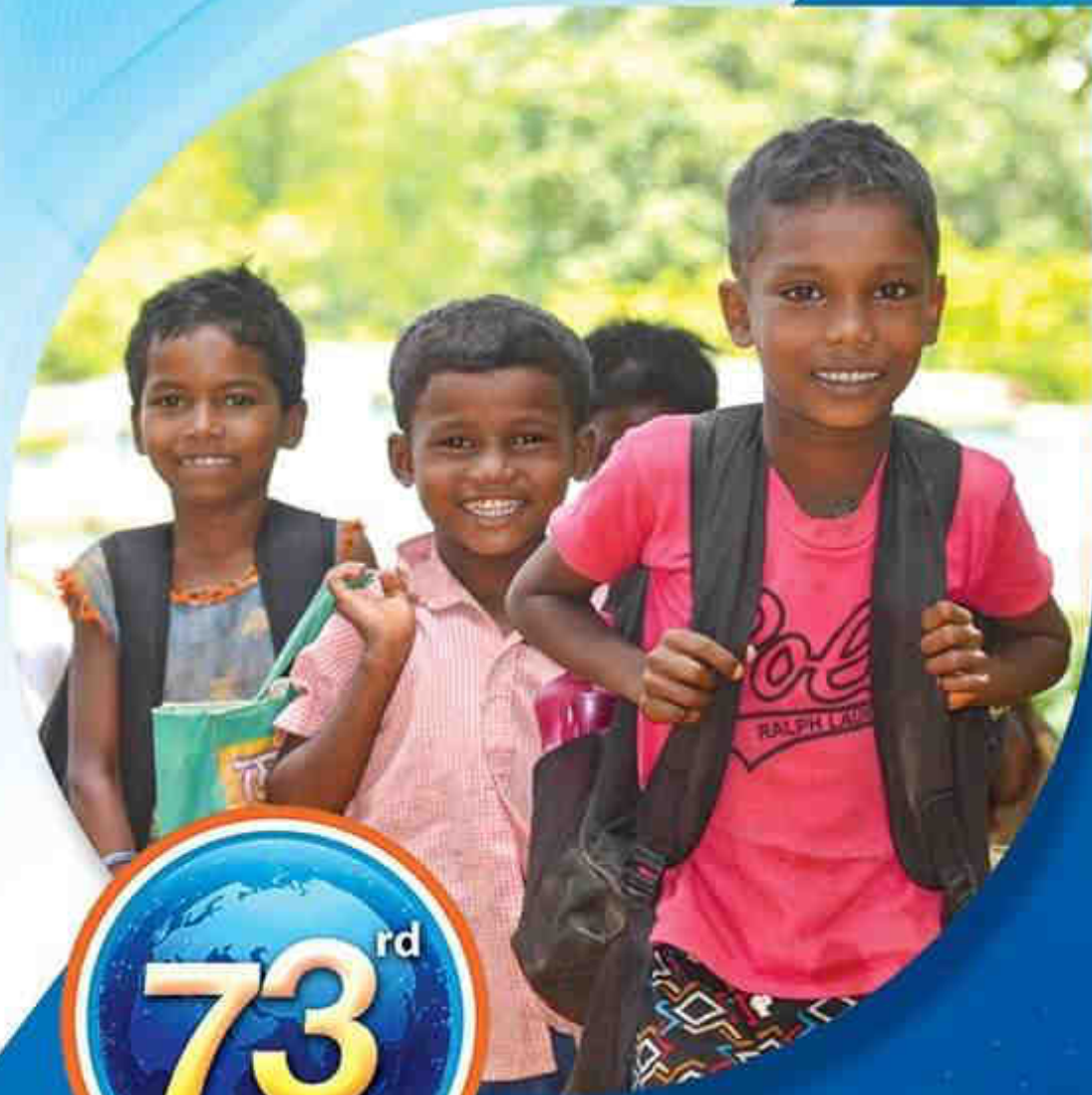


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Late Sudhanshu Sekhar Panda, Late Radhashyam Panda, Late Shibrum Panda, Late Gobinda Prasad Giri, Late Anil Baran Das, Late Raghunath Pal, Late Sheikh Javed Ali, Late Sanjib Kumar Misra





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From the Desk of General Secretary...



Sustainable development involves meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is built on four core pillars: society, environment, culture, and economy. The United Nations has outlined 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by 2030. However, in developing countries like ours, it is not enough for the government alone to take initiatives; the general population must also be actively involved. People need to understand that to accelerate sustainable development, changes in habits and mindsets are necessary.

