHA workers with updated protocols and practical skills to improve health outcomes in underserved and remote areas. The training specifically targeted three critical intervention areas:

- HBNC: Home-Based New-born Care.
- HBYC: Home-Based Young Child Care.
- IYCF: Infant and Young Child Feeding.

**Training Methodology and Content:** Facilitated by Health Department's Resource Persons and Public Health Professionals, the sessions utilized interactive methods such as group discussions, demonstrations, and case-based learning. Key thematic areas included:

- Newborn Care: Essential care practices and early identification of danger signs.
- Monitoring & Referral: Standardized growth monitoring and establishing timely referral mechanisms.
- Nutrition: Specialized counselling for caregivers regarding infant nutrition.
- Communication: Strategies for effective engagement with families at the household level.

## Outcomes and Impact:

The trainings successfully created active participation from 150 ASHA workers, who integrated their own field experiences into the learning process. The initiative resulted in –

- Enhanced Capacity: Frontline workers (participants) demonstrated increased confidence and a deeper understanding of HBNC, HBYC and IYCF interventions.
- Improved Detection: The training was expected to lead to earlier detection of health risks and better nutritional practices within communities.
- System Reinforcement: By strengthening the skills of frontline workers, the project reinforces the Over all community health delivery system in Tripura.



ASHA Training in West Tripura District



ASHA Training in Dhalai Tripura

# ICMR-NCDIR IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH PROJECT

**Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT)** is currently serving as a collaborating partner in a significant implementation research project focused on improving clinical outcomes for **diabetes and hypertension**, managed under the ICMR&National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR). This initiative targeted to empower primary care physicians across both public and private sectors.

## Project Scope and Location

- **Start Date:** VHAT has been active in this initiative since September 2025.
- **Geographic Focus:** The project is being carried out in selected Control and Intervention Blocks within the **West Tripura** and **North Tripura** districts.

**Primary Objective:** To strengthen primary healthcare system and reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) through sustainable interventions.

## Key Activities and Implementation

- VHAT's role was to collect the data under the guidance of the Scientist - E (Medical), ICMR – NCDIR Bengaluru to submit the collected data online & offline to the NCDIR .
- **Monitoring & Data Collection :** Engaging in field-level data collection, including Patient Exit Forms & Health Facility Assessment forms to establish a real-time evidence base for **Non – Communicable Diseases (NCDs)** management challenges.
- **Digital Integration:** Emphasizing the use of digital tools and strengthening reporting mechanisms to align with national research goals.

## Impact and Commitment:

The project aims to improve patient access to quality care while fostering collaborative networks within the state's healthcare infrastructure. VHAT remained committed to ensuring the project's scalability and effectiveness to achieve long-term improvements in clinical outcomes for NCDs in Tripura.



Study Team with the Scientist – E (Medical) in front of the ICMR – NCDIR Building, Bengaluru.



On field visit and data collection by the representatives of VHAT for ICMR Research project

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of mortality in India. The four major NCDs—cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), cancers, chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs), and diabetes—are primarily driven by behavioural risk factors like tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diets, and physical inactivity.

### Leading Causes of NCD Burden:

**Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs):** Ischaemic heart disease is the single largest killer, causing roughly 13% of all deaths in the country.

**Diabetes:** India has one of the world's largest diabetes populations, accelerating complications like chronic kidney disease and stroke.

**Cancer:** Cancers, particularly breast, oral, and cervical cancers, represent a rapidly growing segment of the disease burden.

# EDUCATION – PROMOTION

❖ **Ratanmani  
Vidyalay:  
Residential  
Primary  
School for  
Tribal  
Children**



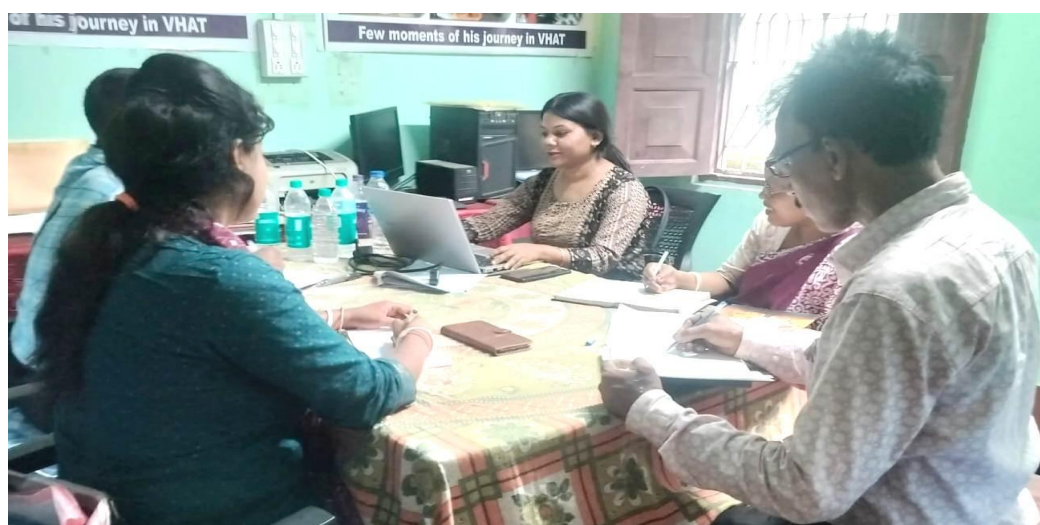
**On Independence Day, all the Students lined up in the prayer ground at Ratanmani Vidyalaya**

❖ **VHAT  
Vocational  
Education  
Centre  
under NIOS**



**Training Session on Homeopathy at VHAT Vocational Education Centre under NIOS**

❖ **AISECT**



**Online Session under AISECT Project**

# RATANMANI VIDYALAY: A RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN

In April 1994 , VHAT started “ Ratanmani Vidyalay” with the aim to promote quality primary education of the tribal children living in the remote hilly areas of Rupaichari block under South Tripura district. As on March 2026 Ratanmani Vidyalay completed thirty two years of its existence and achieved the status of quality primary education centre for the poor tribal children in the area.

## Students - Category

For the academic year 2025-26, the school served a total of 273 students from Class I to Class V. The majority of these children reside on-campus to facilitate their education.

| Class | SC       |           | ST  |     | OBC |    | UR |   | No. of children with Hostel Accommodation |     | Total Students Enrolled |     | Grand Total |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|-------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------|
|       | Boys (B) | Girls (G) | B   | G   | B   | G  | B  | G | B                                         | G   | B                       | G   |             |
| I     | 0        | 0         | 20  | 22  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0 | 17                                        | 20  | 21                      | 22  | 43          |
| II    | 0        | 0         | 31  | 40  | 2   | 1  | 0  | 0 | 31                                        | 36  | 33                      | 41  | 74          |
| III   | 0        | 0         | 32  | 35  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 | 28                                        | 35  | 32                      | 35  | 67          |
| IV    | 0        | 0         | 33  | 21  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 | 30                                        | 21  | 33                      | 21  | 54          |
| V     | 0        | 0         | 21  | 13  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0 | 21                                        | 13  | 22                      | 13  | 35          |
|       |          |           |     |     |     |    |    |   |                                           |     |                         |     |             |
| Total | 0        | 0         | 137 | 131 | 04  | 01 | 0  | 0 | 127                                       | 125 | 141                     | 132 | 273         |

The school was supported by 13 full-time staff members, including eight teachers (6 male and 2 female). All teachers are residential, providing extra coaching and support beyond standard school hours.

## Educational and Holistic Development in the School:

The school follows the curriculum of Tripura State Govt. Education Department with books provided under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). Beyond formal academics, the institution emphasized a well-rounded development through:

- Life Skills & Vocational Training: Students receive instruction in English conversation, computer literacy, and plant nursery management.
- Extracurricular Activities: Children regularly participate in dancing, singing, art, and sports



**Teachers and Students of Ratanmani Vidyalay on International Yoga Day 2025**

- Physical Well-being: Daily yoga practice is encouraged, and the school celebrated the International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025.

A significant portion of the academic year was dedicated to community service and health awareness campaigns in remote villages like Narad Para, Manu Para, and Gonadhar Para. Key initiatives included: • Malaria Awareness: Numerous programs were held to educate villagers of different villages of Rupaichari block , on malaria symptoms, prevention, and remedies in June to August 2025.

- Social Issues: Awareness drives focused on the harmful effects of child marriage, addiction, and the importance of environmental protection.

- Environmental Stewardship: Celebrations of World Environment Day and Von Mahotsav involved extensive tree plantation drives using saplings provided by the Forest Department.

- Public Health: The school hosted multiple health check-ups and vaccination drives, including a TT vaccination for Class V students and check-ups by Sewa International and RBSK.



**Malaria Awareness:** Numerous programs were held to educate villagers on malaria symptoms, prevention, and remedies.

### Major Events and Celebration:

- > National Festivals: Independence Day and Republic Day were observed with rallies, patriotic competitions, and flag-hoisting ceremonies involving the Border Security Force (BSF).
- > Cultural Observances: The school celebrated the birth anniversaries of Netaji Subhash Ch Bose, Rabindranath Tagore, Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur , Swami Vivekananda, and Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.
- > Civic Action Program: On January 20, 2026, the 114 Battalion of the BSF organized a program providing the school with essential sports equipments, stationery and hostel supplies.

### Success Stories and Impact:

The report highlights individual success as a testament to the school's mission:

- ♠ Chanduni Tripura: A Class II student who had stopped attending school due to illness and lack of motivation was successfully reintegrated into the mainstream after teachers visited her home to counsel her parents.
- ♠ Anita Tripura: A proud alumna who joined the school in 2011 from a poor background and is now pursuing a B.Tech in Civil Engineering.

### Academic Performance (March 2026):

The annual examination results for the session (March 2026) showed strong performance among all Children:

| Class     | Average Score | Highest Score |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Class I   | 67.1%         | 98.0%         |
| Class II  | 73.7%         | 97.6%         |
| Class III | 66.1%         | 96.28%        |
| Class IV  | 54.40%        | 98.0%         |
| Class V   | 63.26%        | 94.4%         |

The academic year concluded with the School Annual Programme on March 25, 2026, where top performers were awarded, and it was announced that all students would receive free school uniforms for the upcoming session.

# VHAT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTRE UNDER NIOS

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) continued its long-standing commitment to vocational excellence through its partnership with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). Since its inception in 2007, the centre (AVI-700001) has focused on empowering youth by providing flexible, inclusive education and creating tangible employment opportunities.

## Educational Mission & Impact :

Open schooling serves as a critical pathway for educational equity in India, specifically catering to marginalized sections of society and individuals who require alternative learning styles. By offering a non-traditional framework, VHAT ensures that those who cannot thrive in standard schooling environments still have the chance to achieve professional empowerment.

Course enrolments & student statistics (2025-26):

27 students enrolled in various specialized certificate courses . The distribution of students across these courses was as follows:

| Name of Course                                  | Number of Students |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Certificate in Homeopathy Dispensing            | 07                 |
| Certificate in Yoga Teachers Training Programme | 06                 |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education | 05                 |
| Certificate in Ayurvedic Therapy                | 04                 |
| Certificate in Community Health                 | 04                 |
| Certificate in Yoga (Six Month)                 | 01                 |
| Total Enrolments                                | 27                 |

## Courses highlights:

- **Vocational Focus:** The curriculums were heavily weighted toward healthcare and wellness (Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Community Health, and specialized training in Yoga and early education).
- **Practical Training:** Recent activity includes hands-on sessions for the Yoga Teachers Training and Yoga certificate programs, featuring physical demonstrations and guided practice.
- **Administrative Oversight:** Academic and administrative planning was supported by regular meetings and consultative sessions involving VHAT staff and educators to ensure the quality of vocational delivery.



**Session on Ayurvedic practices under  
NIOS**



**Session on Yoga practices**

# ALL INDIA SOCIETY FOR ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (AISECT)

## Background:

AISECT was established in 1985 to bridge the digital divide between the rural and semi urban masses and build a capable generation. Going into the future, AISECT aspired to empower the next generation with the right skills, exposure and cultural identities.

AISECT - a top Indian social enterprise focused on skill development, higher education, financial inclusion, e-governance, and other ICT services in semi-urban and rural areas. Since 1985, the Bhopal-based organization has been tirelessly served remote regions for 37 years, empowering people, creating jobs for youth, and promoting entrepreneurship.

## Role of VHAT:

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura collaborated with AISECT as an implementing agency in the year 2024 to provide access to quality higher education for individuals seeking to enhance their qualifications.

## Collaborative Universities:

1. Rabindranath Tagore University (RNTU) Bhopal (M.P).
2. Dr. C.V. Raman University (CVRU), Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
3. Dr. C.V. Raman University (CVRU), Vaishali (Bihar)
4. Dr. C.V. Raman University (CVRU), Khandwa (Madhya Pradesh)
5. AISECT University, Hazaribag (Jharkhand)
6. Scope Global Skills University (SGSU), Bhopal (M.P.)

## Courses Offered :

After VHAT has registered as Skill Knowledge Provider (SKP) of AISECT in January 2025, it has started 2(two) types of courses; Academic Courses-Regular & Distance mode and Skill courses.

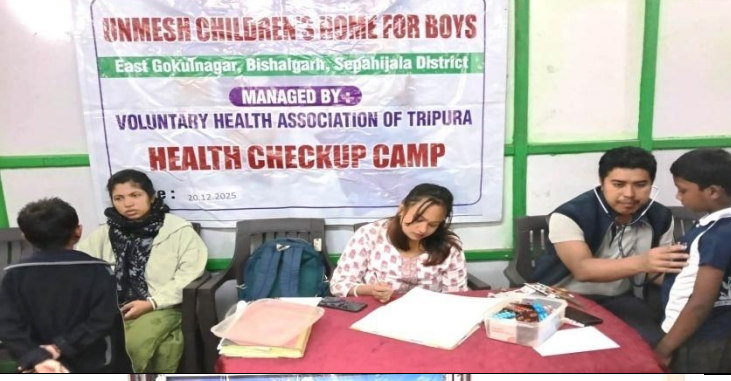
| Sl. No.          | Name of Course/Programme                  | Duration | Required Educational Qualification        |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Academic Courses |                                           |          |                                           |
| 1                | MSW                                       | 2 Years  | Graduation in any Discipline              |
| 2                | DCA                                       | 1 Year   | 12 <sup>th</sup> in Any Discipline/Stream |
| 3                | MA Sociology                              | 2 Years  | Graduate in any Discipline                |
| Skill Courses    |                                           |          |                                           |
| 1                | B. Voc. In Medical Laboratory Technician  | 3 Years  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass or Equivalent       |
| 2                | B. Voc. In Nursing Care Assistant         | 3 Years  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass or Equivalent       |
| 3                | D. Voc. In Nursing Care Assistant         | 1 Year   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Pass or Equivalent       |
| 4                | B. Voc. In Computer Hardware & Networking | 3 Years  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass or Equivalent       |
| 5                | B. Voc. In Travel & Tourism               | 3 Years  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass or Equivalent       |
| 6                | B. Voc. In Food Processing                | 3 Years  | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass or Equivalent       |

## Progress:

The total number of students admitted:-

| Sl. No.                    | Name of the course | No. of candidates | Session           |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1                          | B.A (Plain)        | 01                | July 2024-2025    |
| 2                          | MSW (Batch-1)      | 04                | July 2024-2025    |
| 3                          | MSW (Batch-2)      | 02                | January 2025-2026 |
| Total Number of Candidates |                    | 07                |                   |

# CARE & PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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| ❖ <b>Anwesha Child Protection Centre – Open Shelter for Girls &amp; Boys</b> |    | <b>Observation of 'World Mental Health Day' in Anwesha Open Shelter</b>              |
| ❖ <b>Anwesha Children's Home of Girls</b>                                    |    | <b>Observation of International Women's Day in Anwesha Children's Home for Girls</b> |
| ❖ <b>Unmesh Children Home for Boys</b>                                       |   | <b>Health Checkup in Unmesh Children's Home for Boys</b>                             |
| ❖ <b>Manorama Shishu Niketan – Children's Home for Girls</b>                 |  | <b>Celebration of International Mother Language Day in Manorama Shishu Niketan</b>   |
| ❖ <b>Family Based Alternative Care of Children in Need</b>                   |  | <b>Orientation Training by FS-FBAC project run by VHAT</b>                           |

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

Anwasha Child Protection Centre is a combination of two separate entities; Open Shelter for Girls (capacity – 25 Girls) and Open Shelter for Boys (for 25 Boys). The orphanage located in Agartala, West Tripura, managed by the Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT). Operating for care and overall development of orphan and underprivileged children, the home provides essential foundational needs, including shelter, care, protection, health, education, and nutrition.

## Target Groups:

Children of 5 – 18 years age group of the following categories were the beneficiaries of the 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 received holistic care and educational support focused on their overall development. Key highlights include:

**Dedicated Guidance:** A diverse team—including House Parents, medical staff, social workers, and tutors, supervised and supported the children's daily needs and academics.

**Skill Building:** Beyond regular education, children were provided with a computer lab for technical skills and received age-appropriate Life Skill Education.

**Cultural Participation:** The children actively celebrated national days by engaging in various cultural activities.

## Key Activities and Celebrations

Throughout the year, both the centres jointly organized a variety of events aimed at the cultural, educational, and physical development of the children.

- **Patriotic & Cultural Celebrations:** The centre fostered a sense of national identity and heritage through major events like Bengali New Year, Republic Day, and Netaji's Birthday. These featured flag-hoisting ceremonies, traditional music, dance, and historical speeches.

- **Health & Wellness:** A strong emphasis was placed on holistic well-being, including International Yoga Day sessions, mental health workshops for adolescents, and practical hygiene demonstrations for Global Hand-washing Day.

- **Medical Care:** Professional outreach included individual dental check-ups during World Oral Health Day to ensure the children's physical maintenance.

- **Environmental & Social Awareness:** Children engaged in environmental advocacy on World Environment Day and promoted integrity during Vigilance Awareness Week through creative projects like placards and slogans.

- **Youth Empowerment:** Celebrations such as National Youth Day and Children's Day focused on the teachings of figures like Swami Vivekananda, encouraging students to showcase their talents in yoga, sports, and the arts.

- The centre provided a well-rounded year of programming that combined cultural enrichment, preventative healthcare, and social responsibility, ensuring children developed both physically and intellectually alongside their peers.



Oral Health Check - up



On National Sports Day

# ANWESHA CHILDREN'S HOME FOR GIRLS

Anweshya 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, Anweshya Home had undertaken activities like free and structured conversation, rhymes, songs, story-telling, story making, music , indoor play activities with blocks, beads, puzzles, outdoor games and outdoor activities including free play running, jumping, hopping, balancing, sand play and gardening. The wall magazine “Anweshon” was published on quarterly basis by 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 .
- Participating in some household chores which helped children learn about what they need to do to care for themselves and a family.
- Counselling & Emotional Well-being – Peer counselling 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.
- ❖ Counselling & psychosocial interventions as per need.



**Key Activities and Celebrations:** Throughout the year, the home organized a variety of events aimed at the cultural, educational, and physical development of the children.

**\*Rabindra Jayanti:** -On 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. **\* Bengali New Year:** -On 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.  
**\*World Environment Day:** -On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 **\* International Yoga Day:** from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 . **\* Gandhi Jayanti:**October 02 2025. **\* World Mental Health Day:** On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 **\* Global Handwashing Day:** On 15<sup>th</sup> October2025. **\* Observation of Vigilance Awareness Week:**From 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 . **\* 150 years of Vandemataram:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> November,2025 . **\* Children's Day Celebration:** On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025. **\* Veer Bal Diwas:** On 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025. **\* National Youth Day Celebration:** On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 . **\*Netaji's Birthday:** -On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026, **\*Republic Day:** On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 . **\* International Women's Day:** On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 . **\* World Oral Health Day:** On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 .

All these events provided the opportunity to participate, awareness building and intellectuality enhancement of the inmate children of Anwesha Children's Home .



**Celebration of Independence Day 2026**



**Global Hand Washing Day**



**Celebration of Children's Day**



**Indoor Game Competition**



**National Youth Day**

# UNMESH CHILDREN'S HOME FOR BOYS

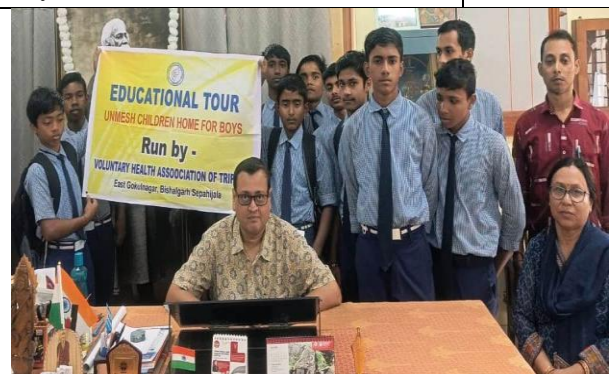
Unmesh Children Home for Boys in East Gokulnagar, Sepahijala District was started by VHAT for 50 children from September 2018 . It was registered under Juvenile Justices Act-2015, under Ministry of Women and Child Development on 7th June, 2019. During the 2025-2026, Children were coming to this home ,from various districts of Tripura with order from the respective Child Welfare Committee (CWC) . Beside the regular school education ,all the Children were engaged in different co-curricular activities like yoga, sports, gardening, music, drama and drawing. In the year 2025-26 following activities were performed by the inmate children with help from CCI authority, in Unmesh Home :-

**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, 30 children were reintegrated to the families or extended families after the social investigation of the family situation and counselling of both children and family members. The SIRs (social investigation reports) and counselling were done by the Case Worker and the Counsellor of the CCI. Shifting and reintegration was done with the orders from the Child Welfare Committees.

**Celebration of significant days: -**

|                                                              |                                                                                                                              |                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 28 May 2025 –Bangla Borsho Boron                             | 31 May 2025 - World No Tobacco Day                                                                                           | 5 June 2025 World Environment Day                     |
| 12 June 2025 World Child Labour Day                          | 21–25 June 2025 International Yoga Day                                                                                       | 14–15 July 2025 Sports Festival                       |
| 18 July 2025 Health Camp                                     | 13–15 August 2025 ,78th Independence Day                                                                                     | 29 August 2025 - National Sports Day                  |
| 5 September 2025 - Teachers' Day                             | 26 - 28 October 2025 - Safai Abhiyan and Swachhata Campaign , Drawing Competition, Recitation and Singing Event on Swachhata | 2 November 2025- Vigilance Awareness Week Celebration |
| 14 November 2025 - Children's Day                            | 25 November 2025 - Educational Tour to Rabindranath Tagore Mahavidyalaya                                                     | 27 December 2025 - Veer Bal Diwas                     |
| Special Haemoglobin Test camp for Children-on 6 January 2026 | 12 January 2026 - National Youth Day                                                                                         | 23 January 2026- Netaji's Birthday                    |
| 23 January 2026-Saraswati Puja                               | 26 January 2026 Republic Day                                                                                                 | 21 February 2026 – International Mother Language Day  |
| 28 February 2026-National Science Day                        | 3 March 2026 - Mental Health Awareness Event                                                                                 | 4 March 2026 -Holi Celebration                        |



**Educational Tour to Rabindranath Thakur Mahavidyalay, Bishalgarh**



**Drawing Competition on Veer Bal Diwas**



**National Science Day celebration**



**Sports Day in Unmesh Home**

# MANORAMA SHISHU NIKETAN - CHILDREN'S HOME FOR GIRLS

Manorama Shishu Niketan, a Children's Home for Girls managed by the **Voluntary Health Association of Tripura** in West Lowgang village, South Tripura District. The institution 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. Targeted children for Manorama Home are the Children of 7-18 year of age group and belong to 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 provided shelter to 9 (nine) new children. 3 (three) Children reunified with their respective families and 6 (six) Children shifted to alternative care. Most importantly 2 Children adopted through Central Adoption Resource Agency(CARA) . Our current number of inmates had reached 44 vibrant young minds, all actively pursuing education in local government schools as follows: -

Class II – 01 child, Class III – 02 children, Class IV – 02 children, Class V – 09 children, Class VI – 07 children, Class VII – 02 children, Class VIII – 07 children, Class IX – 04 children, Class X – 04 children, Class XII – 04 children. Regular academic supervision and educational support were provided to ensure continuity in learning and scholastic development.

**Vibrant Celebrations and Enriching Activities at CCI:** Apart from academics and regular day to day needful activities, it has been a Year of Cultural, Environmental, and Educational Engagement.

**The key events of Cultural and Literary Celebrations:**

09 May 2025 – Rabindra Jayanti ,26 May 2025 – Nazrul Jayanti ,26 September 2025 – Birth Anniversary of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar,06 October 2025 – Lakshmi Puja, 23 January 2026 – Saraswati Puja

,21 February 2026 – International Mother Language Day .