Artificial development has disrupted the balance of nature and the environment, contributing to climate change. Additionally, inequitable resource distribution has left many people living below

the poverty line. Quality education, respect for women, nutritious food, employment opportunities, and proper health services are not accessible to all.

In this challenging situation, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has consistently supported disadvantaged members of society. Despite various obstacles and conflicts, the KJKS has persistently moved forward with an optimistic outlook, striving for the comprehensive development of vulnerable communities. This year marks the 73rd Annual General Meeting of Kajla Janakalyan Samity.

The Samity is currently focused on the comprehensive development of poor, neglected, and exploited people, especially children and women, in the districts of Purba Medinipur, Jhargram, Howrah, and South 24 Parganas. The programs include education, health, child protection, women's empowerment, natural resource management, and disaster management.

Kajla Janakalyan Samiti's initiatives have received support from numerous national and international donor organizations, individuals, groups, and common people. Notable contributors include:

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21. Forest Range Officer
22. Police Administration,
23. Print & Electronic Media,
24. Others Govt. office in our operational area,
25. Public representatives,
26. Gram Panchayats, Panchayats Samity,
27. General members of KJKS,
28. The general public,
29. Teachers and dignitaries

We are proud to announce that the following remarkable achievements have been achieved in the current financial year due to the tireless work of our employees and well-wishers from all walks of life.

Education and Scholarships:

- Directly educated 7,002 children and indirectly benefited approximately 22,500 children and parents through various education programs.
- Awarded scholarships to 11 poor and meritorious female students.
- Regularly taught 720 students from grades six to nine in STEM Learning Centers in South 24 Parganas, enhancing their knowledge and skills in mathematics and science.
- Five students from Kajla Janakalyan Samiti's school were included in the district and state-level merit lists for the primary scholarship examination. Additionally, 70% of students in secondary and higher secondary schools passed with first division.
- Facilitated the installation of solar lights in the Gram Panchayat area, led by students from the STEM Learning Centers.

Community and Social Initiatives:

- A representative of Kajla Janakalyan Samiti was nominated as a member of the East Medinipur District Clean School Award 2021-22 Committee and participated in the award ceremony for the best schools in the district.
- Celebrated various commemorative days, including the committee's birthday, New Year, Spring Festival, Rabindra Jayanti, Independence Day, Republic Day, Raksha Bandhan, World Tuberculosis Day, Girl Child Day, World Anti-Human Trafficking Day, Environment Day, Children's Day, Teacher's Day, Forest Week, and more.
- Formed 71 adolescent groups with 1,450 adolescents.

- Established a team called UFU (Unit For Us) with 329 adolescents and youths in 19 villages in Nayagram and Gopiballavpur-1 blocks of Jhargram district, focusing on protecting girl children and educating young children.
- Prevented 122 child marriages with the help of the administration in East Medinipur, Jhargram, and South 24 Parganas districts.
- Five Gram Panchayats allocated funds for child protection in their annual plans and took initiatives to raise public awareness about child protection.
- Two representatives were nominated as state-level trainers for reorganizing and enhancing Child Protection Committees, training district-level teams in Jhargram, West Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, and South 24 Parganas.

Agriculture and Environmental Conservation:

- Formed two Farmer Producer Companies (FPC) with 600 small farmers in Purba Medinipur & Jhargram districts.
- Conducted 218 training sessions and 180 demonstrations with 1,796 farmers in 12 villages of Nayagram block, focusing on organic soil fertility, reducing chemical fertilizer and pesticide use, and crop diversification.
- Supported 266 farmers in forming 16 groups to develop their agricultural systems.
- Provided healthcare to 22,359 patients through mobile medical units in remote areas.
- Regular health programs were conducted with 106 Panchayat sub-health centers, covering a population of 235,000, with a focus on children and pregnant women.
- Implemented development programs in 134 villages, focusing on education, health, child protection, women's empowerment, natural resource management, and disaster management.
- Promoted organic vegetable and rice production on 102.9 hectares and facilitated multiple annual crops for 175 farmers on 116.14 hectares through improved irrigation.
- Enabled 1,097 farmer households to meet vegetable needs for an average of 240 days a year.
- Achieved a 90% survival rate in goat rearing, doubling the goat population over the past year.
- 305 tribal families earned additional income by producing sal leaf plates and bowls through the Farmer Producer Company.
- Increased environmental awareness among 870 farmers through Kisan Swaraj Samiti.
- Supported 270 women from 24 self-help groups in restoring 200 hectares of mangrove forests in South 24 Parganas district's Patharpratima block, indirectly benefiting around 10,000 families.
- Converted 10.5 hectares into orchards and furniture tree plantations in Jhargram district's Nayagram block.
- Increased awareness and participation in tree planting to mitigate climate change, with an 80% survival rate of trees planted in East Midnapore district.

Health and Nutrition:

- Assisted 489 families with health insurance cards through patient support workers.
- Provided 5,062 people with glasses and restored vision to 245 people through cataract surgeries.
- Covered medical expenses for six needy patients.
- Integrated 104 tuberculosis patients into government health services, with 56 fully recovering.
- Achieved 80% awareness of tuberculosis in the project area.
- Provided supplementary food to meet the nutritional needs of 970 children.
- Delivered medical care to 1,192 women unable to afford it due to poverty.

Women's Empowerment:

- 65% of group members contributed to education and health funds for needy children.
- 90% of the groups created emergency funds, benefiting 6,938 women.

- 70% of women developed skills in leadership, financial management, animal husbandry, organic farming, and accessing government facilities.
- 80% of members engaged in income-generating activities, earning an average of 1,800 rupees per month.
- 90% of groups are actively working to prevent child marriage.
- 1,800 women from 262 groups set specific goals for economic, social, and political improvement and began implementing various activities.
- 33.33% of women have improved their nutrition intake.
- 65.08% of women have maintained personal health and hygiene practices in their families.
- 65.07% of women have benefited from connecting with various government schemes.

Community Involvement and Environmental Initiatives:

- Formed 'School Safety and Security Management Committees' in 63 schools in Purba Medinipur.
- Developed school safety plans for these schools.
- Engaged local blocks, village panchayats, and villagers in creating an environment-friendly community.
- Green Scout members cleaned coastal areas, maintained tube wells, and planted and cared for "KEYA" trees.
- Green Scout members campaigned for climate change awareness and gained skills in recycling plastics and planting trees in cooperation with local blocks and panchayats.

We mourn the loss of beloved advisors and close associates, including Dr. Arun Shekhar Dey, Mriganka Shekhar Dey, and Kanailal Bera, who passed away due to illness. We pray for their families' peace and comfort.

Our staff members have enhanced their knowledge and skills through training and have been recognized as resource persons at district and state levels. They have participated as trainers in various government and non-governmental training initiatives.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all the members, volunteers, and staff of the organization for their dedication, honesty, diligence, responsibility, enthusiasm, initiative, and skills. Your efforts have been instrumental in the success of our programs.

Date: 13th August, 2023

On behalf of Executive Committee of KJKS,

(Swapan Panda)
General Secretary
Kajla Janakalyan Samity

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Vision & Mission of KJKS

Vision: To build a discrimination free society & ensure sustainable habitable life for the future.

Mission: KJKS's mission is to empower the community especially the tribals, fishing communities, slum dwellers, children, women, senior citizens and disabled persons in an integrated sustainable holistic way and develop a self-resilient community through ensuring their full participation.

Broad Objectives of the Organization:

- To ensure lasting change in the life of children through intervening on education, protection, health-nutrition and dignity.
- To ensure the equal participation and decision making of women in the social, political and economic life with dignity through livelihood and empowerment related initiatives.
- To strengthen the capacity of vulnerable sections for ensuring harmonious and self resilient human life in nature through using its resources in a sustainable manner and developing their knowledge & skill.
- To ensure the dignity of the senior citizen & disabled persons at the community through linking with government services, schemes, legal aid and to sensitize the younger generation in developing a respectful attitude to elders.

Ethics & Practice of the organization

Believes:

- Resort to environment friendly activities.
- Encourage community participation at their activities.
- Avoid being involved in programmes that enhance the tendency of dependency within people for acquiring and consuming more.
- Encourage equal participation of women in all decision-making aspects of the society.

- Equality and against discrimination of any person regardless of race, religion, gender or social background.

Accountability:

- The organization facilitates to empower relatively deprived people to fight against all sorts of exploitation, deprivation, discrimination and injustice.
- The organization creates alternative and innovative service models that influence others.
- Committed to protecting nature for the sake of future generations.