Children actively participated in cultural performances and literary activities to promote creativity and appreciation of heritage.

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| <b>Health Camp at MSN on 18-07-2025</b>                                             | <b>Lighting of torch, Sports Festival held on 16-08-2025</b>                         | <b>Inmates performed during Unity March on 14-11-2025</b>                             |

**Environmental & Hygiene Awareness:** 05 June 2025 – World Environment Day,15 October 2025 – Global Hand Washing Day . 19, 25 & 31 October 2025 – Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

**National Pride and Civic Values:**

15 August 2025 – Independence Day Celebration , 02 October 2025 – Gandhi Jayanti

20 November 2025 – Universal Children's Day ,26 November 2025 – Constitution Day of India

26 December 2025 – Veer Bal Diwas , 12 January 2026 – Swami Vivekananda Jayanti

23 January 2026 – Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti,26 January 2026 – Republic Day

**Health, Wellness, and Physical Development:** 21 June 2025 – International Yoga Day Observation  
27 September 2025 – Medical Camp under CSR Initiative of Oil India “SPARSH”, 19 March 2026 – Medical Camp Conducted, 16, 17 & 20 August 2025 – Sports Festival Observation.

**Awareness, Protection & Social Development**

25 April 2025 – Regional Workshop on Awareness Generation and Prevention of Human Trafficking

10 June 2025 – Nasha Mukta Bharat Pledge Taking Ceremony

30 November 2025 – Child Marriage Free Bharat Awareness Program.

15 March 2026 – International Women’s Day Observation

**Special initiative**

**Wall Magazine – “Anuranan”.** During the reporting year, the wall magazine Anuranan was published on four occasions, providing inmates with a creative platform to express their thoughts, ideas, and artistic talents. The 4th edition was released on **World Environment Day**, the 5th edition on **National Sports Day**, the 6th edition on 26 September 2025 commemorating the birth anniversary of **Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar**, and the 7th edition on **International Women’s Day**. Through these editions, inmates poured their imagination into writing, drawing, and designing content, fostering creativity, awareness, and self-expression.

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

**Family Strengthening & Family-Based Alternative Care (FS-FBAC)** project, implemented by the Voluntary Health Association of Tripura with support from **Miracle Foundation India**, was a comprehensive initiative aimed at ensuring children grow up in safe, nurturing, family-based environments. Since its inception in 2018, the project has been focusing on preventing family separation, strengthening vulnerable households, and reintegrating children from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) back into their communities. 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 has been implemented in three (3) blocks in West Tripura District- Mohanpur, Bamutia, and Jirania and in Sepahijala-& Bishalgarh and Boxanagar blocks. Within each block, three vulnerable panchayats were identified as hotspots, making a total of 15 panchayats across the two districts.

**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.
- ii. Social investigation Reports to understand the root causes of family separation and identify the necessary interventions to facilitate reintegration, the report was prepared.
- iii. Focusing of five well-being domains: • 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
- v. Mental Health focus: counselling, therapy and psychosocial support to promote healing, resilience and positive mental health outcomes.
- vi. Community Awareness activities : 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.
- 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, to provide them with necessary support and resources to prevent the unnecessary placement of children in institutions.
- ix. Awareness for 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. Enhancing 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 to be 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.

**Key Achievements & Interventions:** April 2025 and March 2026-

- Outreach: In West Tripura District reached 126 vulnerable families and 179 children and in Sepahijala District it has supported 48 vulnerable families and 79 children.
- Social Reintegration: Successfully reintegrated 18 children from the Anwesha Child Care Institution into their families through rigorous counselling and follow-up.
- Community Mechanisms:
  - ✓ Established 15 Bal Panchayats (9 in West Tripura, 6 in Sepahijala) to foster child leadership and participation.
  - ✓ Formed and strengthened 15 Child Welfare & Protection Committees (CWPCs) to enhance local safeguarding.
- Family & Educational Support: Provided Individual Care Plans (ICP), Life Skill Education (LSE), and ensured zero school dropouts among target children.
- Essential Services: Conducted health camps in both the districts and distributed clothes, educational materials, ration support, and livelihood assistance to promote family self-reliance.

**Conclusion**

The FS-FBAC project implemented by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura has made significant progress in ensuring that children grow up in safe family environments. Through integrated efforts in family strengthening, reintegration, and community prevention, the project continues to build a protective ecosystem for children in Tripura.



Participants of Training on Family Strengthening



Panchayat Level Immersion Visit



ToT for Balmitra on LSE

# WELFARE OF PWDS (DIVYANGJAN)

## ❖ SNAC Tripura under the National Trust



Registration of Beneficiaries under National Trust of SNAC Tripura For NIRAMAYA Health Insurance

## ❖ GarvSe – Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Through Developing Sustainable Ecosystem (EnAble India)



Enable India's Margdarshi Training Program at Gomati District

## ❖ Shantineer – Half Way Home (HWH)



Women inmates of Shantineer during Durga Puja Parikrama 2025

## ❖ Workshop on Orientation and Mobility Programme for Persons with Visual Impairment



## ❖ "AmaderVaani" – A Digital Platform for Persons with Disabilities

An event on 'Amader Vaani'- a digital platform for PWDS

# SNAC TRIPURA UNDER THE NATIONAL TRUST

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura is a registered organisation 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). VHAT functioning as the State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) under the National Trust since 2021, continued its committed efforts to strengthen access to disability welfare services across Tripura through a combination of service facilitation, institutional engagement, and community outreach 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, North and Unokoti District.

The activities of the **Voluntary Health Association of Tripura** throughout 2025-26 demonstrated its commitment to social inclusion and health security for persons with disabilities (PwDs). As the State Nodal Agency Centre (SNAC) under the National Trust, VHAT has effectively bridged the gap between policy and practices. As per National Trust Norms, VHAT implemented the following activities in the FY 2025-26:

## ■ Key Service Delivery & Institutional Support:

- **Niramaya Health Insurance:** Totally **207 beneficiaries** were supported through new enrollments and renewals. This scheme is vital for covering outpatient care, hospitalization, and various therapies for individuals with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities, and Multiple Disabilities.
- **Legal Guardianship:** Through active participation in Local Level Committees (LLCs), VHAT facilitated the issuance of **04 Legal Guardianship Certificates** in North, South, and Unakoti districts, providing a structured legal safety net for those in need.
- **Network Expansion:** The organization continuously engaged with local entities to encourage the registration of new **Registered Organizations (ROs)** under the National Trust, broadening the support infrastructure across the state.

■ **The "Badhte Kadam" Initiative & Inclusion Events:** The "Badhte Kadam" initiative served as the primary vehicle for statewide awareness and community integration.

| Date(s)         | Event                                                               | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 29, 2025  | Social Inclusion Event                                              | Organized awareness sessions and a Sit & Draw Competition in Agartala involving persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities, and Multiple Disabilities, promoting their inclusion and participation in the mainstream of society.                   |
| Aug 11–22, 2025 | Awareness Drive through Poster Campaign and Small Group Discussions | Conducted a 10-day awareness campaign through small group discussions on various schemes of the National Trust, along with the distribution of informational leaflets and posters developed by VHAT..                                                                  |
| Nov 6, 2025     | Social Inclusion Event                                              | Organized awareness sessions and a Sit & Draw Competition in Agartala involving persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities, and Multiple Disabilities, promoting their inclusion and participation in the mainstream of society.                   |
| Dec 3, 2025     | World Disability Day                                                | Participated in the State-Level observance of World Disability Day 2025, organized by the Social Welfare & Social Education Department, Government of Tripura. A team of Divyangjans actively participated in various events and secured prizes in multiple categories |



■ **Sports & Public Engagement:** VHAT leveraged high-profile public platforms to amplify its message of health security. At the **Khelo Tripura Para Games 2025** (Dec 15–16), inaugurated by Chief Minister **Dr. Manik Saha**, VHAT maintained a dedicated stall. The public distribution of Niramaya cards during this event served as a powerful testimonial to the tangible benefits of these welfare schemes. By integrating "last-mile" service delivery at DDRC camps with large-scale cultural and sports advocacy, VHAT has established a multifaceted model for disability rehabilitation in Tripura.

# দিব্যাজনদের পাশে ভ্যাট

সত্যভাষণ প্রতিনিধি, আগরতলা, ২৯ এপ্রিল।। রাজ্যের অর্থনীতি সামাজিক সংস্থা ভলান্টারি হেলথ এসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরার উদ্যোগে মঙ্গলবার দিব্যাজনদের নিয়ে এক সচেতনামূলক আলোচনা এবং বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর বড়তে কদম প্রোগ্রামের অন্তর্গত আজকের এই কর্মসূচি। সারা দেশের সাথে রাজ্যেও ভারত সরকারের সামাজিক ন্যায় ও ক্ষমতায়ক মন্ত্রণের অধীনে ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট কাজ করে চলেছে বিশেষভাবে সক্ষমদের কল্যাণে। অটিজম, সেরিব্রাল পালসি, ইন্টেলেকচুয়াল ডিসিবিলিটি এবং মাল্টিপল ডিজিবিলিটি রয়েছে এমন দিব্যাজনদের বিনামূল্যে নিরাময় স্বাস্থ্য বীমা এবং আইনত

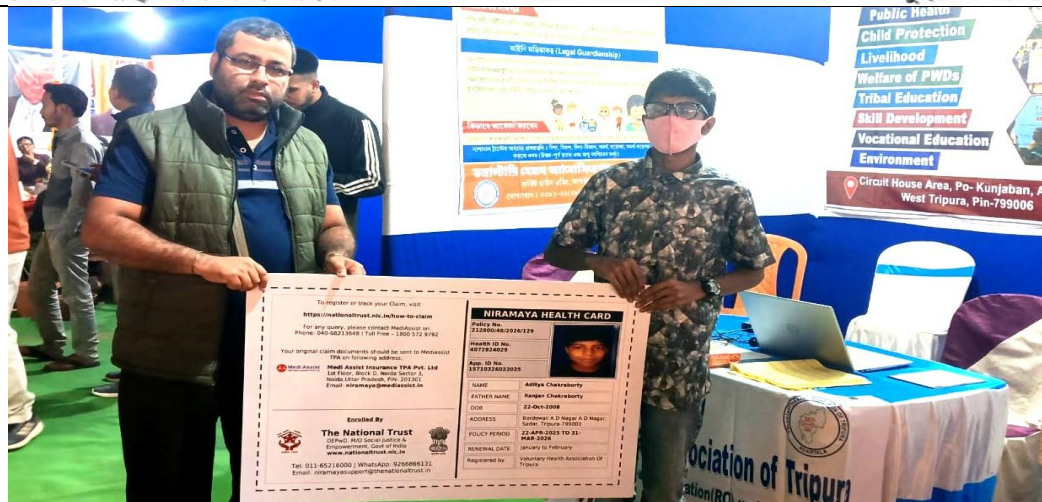


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## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM (GARVESE)

EnAble India is a leading Indian non-profit organization founded in 1999 with a concrete mindset of empowering Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through economic independence and social integration. The organization's primary goal is to shift the narrative from "sympathy" to "competence." They believe that with the right skills and environment, individuals with disabilities can be highly productive contributors to the workforce. WHAT signed the partnership agreement with EnAble India on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

➤ **Key Areas of Impact:** Enable India operates through several strategic pillars:

- **Skill Development:** provide specialized training for various PwDs, covering technical skills, employability, and life skills.
- **Employment Placement:** acting as bridge between job seekers and corporate partners.
- **Workplace Sensitization:** Beyond hiring, EnAble India works with companies to create inclusive cultures, providing workshops on how to interact with and manage employees with disabilities.
- **Assistive Technology:** promote and develop affordable technological solutions (like screen readers or modified keyboards) that helps PwDs to perform tasks efficiently.

**Why it Matters:** Main focus is on the ecosystem, collaboration with government, NGOs & private sector to create a scalable model for disability inclusion across India.

- **Partnership with VHAT:** This aimed to enhance economic independence and social inclusion of PWDs through skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities. It means; by combining EnAble India's expertise in disability livelihoods with VHAT's extensive grassroots network, the project aimed to bridge the gap between PwDs and mainstream economic opportunities through a strong collaborative effort between VHAT, EnAble India, and training institutions, aiming to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for PWDs.
  - **The Roadmap:** As part of this project, collaboration was established with Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) and Rural Development and Self Employment Training Institute (RUDSETI), which are key institutions providing Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) and vocational training.
  - **Project Implementation:** To ensure effective implementation, three EnAble Committees were formed in different blocks. These committees play a vital role in identifying eligible beneficiaries, facilitating training linkages, and monitoring progress.
  - **Margdarshi Events:** As a vital part of this initiative, several Margdarshi (a short-term training course offered through EnAble India initiative) Programmes were successfully conducted at:
    - \*Dukli RD Block, West Tripura District, \* Kalyanpur RD Block , Khowai District
    - \* Matabari RD Block , Gomati District- focused on mobilization, counselling, and selection of suitable candidates for skill development and entrepreneurship training.
- Project Outreach:** Through Margdarshi a total of 68 PwDs were identified and selected for EDP and various vocational training courses.



**First Margdarshi Program at Bikramnagar Panchayat Hall, Dukli Block, West Tripura**



**Second Margdarshi program was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at the Conference Hall of Kalyanpur RD Block of Khowai district**

Second Margdarshi was addressed by Mr. Lahorii Francis, Regional Manager, EnAble India, Mr. Himendu Bikash Paul, BDO - Kalyanpur Block and Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder, Associate Director, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura .



**Third Margdarshi program was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at the Conference Hall of the District Education Officer, Udaipur, Matabri RD Block, Gomati district**

Third Margdarshi program witnessed the presence of the Mr. Sanjit Rupini, District Inspector of Social Education (DISE), Gomati District, Mr. Haribhushan Das, Secretary, Pratibandhi Kalyan Samity, Mr. Jayatirmoy Majumder, Associate Director VHAT and Mr. Gouranga Sukladas, Dy. Director. School Education, Gomati District along with representative from RSETI, Gomati District. Overall, the programme was highly informative and impact-full as 68 PwDs actively participated in this programme and out of them 37 PwDs are agree to take the EDP and other Vocational Training.

# SHANTINEER – HALF WAY HOME (HWH)

With support from Social Welfare & Social Education Department under Government of Tripura, VHAT has been running this special home since October 2023, for the welfare & rehabilitation of persons living with mental illness (Schizophrenia). The home provides special care for those who have been cured, do not need further hospitalization, who are homeless & not accepted by their families or guardians. They are in need of shelter, care and protection. To mitigate the objective hereon, the Govt. of Tripura has established 'SHANTINEER' located at Narsingarh, West Tripura. The inmates are sent by the Modern Psychiatric Hospital (MPH) Agartala. Capacity of the Home : 25 males & 25 female inmates.

## Services provided to the inmates:

- Food: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner as per the diet chart approved by MPH.
- All necessary clothes & regular dresses were given.
- Regular Health Check-up and counselling were done for all the inmates by the Doctors of MPH.
- Two full-time Nurses were taking care of their hygiene, giving them medicines & looking after whether they are 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 were subsided.
- Engaging the inmates in some activities: So far we arranged 'Training of the female inmates of Half Way Home for making paper bags, Door Mat making, Cloth's Toy making and Woollen product making training. Male inmates were managing the kitchen garden.
- Repatriation/Integration into family: On a regular basis, our staff did home visits, discussed with the family members about taking them back to their original families. We also communicated with local village leaders, panchayat members and religious leaders. So far we could reintegrate five female inmates with their families. We would continue the reintegration process as these cured mentally ill persons have the right to live with their families.
- The MPH was the inspecting authority for the SHANTINEER-Half Way Home.
- Rehabilitation: Assisting individuals in their recovery journey and facilitating their reintegration into society.
- Support Services: Providing counselling, medical care, and daily living assistance to residents.
- Community Integration: Encouraging social interactions and activities to promote mental well-being.

## Milestones Achieved:

- ♠ No of inmates were staying in March 2026 : 47 (Male-23, Female-24)
- ♠ No of inmates reintegrated to their family: 17 (Female-14, Male -03)
- ♠ No. of inmates under Vocational Training: 16 (Doormat), 14 (Paper-Bag) and 12 (Cloths toy and Woollen materials making)
- ♠ Surgical operation done: 2 (Gallbladder Stones & Tumour)



Durgapuja Parikrama by male inmates of HWH



Regular Health Check up



Holi Utsav in Half Way Home

# WORKSHOP ON ORIENTATION & MOBILITY TRAINING FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

An Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training for persons with visual impairment was successfully organized by VHAT in collaboration with Institute for Empowerment of Visually Impairment . The training was conducted at the Training Hall of IEPVD, Narsingarh, West Tripura District on 12-02-2026.

## **Dignitaries –Facilitators-Participants:**

**Dignitaries-** Ms. Reshmi Sarkar, Principal IEPVD Girls, Mr. Sambhu Debnath, Principal IEPVD Boys and all teachers of the institution. Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder, Associate Director VHAT, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of orientation and mobility skills in ensuring independence, confidence, and social inclusion of persons with visual impairment.

**Facilitator** - Ms. Aparna Saha, Mobility Instructor from District Disability Rehabilitation Centre, West Tripura conducted the training sessions both theoretical and practical.

**Participants-** 60 visually challenged students of IEPVD (Blind Schools)

**Session Overview:** theoretical session- concepts of orientation, spatial awareness, sensory development, use of residual vision, and safety techniques for independent movement. Ms. Aparna Saha also highlighted the importance of proper posture, protective techniques, and environmental understanding for safe mobility.

During the practical session, hands-on demonstrations were conducted on:

- Proper use of the white cane , ●Indoor and outdoor mobility techniques ●Human guide techniques
- Road crossing and obstacle detection ●Staircase navigation and surface identification
- Techniques to climb the ground floor to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## **Training Reach & Outcome:**

During the training 60 visually challenged students actively engaged in the theoretical class and practical exercises under the guidance and supervision of the trainer. The interactive approach of the session enhanced participants' confidence and helped them understand real-life mobility challenges and solutions.

The training proved to be highly beneficial for the participants, equipping them with essential skills for independent living. The authority of IEPVD expressed gratitude to the organizers, the staff of VHAT and the resource person for their valuable support and cooperation in making the programme successful.

**Conclusion :** This Orientation and Mobility Training was successfully conducted and achieved its objective of strengthening the independent mobility skills of students with visual impairment.



Practicing mobility by using white cane

# AMADER VAANI – A DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

“**AmaderVaani**”, a digital platform for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) operated by EnAble India. On 24th October 2025, in collaboration with EnAble India VHAT organized one awareness event in the Conference Hall, DDRC, West Tripura District.

The objective was to introduce and promote the digital platform *Amader Vaani* among persons with disabilities, their organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura. She discussed various gaps in formations of schemes and facilities which were allocated for the welfare of PWDs.

During the session, Mr.Goru Prasad (Director) and Ms. Kadam Khatun (Executive) from EnAble India demonstrated the functionalities of **Amader Vaani** through practical examples and interactive discussions. Participants actively engaged in the session, sharing their disabilities , experiences and expressing enthusiasm about using the platform for promoting digital inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

The discussions aimed to create awareness about the various features and benefits of *AmaderVaani* platform , which serves as an inclusive digital space for communication, information sharing, networking

and empowerment of PWDs. The platform enables users to access information related to education, employment, livelihood opportunities, and social welfare schemes in an accessible format.

Representatives from **Government, Non Government Organizations working with persons with disabilities and Individual PWDs** were participated in the event. Two participants from each stakeholder organization were invited to attend the programme.

The programme concluded with an open discussion and feedback session, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Fransis of EnAble India and Mr. JyotirmoyMajumder of VHAT. The event successfully highlighted the importance of accessible digital tools in empowering PWDs and strengthening their participation in society.



Sessions on Amader Vaani

**“MY ADVICE TO OTHER DISABLED PEOPLE WOULD BE, CONCENTRATE ON THINGS YOUR DISABILITY DOESN’T PREVENT YOU DOING WELL, AND DON’T REGRET THE THINGS IT INTERFERES WITH. DON’T BE DISABLED IN SPIRIT AS WELL AS PHYSICALLY.” - STEPHEN HAWKING**

# LIVELIHOOD & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

## ❖ Jan Sikshan Sansthan Dhalai



Certificate Distribution to the Trainees under JSS Dhalai

## ❖ Tribal Skill Centre



Capacity Building Training for the Skill-Trainers

## ❖ Integrated Tribal Development Project Under TDF of NABARD



## ❖ MEDP (Micro Enterprise Development Programme) under NABARD



## ❖ Livelihood Promotion Through Pig Rearing & Initiative Towards Women Empowerment under APF



# JAN SIKSHAN SANSTHAN DHALAI TRIPURA

**Background & Objective:** Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) - a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been implementing (as parent organization) 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 were women, SC, ST, Minorities and other backward sections of the society. The objective of JSS was to uplift the rural population economically by imparting essential skills training, thereby enabling local trades to grow and creating new employment opportunities for the natives of the region. All courses were aligned with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) and certified by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVT).

**Project Coverage:** With a strong focus on women, youth, and marginalized groups, the Centre has trained 9,279 beneficiaries across diverse trades from beginning. JSS Dhalai made notable progress in 2025-26 by expanding outreach, strengthening skill training, and promoting entrepreneurship. With 1,780 beneficiaries trained across diverse sectors out of 1800 the institution contributed to improved livelihoods, income generation, and community empowerment.

Additionally, JSS Dhalai organized various community activities and awareness events during 2025-26, engaging over 800 participants. These events focused on national pride, social awareness, health, gender equality, and community empowerment.

**Physical progress in the year 2025-26:** Course wise Training status of--

| Sl. No. | Course Name                                                | No of Batches covered | Total no. of Trainees | Duration In days | No of Session per batch |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1       | Assistant Dress Maker                                      | 14                    | 280                   | 240              | 80                      |
| 2       | Layerman                                                   | 4                     | 80                    | 240              | 80                      |
| 3       | Beauty Care Assistant                                      | 14                    | 280                   | 240              | 80                      |
| 4       | Helper Electrical Technician                               | 4                     | 80                    | 240              | 80                      |
| 5       | Helper- Wireman                                            | 1                     | 20                    | 240              | 80                      |
| 6       | Repair and maintenance Assistance "smart phones"           | 2                     | 40                    | 330              | 110                     |
| 7       | Assistant-Fruits and Vegetable Processing and Preservation | 6                     | 120                   | 240              | 80                      |
| 8       | Basics of papad,pickles and masala powder making           | 2                     | 40                    | 150              | 50                      |
| 9       | Assistant Baking Technician                                | 2                     | 40                    | 300              | 100                     |
| 10      | Assistant Artisan- Bamboo Craft                            | 4                     | 80                    | 240              | 80                      |
| 11      | Assistant Carpet Weaver- Knotted                           | 6                     | 120                   | 240              | 80                      |
| 12      | Assistant Hand Embroider                                   | 8                     | 160                   | 240              | 80                      |
| 13      | Stringing/Beading Artisan (Fashion Jewellery)              | 2                     | 40                    | 360              | 120                     |
| 14      | Handcrafted candle making                                  | 2                     | 40                    | 360              | 120                     |
| 15      | Assistant Plumbing and Sanitary work                       | 2                     | 40                    | 240              | 80                      |
| 16      | Honey Bee Farmer (small Unit)                              | 2                     | 40                    | 210              | 70                      |
| 17      | Assistant Computer Operator                                | 12                    | 240                   | 150              | 120                     |
| 18      | Foundation course in healthcare                            | 2                     | 40                    | 240              | 80                      |
|         | Total                                                      | 89                    | 1780                  |                  |                         |

**Capacity building Workshop:** As per the suggestions of the Ministry, JSS Dhalai participated in and organized capacity building workshop for Resource Persons and staff during 2025-26 to enhance the quality of training delivery and align with national skill development priorities.

**Livelihood Activities:** During 2025-26, over 30 beneficiaries received seed funding under the PMVK

Scheme, enabling them to establish and expand their businesses. Additionally, 52 trained beneficiaries successfully completed Udyam Registration, formalizing their enterprises as registered micro-enterprises. Furthermore, 30 beneficiaries secured wage employment, while 80 beneficiaries successfully established their own home-based businesses without any loan support.

**Market Linkages & Exposure:** JSS Dhalai participated in the District Level Fairs 2025–26, including the Saras Fair held from 20–22 January 2026 at Motor Stand Ground, Manughat, Dhalai, Tripura and the Purple Fair for Divyangjans on 24 September 2025 at Ambassa, Dhalai, Tripura by setting up stalls. The event provided a platform for trained candidates to interact with employers, attend on-the-spot interviews, creating market linkage and receive seed funding support for entrepreneurship.

**Impact of the Project:** 1,780 beneficiaries trained across 89 batches in 18 NSQF-aligned job roles, the institution has demonstrated consistent growth in both reach and impact.

**Others Activities:** World Health Day, Labour Day, International Yoga Day, World Skill Day, Swachhata Hi Sewa -Cleanliness Drive programme, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Rastriya Ekta Diwas, Janjatiy Gaurav Divas, constitution day, World AIDS Day, Republic Day, International Mother Language Day, International Women's Day etc. were some of the events celebrated with utmost zeal and compassion.



Tanusree Deb  
Beauty Care Assistant



Rami Molsom  
Assistant Ambroider



Shraboni Das  
Assistant Dress Maker

**Few of the aspirants under the project who took training in different fields and grasped success**

# TRIBAL SKILLING CENTRES UNDER JSS DHALAI

**Introduction:** The Tribal Skilling Centre (TSC), project implemented through Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Dhalai, under the flagship scheme – Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India. The DAJGUA is a central scheme launched by the Prime Minister of India on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, to ensure holistic, sustainable development in tribal areas. It aims to cover 63,843 villages, benefiting over 5 crores tribal people across 549 districts of the nation by bridging gaps in health, education, and infrastructure. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), as the parent organization, has been actively implementing this scheme across the entire Dhalai district of Tripura. The initiative focused on providing vocational skill training in a non-formal mode, specifically targeting unreached and underserved tribal populations within the age group of 15–45 years.

## Physical Progress during the Year 2025–2026:

The courses offered under the Tribal Skilling Centres (TSCs) were designed as a balanced combination of technical competencies and employability skills. The details of the courses conducted were as follows:

| Sl.No.                    | Course Name                                                | No. of batches | Total No. of Trainees | Session in days |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1                         | Assistant Dress Maker                                      | 9              | 180                   | 80              |
| 2                         | Beauty Care Assistant                                      | 9              | 180                   | 80              |
| 3                         | Helper Electrical Technician                               | 2              | 40                    | 80              |
| 4                         | Assistant-Fruits and Vegetable Processing and Preservation | 3              | 60                    | 60              |
| 5                         | Basics of papad, pickles and masala powder making          | 2              | 40                    | 50              |
| 6                         | Assistant Artisan- Bamboo Craft                            | 4              | 80                    | 80              |
| 7                         | Assistant Hand Embroider                                   | 8              | 160                   | 80              |
| 8                         | Handcrafted Candle Maker                                   | 2              | 40                    | 120             |
| 9                         | Assistant Computer Operator                                | 5              | 100                   | 120             |
| 10                        | Foundation course in Healthcare                            | 1              | 20                    | 80              |
| Total Numbers of Trainees |                                                            |                | 900                   |                 |

## Capacity Building Workshops & Other Activities:

In alignment with the scheme guidelines, capacity-building initiatives were systematically organized for Resource Persons and TSC staff to enhance their technical competencies, training delivery skills, and overall program effectiveness. Apart from this, the Tribal Skilling Centre (TSC) also actively observed and celebrated several important national and international events to promote awareness, social inclusion and cultural values among trainees. These included World AIDS Day, Republic Day, International Mother Language Day, and International Women's Day.



Ambassa - 21 February 2026 at 2:43 pm

# INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDER TDF OF NABARD

In the year 2025-2026, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, with the support from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Tripura Regional Office, has successfully implemented the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) under the Tribal Development Fund (TDF) across selected tribal-dominated regions of Tripura. The project has been implemented in Laljuri Block of North Tripura District (completed in January 2026), along with on-going interventions in Kalyanpur Block of Khowai District and Amarapur Block of Gomati District.

The initiative was designed with the core objective of improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal households while simultaneously addressing ecological sustainability through scientific and climate-resilient farming practices.

## **TDF – Laljuri Block, North Tripura District in FY 2025-26:**

### **Project Coverage:**

- Village Covered – 6 ADC villages comprising of 300 tribal families
- Area Covered – 300 acres of land covered under the project

### **Major Components Implemented:**

- The intervention focused on promoting orchard-based livelihood systems under the WADI model, wherein each beneficiary family was supported with plantation inputs including mango (Arunika variety), lemon and pineapple, along with training and technical guidance.
- The project also incorporated a holistic development approach through the organization of health camps including general health, eye care, and reproductive and child health services.
- Special focus was also given on promotion of women development initiatives, creation of water resources for irrigation and awareness programs aimed at strengthening community capacity and resilience.
- To promote sustainable livelihoods and enhance local skills, several training camps were also conducted.
- Several Digital Financial Literacy Awareness Program (DFLAP) organized, covering: PMJJBY, PDSBY, 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.



Orchard(Mango) of a beneficiary in  
Laljuri Block



## **TDF – Kalyanpur Block, Khowai District, in FY 2025-26:**

**Kalyanpur Block project started in June 2024.**

**Project Coverage:** The project aimed to empower 300 targeted families across two ADC villages and one Gram Panchayat through sustainable livelihood models tailored to the local context.

### **Key Intervention Models for implementation:**

1. Horticulture Plantation Model – Benefiting 70 households, this model aims to enhance green cover and generate sustainable long-term income through the cultivation of high-value horticultural crops (Mango, Lemon, Pine apple and border plan Moringa and as intercropping Ginger & Turmeric)
2. Integrated Fish Farming Model – Engaging 60 households, this approach promotes efficient resource utilization by combining aquaculture with complementary agricultural activities.

**3. Integrated Pig Farming Model** – Targeting 170 households, this model will 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 mangos, 20 lemons, 200 pineapples, and 20 moringa (as border plants) per beneficiary.
- 58 families benefited under this intervention and 12 families were in the process of implementation

**2. Fishery Farming with Duckery & Orchard Development**

- 60 ducklings distributed to each of the 60 beneficiaries, along with lemon plantation around 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**

- Currently 90 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 3yrs
- 18 general health camps organized (2 per village per year), with emphasis on general health and malaria prevention.
- 9 Eye/RCH camps in 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.
- 220 families supported for organic kitchen garden promotion, organized in 7 batches.

**6. Nutri Garden Development**

- Promoted to ensure household-level nutritional security through self-grown fruits and vegetables.

**7. Training & Capacity Building**

- Two Trainings for PIA staff on project implementation and monitoring
- Orchard development trainings for farmers- 1 training completed
- Fish cultivation trainings for relevant beneficiaries- 2 training completed
- Pig rearing trainings to enhance livestock management practices- 3 training completed.
- One Exposure visits for farmers to successful models for experiential learning and skill enhancement- will be prepared.



**Piggery in Kalyanpur Block**



**Distribution of Fingerlings**



**Project Staff with Bee Keepers**

## TDF – Amarapur Block, Gomati District, FY 2025-26 :



**The TDF project in Amarapur Block was inaugurated on 4 February, 2026.**

With support from NABARD, VHAT has initiated the Integrated Tribal Development Project (TDF) in Amarapur Block, Gomati District and inaugurated on 4th February 2026 at Natunbazar Community Hall in the presence of ADM Gomati, GM NABARD, DDM NABARD, Addl. SDM Amarapur, and other line departments' officials.

The project aimed to empower 200 tribal families across two ADC villages through sustainable and integrated livelihood models. Two key interventions were to be implemented:

- Goatery with Horticulture Plantation for 80 households
- Piggery with Horticulture Plantation for 120 households

Both models to be integrated the livestock rearing with plantation of mango, coconut, dragon fruit, and border crops like moringa and amra (Hog Plum), ensuring income generation, nutritional security, and ecological sustainability.

Additionally, the project included women development initiatives, social development activities, and skill development training to enhance beneficiaries' capacity for sustainable commercial livelihood practices.



**Staff Orientation Training for TDF Amarapur Project**

## MEDP (MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME) OF NABARD

NABARD's Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) provides skill up-gradation training to Self Help Group (SHG) members to help them set up micro-enterprises. These short term programs, often implemented focusing on farm, non-farm, and service sector activities to increase rural incomes and enhance entrepreneurial capabilities.

**Role of VHAT :** VHAT successfully implemented a Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) on Floriculture in Kalyanpur Block of Khowai District. The programme was conducted for 15 days with the participation of 30 SHG members. Training Approach & Outcome:- included **technical sessions, refresher training, and exposure visits**, aimed at enhancing skills and entrepreneurial capacity. Post-training, VHAT facilitated **market and bank linkages** to support participants in establishing micro-enterprises.

This initiative has contributed to promoting **self-employment and sustainable livelihoods** among rural women.

# LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION THROUGH PIG REARING AND INITIATIVES TOWARDS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT UNDER APF

## Initiation:

Pig rearing has been one of the important livelihood activities of the indigenous people of Tripura. This project aims to pig rearing in commercial & proper way, 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, in 2 (two) Village Councils viz Shivnagar VC and Ujan Machmara VC. 400 households (HHs) 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 PG formation with marketing linkages.
- Capacity building of women in commercial Pig farming with pig healthcare & proper feeding practices.
- Organizing special health camps for women on preventive health care, especially on menstrual hygiene.
- 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.
- Establishment of a Community Resource Centre (CRC) & empowering the CRC members for future support & hand-holding the pig farmers in farm management & marketing.
- Enhancement the income of the beneficiary- households by approx 50K-60K annually.

## Cumulative progress done till March 2026:

- ✓ Mobilization has been doing for the next phase of 200 HHs & selection done for 100 HHs for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- ✓ Formation completed for next 10 PGs & training to be completed by May in 5 Batches on Pig Rearing & Management.
- ✓ Exposure visit of the 25 pig farmers have done at Hrishi & Arushi Pig Farm, Sabroom.
- ✓ Pig Insurance has been doing through insurance campaign.
- ✓ Establishment of CRC Office & Feed storage:
  - ❖ Out of 200 HHs in more than 20 , mother pigs have already given birth of average 10 piglets.
  - ❖ 14 HHs have sale their piglets & have earned 50K-60K.
  - ❖ Good quality Pig feed was supplying regularly to 200 HHs and also monitoring their healthcare practices.
  - ❖ One Community Resource Centre (CRCs) established for regular support to the pig farmers, providing Pig Feed & marketing support to the beneficiaries.



Focus Group Discussion with Beneficiaries



Newborn piglets in a piggery of a Beneficiary



Exposure Visit for piggery beneficiaries



Animal Health Camp

# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

■ Shelter Houses for Urban Homeless under DAY- NULM Scheme



Radha nagar Shelter House , Agartala

■ 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of VHAT



Gram Dukan in Hrishya-mukh , Belonia , South Tripura

■ Rural Haat – NABARD

■ Gram Dukan

■ Social Protection Scheme



Entrepreneurship Knowledge Programme conducted in Holy Cross College

■ Senior Citizens' Skill Training

■ EKP Training

■ International Women's Day



■ Gramin Jeevika Mela -2026

■ Mango Festival

■ Workshop on Prevention of Human Trafficking



# SHELTER HOUSES FOR URBAN HOMELESS UNDER DAY–NULM SCHEME

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.

**Role of VHAT:** 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.

**Outreach of VHAT Under the Scheme :** To disseminate the information about the facilities in shelter houses, VHAT staffs did the outreach activities in several area in respective locations of the Shelter Houses:-

**1.Radhanagar Shelter House, Agartala:** Shelter house staff have been visiting Chandrapur, Nagerjala & Radhanagar bus stand, GB Bazar, Badharghat & Jogendranagar Railway Station. Organized regular 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 2025-26 totally 1168 inmates availed the staying facility in this shelter. Our staff have visited various government offices like Police Stations, Clubs, Bazaar Committees, Bus Stands, and Railway Station to spread the messages & 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 been visiting 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 2025–26, 965 individuals used the accommodation in this shelter.

**3.Dinadayal Shelter House, Amarpur:** We did outreach campaign in Amarpur Sub-Divisional Hospital, 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 attendants or relatives of those patients admitted in the Amarpur Sub-Divisional Hospital for their staying in the shelter. Last year 580 persons got the staying facility in this shelter.

**4.Dharmanagar Shelter House:** Outreach activities were done in the Dharmanagar ISBT, Rajbari bus stand, Dharmanagar Bazar & Railway Station, Dharmanagar Hospital. Organized meeting with vehicle drivers & the passengers, Tuktuk Union and Dharmanagar Railway Station for increasing the number of inmates. Also visited the patient attendants or relatives of those patients admitted in the Dharmanagar Hospital & various Nursing Homes. In 2025-26, 708 persons utilized the staying facility in Dharmanagar Shelter House.

In the Shelter houses, the 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.



Dharmanagar Shelter House – Outreach Work

# 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF VHAT

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was organized at Conference Hall of VHAT at Circuit House Area, Kunjaban, Agartala, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This meeting had two parts- a Technical Session and the Business Session.

The following dignitaries/guests were present in the inaugural Session of the AGM of VHAT:

- 1) Shri Diganta Kumar Das, DGM, NABARD Tripura Regional Office
- 2) Adv. Asmita Banik, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, West Tripura
- 3) Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura
- 4) Shri Benudhar Acharjee, Assistant Secretary, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura

Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Executive Director of VHAT delivered welcome speech for the Members and Guests.

**TECHNICAL SESSION: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm . Topics of the Technical Session were as follows:**

- a) Child Marriage: From Awareness to Action by Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President of VHAT.
- b) Project Formulation for CSO/NGOs - Mr. Prasanta Debbarma, Integrator, Tripura, SeSTA
- c) Governing mechanisms, Legal compliances of CSO/NGOs - Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Executive Director, of VHAT

## **The Business Session:**

The Business session was started at 2.40 pm after the lunch. Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President of VHAT, chaired the session and extended a hearty welcome to all the members. Then she declared the meeting open and took up the agenda for negotiations. VHAT- AGM Resolution Book was circulated and obtained signature of the members. Out of 64 members 48 members participated in the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura. The meeting had presence of requisite number of Members to fulfil the quorum. Then discussions happened on an annual report, report of the Treasurer, appointment of the **appoint the Auditor for the year 2025 – 2026 and Plan & Budget of 2025 – 2026** which was presented by Mr. Bipul Majumder, Finance Officer of VHAT.

Executive Director of VHAT placed some amendments of a few policies of VHAT for discussion and approval by the General Body of VHAT. After detail discussion the Members of VHAT General Committee unanimously approved the amendments of 1. Personnel Policies/Staff Service Rules of VHAT, 2. VHAT – Purchase Policy, 3. Financial Management Policy

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was ended with valedictory address and vote of thanks by Dr. Sreelekha Ray, President of VHAT.



37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of VHAT

## **RURAL HAAT – NABARD**

The Voluntary Health Association of Tripura with the support from NABARD, Tripura Region, has successfully established a Rural Haat at Daocherra Bazar under Paschim Gilatali Gram Panchayat in Kalyanpur Block, Khowai District. This integrated rural marketing facility has been developed to provide a dedicated platform for artisans, farmers, and small-scale entrepreneurs, particularly those who lack access to proper market infrastructure, enabling them to showcase and sell their products effectively.

The Rural Haat was formally inaugurated on 18th September 2025 in the presence of distinguished dignitaries. The programme was graced by Shri Somen Gope, Chairman, Kalyanpur Panchayat Samiti, as the Chief Guest, along with Shri Anil S. Kotmire, General Manager, NABARD (Tripura Region), Shri Amit Das, District Development Manager, NABARD (Khowai & Dhalai District), Smt. Indranai Debbarma, BAC Chairman, Kalyanpur R.D. Block, and Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Executive Director, VHAT. This initiative marks a significant step toward strengthening rural livelihoods and promoting local entrepreneurship by creating sustainable market linkages. The Rural Haat is expected to play a vital role in enhancing income opportunities, boosting local trade, and supporting the overall growth of the rural economy in the region.



Kalyanpur Rural Haat inaugurated by Shri Anil S.Kotmire , GM Nabard Tripura



Gram Dukan in Hrishyamukh , Belonia , South Tripura

## GRAM DUKAN – NABARD

NABARD's "Gram Dukan" initiative supports rural entrepreneurship by establishing dedicated marketplaces for Self Help Groups (SHGs) and local artisans to sell handmade, handloom, and organic products. These rural shops (Dukan) enhance market access and income for rural women, often supported by local development missions.

Primary objective of the project is to develop successful entrepreneurs among Self-Help Group (SHG) members by providing support such as shop (dukan) rent, structured assistance, honorarium, and continuous monitoring and evaluation for a period of two years. This support aims to strengthen business capacity, improve financial management skills, and ensure long-term sustainability of the enterprises.

### Role of VHAT:

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura with the support from NABARD, has established a “Gram Dukan” in Hrishyamukh Block of Belonia, South Tripura district, as a sustainable livelihood initiative to promote rural entrepreneurship.

By enabling direct market access, the Gram Dukan helped increase income, built entrepreneurial confidence, and reduced dependency on intermediaries. It also serves as a model for community-led enterprise development, contributing to women empowerment, local economic growth, and strengthened rural livelihoods.

## SOCIAL PROTECTION SCHEMES UNDER SWASTI

Swasti" commonly refers to Swasti Health Catalyst, a major Indian non-profit organization that has worked for 20 years to ensure everyday wellbeing through public health, disaster response, and community resilience, including recent social protection and mobile medical unit initiatives in Tripura. It's main mission is to ensure health and well-being, specifically focusing on vulnerable communities.

### Role of VHAT:

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), with support from SWASTI, implemented a comprehensive social protection initiative in Dhalai district from October 2025 to March 2026. The program was designed to bridge gaps in awareness and accessibility, ensuring that marginalized communities could effectively navigate and enrol in essential government welfare schemes.

### Impact and Outreach:

The initiative successfully reached 12,047 individuals, providing them with a direct link to various Central and State Government social protection schemes. The program specifically prioritized the following vulnerable groups:

- Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Castes (SC)
- Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)
- Women and unorganized workers

### Core Implementation Strategy:

To ensure inclusive and equitable access, VHAT team employed a multi-faceted outreach approach:

- Direct Engagement: Utilized door-to-door outreach, one-to-one interactions, and small group meetings.
- End-to-End Support: Provided continuous "handholding" assistance, including identification, documentation, application submission, and follow-up until benefits were realized.
- Capacity Building: Addressed enrolment barriers by guiding beneficiaries step-by-step through complex processes.

### Key Schemes Promoted:

The initiative focused on critical health and social security entitlements:

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana: Financial protection for secondary and tertiary hospitalizations.
- Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana: State-level extension of health coverage.
- e-Shram Card: Social security, accident insurance, and welfare access for unorganized workers.



Visiting individual beneficiary for inclusion in Social Protection Scheme



Helping a Person with Disabilities for registration in the Social Protection Scheme

### Conclusion:

By combining personalized engagement with technical support, the initiative significantly improved the uptake of social protection measures. This intervention has strengthened the financial security and resilience of households in Dhalai, fostering greater social inclusion and overall well-being within the targeted communities.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' SKILL TRAINING -CUM- WORKSHOP ON THONGA & PAPER BAG MAKING

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) successfully implemented a series of skill development workshops aimed at empowering senior citizens residing in old age homes across Tripura. This initiative was conducted under the direction of the Directorate of Skill Development, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura.

### Overview:

The training sessions took place from 26 February to 5 March 2026 targeting the senior citizens residing in selected institutional old age homes. Totally 50 participants were trained across five locations in the districts of West Tripura, Sepahijala, Gomati, and Khowai. Each location hosted a three-day intensive training with 10 participants per batch to ensure personalized, hands-on instruction.

**Key Objectives:**The trainings were designed to move beyond simple activity, focusing on:

\*Productive Engagement: Providing meaningful daily activities for the elderly.

\*Skill Development: Teaching practical crafts such as eco-friendly thongas (paper pouches), envelopes, folders, and paper bags.

\*Self-Reliance: Equipping participants with basic production techniques and material utilization for potential income generation.

\*Social Inclusion: Enhancing the dignity, mental well-being, and social interaction of the participants.

**Participating Institutions**

The workshops were hosted at the following locations:

1. MGM Old Age Home (Narsingarh)
2. Apna Ghar Old Age Home (Barjala)
3. Abhoy Mission Old Age Home (Gakulnagar, Bishalgarh)
4. SEVIC Old Age Home (Udaipur)
5. SEVIC Old Age Home (Khowai)

### **Methodology and Outcomes:**

The training utilized a participatory and experiential learning methodology. By engaging directly in the manufacturing process, beneficiaries reported a renewed sense of purpose and increased confidence.

Participants expressed appreciation for the programme, noting that such activities provide both skill enhancement and a sense of purpose in their daily lives.

### **Conclusion:**

The initiative successfully met its goals of promoting Active Ageing and Empowerment among vulnerable elderly populations. VHAT has reaffirmed its commitment to continuing similar welfare and inclusion projects in the future.



## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP KNOWLEDGE PROGRAMME (EKP)**

The EKP- Entrepreneurship Knowledge Programme is an initiative of RAMP Programme- Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP).

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector is a significant contributor to the economic and social development of the country. It is the second largest employer after Agriculture and employs about 11.1 crores people spread across manufacturing, trade, and service sectors.

Considering the above, the Ministry of MSME, Government of India designed and launched a new Central Sector Scheme, namely 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP)', supported by the World Bank.

The programme has implemented in Tripura by **National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**, through VHAT , funded by Department of Industries And Commerce, Government of Tripura. This initiative was conducted in October-November 2025.

The prime objective of the program was to improve the skills of the women & unemployed youth in all the districts in Tripura.

#### Objectives of the Programme:

- ✓ To introduce the concept of entrepreneurship.
- ✓ To promote self-employment and start-up mindset.
- ✓ To enhance participants' knowledge on business planning.
- ✓ To encourage innovation and leadership.
- ✓ To make a platform for the employment generation.
- ✓ To provide knowledge on Enterprise promotion.
- ✓ To build-up mindset for skilling entrepreneurship.
- ✓ To encourage the entrepreneurial mindset for the decision making to set-up new enterprise.

**Cumulative progress done till March 2026:** Mobilization has done in three (3) locations-

- i).Mohanpur College, Sidhai, ii) Holy Cross College, Lembucherra & iii). Garjanmura under Tepania RD Block. Accordingly three (3) EKP sessions were conducted in three venues – Swami Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya-100 youths, Holy Cross College-100 youths & Garjanmura Community Hall-50 youths.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT), with the support of NABARD, successfully organized International Women's Day celebrations on 11th March 2026 at Kalyanpur, Khowai District, and on 13th March 2026 at Kanchanpur, North Tripura.



**Celebration of International Women's Day in Kalyanpur, Khowai District**



**Celebration of International Women's Day in Kanchanpur, North Tripura District**

The programme commenced with an inaugural ceremony marked by the lighting of the lamp in the presence of distinguished guests like Hon'ble MLA of Kalyanpur Shri Pinaki Das Choudhury ,DDM –NABARD Mr.Amit Das. The events witnessed active participation from Women Self-Help Group (SHG) members and women entrepreneurs. As a token of appreciation, 12 outstanding women entrepreneurs from both locations were recognized and felicitated with special gifts from NABARD for their remarkable achievements. In Kanchanpur event Smt.Swapna Rani Das, Member of District Council (North) was the Chief Guest.

The programme effectively highlighted the contributions of women and promoted entrepreneurship, empowerment, and community engagement.

## GRAMIN JEEVIKA MELA

**Gramin Jeevika Mela – 2026** was organized by VHAT in collaboration with Block Mission Management Unit, TRLM in Kalyanpur Block and NABARD on 21st–22nd January 2026 at Kalyanpur Block, Khowai District. The event aimed to promote sustainable livelihoods and strengthen farmers' capacities.

Day–1 began with a Farmers' Meet under the TDF project, featuring expert sessions on orchard management, kitchen gardening, livestock, and fish farming, along with interactive discussions, input distribution, and a health check-up camp. The mela was formally inaugurated by distinguished dignitaries:- Shri Diganta Kr.Das,DGM-Nabard, Shri Abhijit Chakraborty,ADM-Khowai,& MLA of Kalyanpur Shri Pinaki Das Choudhury. This was followed the exhibition of stalls showcasing local products and a cultural evening.

Day–2 included cultural programmes and the closing ceremony, along with felicitation of progressive farmers and SHG leaders.

# MANGO & PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL

Mango & Pineapple Festival 2025, organized by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was successfully held from 17th to 19th June 2025 at Children's Park, Agartala, with the support of NABARD, Tripura Regional Office. The event was inaugurated in the presence of several dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Welfare, Shri Bikash Debbarma, Mr. Apurba Ry (IAS) Secretary of Dept of Agriculture and GM-Nabard(Tripura Region) Shri Anil S.Kotmire along with Dr. Sreelekha Ray (President, VHAT) and Shri Deepak Kumar Das (Director, Horticulture & Soil Conservation) . The event commenced with a welcome address by VHAT- Executive Director , followed by speeches highlighting the importance of horticulture development and farmer livelihoods. The festival witnessed active participation from progressive farmers of Dumbur Nagar in Dhalai District, along with TDF beneficiaries and FPO members from different districts of Tripura. It provided a valuable platform for showcasing mango and pineapple produce, promoting market linkages, and encouraging sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers.



**Glimpses of Mango and Pineapple Festival in Children's Park, Agartala**

# WORKSHOP ON PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

VHAT is one of the founder members of the network ‘Action Against Trafficking & Sexual Exploitation of Children in India (ATSEC India)’ which started working since 1998 under the leadership of Mr. Manabendra Mandal, as the Chairman, ATSEC South Asia and National Coordinator, ATSEC India. From that year VHAT has been continuously working to prevent sexual exploitation and human trafficking, especially of women and children within Tripura and cross border in Bangladesh though rescue & repatriation Bangladesh primarily acts as a major source and transit country for cross-border trafficking into India, while India functions both as a vast internal trafficking hub and the primary destination for international victims in South Asia. Tripura also has long border with Bangladesh .



On 25-26 April 2025 VHAT in collaboration with Socio Legal Aid Research & Training Centre P-112 Lake Terrace, Kolkata 29, West Bengal, organized one ‘**Regional Workshop on Awareness Generation & Prevention of Human Trafficking**’ at Agartala, Tripura.

Main speakers for this workshop were Mr. Manabendra Mandal, National Coordinator, ATSEC India & Director of Socio Legal Aid , Research and Training Centre, Kolkata and Dr.Sreelekha Ray,President of VHAT. Other dignitaries were-Advocate Ms.Asmita Banil ,Chairperson of CWC (W),Advocate Ms.Sumita Roy, Chairparson CWC(Sepahijala), Shri Kajal Das, Deputy Collector – West Tripura District,and Ms Chameli Saha , Member of TSCPCR.

Sixty(60) participants from Civil Society Organizations(CSOs) of different parts of NE region actively participated in it and could enriched their knowledge and experiences about combating the menace of human trafficking in North East India.

Another ‘**District Level Workshop on Awareness & Prevention of rafficking in Persons**’ was organized by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura in collaboration with District Administration , South Tripura and South Tripura Youth Forum on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025 in the Circuit House, Belonia.



This was presided over by Muhammad Sajad P., IAS, DM & Collector of South Tripura. The workshop was successfully completed by active participation of 70 individuals of various line departments including BSF, Police, Panchayats, Women SHGs, Anganwadi Wokers & CWC members.

# **REPORT OF VHAT MONITORING, EVALUATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2025 – 26**

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.

## **Observation and findings:**

### ***A) Health promotion-This year remarkable expansion happened-***

- **Tobacco Control project :** > Enforcement activity was strengthened. >Formation of “Alliance for Tobacco Free Tripura” for helping in fruitful implementation of COTPA. > “Tobacco Vendor Licensing “ a step towards regulating the sale of tobacco products. >

>Atleast four notification issued by state Government on Tobacco Free Village, Tobacco Vendor Licensing, inclusion of VHAT in District Level Coordination Committee(Gomati) & Tobacco Free Educational Schools.

- Initiation of **Mobile Medical Unit in Dhalai** with support from SWASTI & in Close collaboration with district health authority.

- TI project in Khowai district** with support from Tripura State AIDS Control Society.

- **ASHA Training** with a focus on strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health services in Tripura.

- **Data collection to help ICMR-NCDIR** for a study / research project focused on improving clinical outcomes for diabetes and hypertension in selected blocks of West and North Tripura.

### ***B) Education promotion-***

- This year Ratanmani Vidyalay completed 32 years of its glorious existence in providing quality primary education to tribal children of poor tribal families.

- Number of candidates for NIOS courses didn't increased

- VHAT worked with AISECT to provide access to quality higher education for individuals seeking to enhance their qualifications. 7 candidates admitted in two courses.

### ***C) Care & protection of children***

- Care & other services in five 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 and community children was implemented in 15 panchayets of West & Sepahijala district..

### ***D) 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 EnAble India.

### ***E) Livelihood and skill development --***

- JSS Dhalai project fulfilled the targeted activities.

- The Tribal Skilling Centre (TSC is a new initiative (flagship scheme) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India , started in Dhalai.

- TDF(NABARD) project has been implemented in Laljuri Block of North Tripura (completed in January 2026), along with on-going interventions in Kalyanpur Block of Khowai District and newly started in Amarpur Block of Gomati District

- F) There were eleven short term projects** conducted as special initiatives.

### ***Challenges-***

- On time release of the grants – a great problem.
- Shortage of trained, professional staff for the social sector
- Severe scarcity of corporate or philanthropic fund.

### ***Recommendations-***

- Engagement of technical staff (IT)
- Some of the core staff should be equipped for using more modern information technology for better monitoring and documentation of activities keeping space with the current time.

# TRAININGS /WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS ATTENDED BY VHAT MEMBERS & STAFFS IN 2025-26

| Trainings/Workshops / Meetings                                                                                                                                                                                             | Date of the Event                                | Participated by                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Training on Project Formulating and Converge Training held at BIRD- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh                                                                                                                                 | 27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025    | Mr.Mridul Paul & Mr.Priyatosh Pal                                                                                            |
| Training on “Systematic Approach to Training (SAT)” conducted by Govt. of Tripura at SIPARD                                                                                                                                | 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025    | Ms. Rinki Bhowmik                                                                                                            |
| The North East Edit organized by Axis Bank Foundation & North East Together in Mumbai                                                                                                                                      | 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                         | Dr. Sujit Ghosh                                                                                                              |
| Observation of International Bio- Diversity Day organized by Tripura Biodiversity Board & Tripura SCATFORM Project- JICA held at Pragna Bhavan                                                                             | 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025                        | Mr.Prasenjit Chakraborty & Ms. Rinki Bhowmik                                                                                 |
| Orientation on Management of Child Care Institutions functionaries in NIPCCD, Guwahati                                                                                                                                     | 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> of June 2025  | Ms Keya Bhowmik & Ms.Dipu Das Majumder                                                                                       |
| State Symposium on Child Labour Elimination in Jharkand- Pathways and Commitments for Accelarated Action organized by Bal Kalyan Sangha, Ranchi                                                                            | 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                       | Dr. Sreelekha Ray                                                                                                            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Pineapple Festival organized by Confederation of Indian Industry, Tripura in Pragna Bhavan                                                                                                                 | 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025                       | Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Ms.Aruna Debbarma, Ms.RinkiBhowmik                                                                          |
| Inauguration of Entrepreneurship Knowledge Programme (EKP) under RAMP project organized by NI-MSME supported by Directorate of Industry & Commerce, Govt. of Tripura                                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025                        | Mr.Mridul Paul, Mr.Joydeep Bhusan, Ms.Rinki Bhowmik,Ms.Aruna Debbarma, Mr. Chottan Majumder,Mr. Sajal Deb, Mr. Dipankar Nath |
| SETU State Consultation on Social Protection & MMU orientation organized by SWASTI held at IIT Guwahati, Assam                                                                                                             | 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                       | Mr. Joydeep Bhusan                                                                                                           |
| Orientation on Emotional & Mental Health Wellbeing of Adolescents for functionaries of CCI's held at NIPCCD, Guwahati                                                                                                      | 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> August 2025     | Ms Sumita Dey, Mr.Sanjit Nath                                                                                                |
| District level orientation training of stakeholders on National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) & Opiod Substitution Therapy (OST) services held at CMO West Conference Hall                                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025                     | Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder                                                                                                       |
| 2-days training on Social Stock Exchange held at BIRD, Lucknow                                                                                                                                                             | 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025   | Mr.Phani Debnath                                                                                                             |
| An Award of Appreciation was presented to VHAT on International Day for Older Persons 2025 organized by Govt. of Tripura, SW&SE                                                                                            | 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                    | Mr.Jyotirmoy Majumder & Mr Prasenjit Chakraborty                                                                             |
| Training on Coping Skills for Mental Health of Children in Institutions for the functionaries of CCIs                                                                                                                      | 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | Ms.Tanusree Dey                                                                                                              |
| “From preparation to action” – Disaster response training organized by Donate Kart (UNICEF) held in Hyderabad                                                                                                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025 | Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Mr.Joydeep Bhusan                                                                                           |
| Capacity Building Training for Garv Se Center Officers of UP, MP, Meghalaya, Tripura, Maharastra and Jammu & Kashmir organized by EnAble India in PGSS Gorakhpur                                                           | 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder                                                                                                       |
| Training on Introduction to Disability Inclusion for Child Protection Action. Organized by Keystone Human Services International and India Association held at Kamala Devi Complex, International Center, New Delhi, India | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025   | Ms. Urmila Debbarma                                                                                                          |
| India Livelihood Summit. Organized by Accesses Development Services at New Delhi                                                                                                                                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025   | Dr. Sujit Ghosh                                                                                                              |

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| Consultation meeting for a study titled "Implementation research to improve clinical outcomes of diabetes and hypertension cases by empowering public and private sector primary care physicians in India".                             | 17-19 December 2025                              | Dr.Sreelekha Ray as Site PI & Mr. Joydeep Bhusan as Co-PI of the Study |
| Regional Multi-Stakeholder Convergence Workshop to finalize India's National AI Strategy for Health, organized by Gov of Meghalaya                                                                                                      | 17 January, 2026                                 | Dr . Sreelekha Ray                                                     |
| Workshop on Managing Anxiety and Mental Health of Adolescent Girls in CCIs held at Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development, Guwahati, Assam                                                                  | 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026  | Ms.Urmila Debbarma                                                     |
| State-Level Comprehensive Orientation on Mental Health Care Act- 2017, Registration & Regulation of Mental Health Establishments, organized by State Mental Health Authority, Government of Tripura Mukhtadhara, Krishnanagar, Agartala | 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                    | Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder                                                 |
| CSR-NGO Conclave New Delhi organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra                                                                                                                                                                              | 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | Dr. Sujit Ghosh                                                        |
| Mission Samridhi Summit organized by Mission Samridhi at Chennai                                                                                                                                                                        | 26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Mr. Mridul Paul                                       |
| Regional-Level training on Deaf Blindness and Multiple Disabilities organized by Shishu Sarothi, Guwahati                                                                                                                               | 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026    | Ms.Papiya Choudhury Paul, Mr.Rahul Debbarma, Ms. Rinki Bhowmik         |



**Mission Samridhi Summit 10 in Chennai, Date; 26-28, February 2026**



# ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF 2025-2026

The following tables were filled in based on duly audited accounts of VHAT for the financial year ending on 31st March 2026

## 1. BALANCE SHEET

| All figures are Rs. in Lacs        |               |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets as on                       | 03/31/2025    | 03/31/2026    |
| Fixed Assets                       | 319.16        | 441.25        |
| Investments                        | 240.07        | 275.63        |
| Loans & Advances                   | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Cash and Bank balances             | 328.15        | 145.79        |
| Other Current Assets               | 4.23          | 6.91          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                | <b>891.61</b> | <b>869.58</b> |
| All figures are Rs. In Lacs        |               |               |
| Liabilities as on                  | 03/31/2025    | 03/31/2026    |
| Trust/Society/Share-holder funds   | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| General Fund (unrestricted fund)   | 318.31        | 313.17        |
| Corpus and endowment fund (s)      | 0.03          | 0.03          |
| Restricted/Earmarked funds         | 550.30        | 679.21        |
| Grant balances                     | 20.38         | -152.55       |
| Loans and borrowings               | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Current Liabilities and provisions | 2.60          | 29.72         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>           | <b>891.61</b> | <b>869.58</b> |

## 2.INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

| All figures are Rs. in Lacs                |               |               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income for the year ended on               | 03/31/2025    | 03/31/2026    |
| Self generated income                      | 18.31         | 16.27         |
| Donations from Indian sources              | 6.33          | 4.10          |
| Grants from Indian sources                 | 402.62        | 466.62        |
| Donations from International sources       | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Grants from International sources          | 62.46         | 67.99         |
| Other Income                               | 39.06         | 34.20         |
| Excess of expenditure over income (if any) | 1.22          | 5.14          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>529.99</b> | <b>594.32</b> |
| All figures are Rs. in Lacs                |               |               |
| Expenditure for the year ended on          | 03/31/2025    | 03/31/2026    |
| Programme                                  | 480.71        | 530.46        |
| Public education and fundraising           | 9.49          | 9.07          |
| Management and administration              | 21.59         | 32.01         |
| Payments to Beneficiaries                  | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Other expenses                             | 18.21         | 22.78         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                   | <b>529.99</b> | <b>594.32</b> |
| <b>Surplus</b>                             | <b>0.00</b>   | <b>0.00</b>   |
|                                            | <b>529.99</b> | <b>594.32</b> |

### 3. RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT : All figures are Rs. in Lacs

| Receipts for the year ended on       | 03/31/2025    | 03/31/2026    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Opening Cash and Bank Balance        | 103.83        | 328.15        |
| Self generated income                | 18.31         | 16.27         |
| Donations from Indian sources        | 6.33          | 4.10          |
| Grants from Indian sources           | 608.97        | 399.57        |
| Donations from International sources | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Grants from International sources    | 58.69         | 66.99         |
| Sale of investment /assets           | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Loans                                | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Other receipts                       | 179.97        | 40.99         |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                | <b>976.09</b> | <b>856.07</b> |

All figures are Rs. in Lacs

| Payment for the year ended on                          | 03/31/2025    | 03/31/2026    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Capital items / assets purchased for the organisation  | 3.47          | 11.13         |
| Capital items / assets purchased for the beneficiaries | 0.00          | 28.44         |
| Purchase of investment                                 | 30.00         | 20.00         |
| Grants / Donations to other Organisations              | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Loans and advances                                     | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Other payments                                         | 614.48        | 650.71        |
| Total Payments                                         | 647.95        | 710.28        |
| Closing Cash and Bank Balance                          | 328.14        | 145.79        |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                  | <b>976.09</b> | <b>856.07</b> |

| 4. Major Projects/ Donors of the year (2025-2026)          | Expenditure (Rs.)     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) CCI, Dept. of SW & SE, GoT                              | 2,11,26,160.00        |
| 2) Mobile Medical Unit Dhalai & Khowai/SWASTI              | 81,38,060.00          |
| 3) Implementation Research/ICMR Survey/NCDIR               | 3,40,856.00           |
| 4) The Miracle Foundation (FCRA)                           | 29,69,332.00          |
| 5) Women Self Help Group, NABARD                           | 4,90,378.00           |
| 6) Tribal Development Fund (Kalyanpur) NABARD              | 59,56,068.76          |
| 7) Livelihood Promotion through Pig Rearing, APF           | 49,86,327.80          |
| 8) Kalyanpur Rural Hut, NABARD                             | 14,75,254.00          |
| 9) Ratanmani Vidyalaya, MoTA, Govt. of India               | 61,24,942.00          |
| 10) SHANTINEER Half Way Home, SW & SE, GoT                 | 50,46,303.00          |
| 11) Targeted Intervention Pproject/TSACS, Govt. of Tripura | 4,37,071.00           |
| 12) The American Indian Foundation, PRERANA (FCRA)         | 6,91,372.00           |
| 13) Vital Strategies Tobacco Control Project (FCRA)        | 31,29,296.70          |
| 14) Shelter House for Urban Homeless /TULM                 | 16,18,467.04          |
| <b>TOTAL (Rs.)</b>                                         | <b>6,25,29,888.30</b> |

### Transparency & Accountability Disclosures of FY 2025-26 about VHAT

#### Executive Committee (Board) Members as on 31-03-2026:

| Name                        | Position on Board   | Number of meeting attended | Remuneration and reimbursements in Rs. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Dr. Sreelekha Ray        | President           | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 2. Md. Mokbul Ali           | Vice President      | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 3. Ms. Banarani Choudhury   | Secretary           | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 4. Mr. Benudhar Acharya     | Assistant Secretary | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 5. Mr. Hari Bhusan Das      | Treasurer           | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 6. Mr. Partha Sakha Debnath | Member              | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 7. Ms. Agnes Darlong        | Member              | 4                          | Zero                                   |
| 8. Mr. Ajit Pal             | Member              | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 9. Mr. Meghnad Debnath      | Member              | 5                          | Zero                                   |
| 10. Mr. Asit Chakraborty    | Member              | 4                          | Zero                                   |

# REFLECTIONS IN MEDIA

## Anti-tobacco camp for awareness in North District



■ DIM North Chandni Chandran chairs a one-day anti-tobacco training and awareness meeting at the conference hall of North Tripura district on Monday. - NEC Photo

### ■ NEC Report

Agartala, Apr 23: A significant step towards a tobacco-free society was taken on Monday as the Voluntary Health Association of Tripura

mangu Chakraborty, OSD of the District Education Department Kritisunder De, and NCTP District Program Officer Dr. Alok Kumar Dhar, along with other officials from the Voluntary Health Association

cum training program provided a platform for representatives from diverse departments to share their on-ground experiences and propose practical action plans aimed at strengthening tobacco

## ভ্যাটের উদ্যোগে হিউম্যান ট্রাফিকিং নিয়ে বিশেষ কর্মশালা



সভ্যভাষণ প্রতিনিধি, আগরতলা, ২৬ এপ্রিল। ভলান্টারী হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরার উদ্যোগে কলকাতার সোসিও লিগাল এইড রিসার্চ অ্যান্ড ট্রেনিং সেন্টারের সহযোগিতায় আজ

রাজ্যের বিভিন্ন জায়গার নানা অংশের প্রতিনিধিরা যেমন উপস্থিত ছিলেন তিক একই রকম ভাবে বিভিন্ন স্তরের বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিত্বরা উপস্থিত থেকে গোটা অ্যাজানকে সাফল্যমন্ডিত করে তোলেন।

বিভিন্ন অংশের বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিত্বরা। অন্যান্যদের মাঝে পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জেলার ডেপুটি কালেক্টর কাজল দাস, পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জেলার চাইল্ড ওয়েলফেয়ার কমিটির চেয়ারপার্সন আভাভোকেট অস্মিতা বণিক,

## নাবার্ডের উদ্যোগ, ব্যবস্থাপনায় ভ্যাট আম এবং আনারসের প্রদর্শনীতে মন্ত্রী বিকাশ

জনমত গ্রহণ, আগরতলা, ১৭ জুন। নাবার্ডের ত্রিপুরা শাখার উদ্যোগে এবং রাজ্যের অগ্রগামী সামাজিক সংস্থা ভলান্টারী হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরার ব্যবস্থাপনায় আগরতলায় শিশু উদ্যোগে অল্প হতেছে দুই দিনের বিশেষ আম এবং আনারসের উৎসব। পূর্ণ নির্মিত বিজ্ঞান ভিত্তিক এই বিশেষ অ্যাজানদের উদ্যোগে পূর্ণ রাজ্যের জনসংখ্যা কল্যাণ দপ্তরের মন্ত্রী বিকাশ দেববর্মী, ভলান্টারী হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরার চেয়ারম্যান ডক্টর শ্রী লেখা রায়, সংসদার এক্সিকিউটিভ ডিরেক্টর ডাঃ



## দিব্যাজনদের পাশে ভ্যাট, সচেতনতা ও বসে আঁকো

সচেতনতা কলম প্রতিনিধি, কল্যাণপুর, ২৯ এপ্রিল। রাজ্যের অগ্রগামী সামাজিক সংস্থা ভলান্টারী হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরার উদ্যোগে মঙ্গলবার দিব্যাজনদের নিয়ে এক সচেতনামূলক আলোচনা এবং বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।



ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর বড়ত্রে কদম প্রোগ্রামের অন্তর্গত আজকের এই কর্মসূচি। সারা দেশের সাথে রাজ্যেও ভারত সরকারের সামাজিক ন্যায় ও ক্ষমতায়ক মন্ত্রণের অধীনে ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট কাজ করে চলেছে বিশেষভাবে সক্ষমদের কল্যাণে। অটিজম, সেরিব্রাল পালসি, ইন্টেলেকুয়াল ডিসাবিলিটি এবং মাল্টিপল ডিসাবিলিটি রয়েছে এমন দিব্যাজনদের বিনামূল্যে নিরাময় স্বাস্থ্য বীমা এবং আইনত অভিভাবক প্রদান করা ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর প্রধান কাজ। বর্তমানে ভলান্টারী হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অফ ত্রিপুরা রাজ্যে কাজ করে চলেছে ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্টের স্টেট নোডাল এজেন্সি সেন্টার হিসেবে। ন্যাশনাল ট্রাস্ট এর বিভিন্ন কর্মকাণ্ড সম্পর্কে সবাইকে সচেতন করার লক্ষ্যে আজকের এই বসে আঁকো প্রতিযোগিতা ও আলোচনা সভা। বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত ছিলেন রাজ্যের সমাজ কল্যাণ ও সমাজ শিক্ষা দপ্তর পশ্চিম ত্রিপুরা জেলার ডিস্ট্রিক্ট ইন্সপেক্টর অফ সোসিয়াল এডুকেশন দীপক লাল সাহা।

## প্লাস্টিক বর্জনের আহ্বান ভ্যাটের



স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিনিধি, আগরতলা, ৫ জুন। দিনভর রাজ্য জুড়ে বিভিন্ন কর্মসূচির মধ্য দিয়ে বিশ্ব পরিবেশ দিবস প্রতিপালিত হয়েছে। একই ডঃ সুজিত ঘোষ প্রমুখ। অ্যাসোসিয়েশনের উষা বাজার কমপ্লেক্সে আয়োজিত হয় এই বন্ধরোপণ এবং সচেতনতা মূলক

## Elders trained for self sufficiency



### ■ NEC Report

Agartala, Mar 4: A three-day skill development training programme aimed at promoting self-reliance among senior citizens concluded successfully at the Civic Old Age

women. Keeping in mind the growing need for mental and financial independence among senior citizens, the training focused on making paper thongs and eco-friendly bags. Along with technical skills, special emphasis was laid on building

handmade products and expressing happiness over completing the course. Many shared that the training had given them a new sense of purpose and hoped to earn a modest income through their newly acquired skills. Chuton

## ইভাস টাওয়ার স্কলারশিপ প্রোগ্রাম ২৫-২৬

সত্য ভাষণ প্রতিনিধি, আগরতলা, ২৭ আগস্ট। ত্রিপুরা ভলান্টারী হেলথ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন এবং শিশু সারথি, গুয়াহাটি (আসাম) এর যৌথ উদ্যোগে এবং ইভাস টাওয়ার লিমিটেডের সহযোগিতায়, উচ্চশিক্ষায় পাঠরত প্রতিবন্ধী/ দিব্যাজন ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের ২০২৫-২৬ সনের বৃত্তি প্রদান করা হবে। এই ক্ষেত্রে উচ্চমাধ্যমিক থেকে

কোন কলেজে বা প্রতিষ্ঠানে পড়াশোনা করে তারাও এর জন আবেদন করতে পারবেন। এই বৃত্তির মাধ্যমে ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের পড়ালেখার জন্য আর্থিক সহায়তা দেওয়া হবে যেটা তার পড়ালেখা করতে খরচ হয়েছে/ফিস হিসেবে প্রদান করতে হয়েছে। এই বৃত্তি পাওয়ার জন্য অনলাইন এবং অফলাইনে আবেদন করা যাবে

## Badate Kadam program at New Hope Hall

### ■ NEC Report

Agartala, Nov 6: "Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) organized a drawing event for physically challenged individuals under its

Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The National Trust works across India for the welfare of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and multiple disabilities.

creativity and participation among persons with disabilities. A total of 26 physically challenged participants took part in the event. The prize distribution and discussion meeting was

Ghosh, Executive Director of VHAT, were also present, along with the participants and their parents.

During the discussion, the guests praised the initiative and highlighted its importance in promoting inclusion and confidence among differently-abled individuals.

Joydeep Bhushan, Coordinator of the National Trust, and Jyotirmoy Majumdar, Associate Director of VHAT, spoke about the organization's various activities and the different schemes offered by the National Trust for persons with disabilities.

The chief guest also discussed several state government schemes, including the Chief Minister's Social Security Scheme for Intellectual Disability, which provides a monthly assistance of rupees 5 thousand.



Badate Kadam program at As part of its extensive granted by Deepak Lal Saha.

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- ☐ 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.
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- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Chitkara University, Chandigarh, Punjab.
- ☐ Give India Foundation, Mumbai.
- ☐ Shishu Sarothi, Guwahati
- ☐ Donatekart
- ☐ SWASTI
- ☐ TATA AIG
- ☐ Vitamin Angel, Mumbai , Maharashtra
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- ☐ Department of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura.
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- ☐ National Law University, Tripura
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