Transparency:

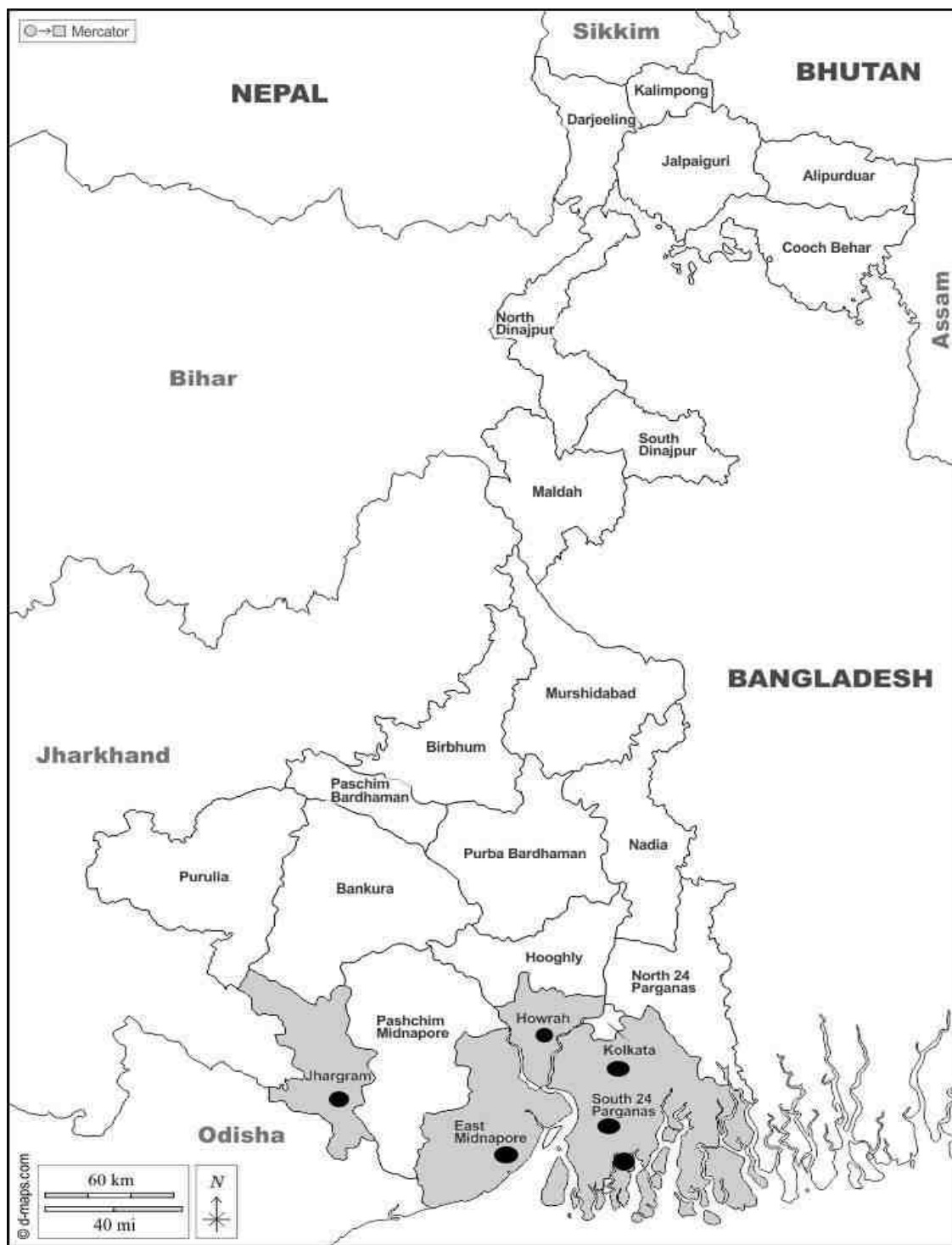
- Any member of the organization and representative of donor agencies can ask for the audit report & books of accounts. The account statement is published in the annual report and discussed in the annual general meeting. All financial transactions are made through a democratic way.
- The General member of the organization has selected the board of directors through filing the nomination paper and finalizing it collectively. The Executive committee is selected/elected every three years. 40%-50% of total executive members are selected/elected newly in every three years.
- The policies and strategies are formulated and developed respectively by the management in collaboration with the coordinators and staff. The policies are approved by the annual general meeting.
- All levels of staff & selected targeted beneficiaries are taken part in formulation of program planning, implementation, monitoring & evaluation process.

Strategy of program implementation

- Presently the organization has adopted the following strategy to implement the program smoothly...
- Collaborate with Local self-government institution & government line department for activating different basic services of the villages.
- Build different organizations at the community level for accessing services from the government and others sources.
- Develop alternative models on different issues for influencing the community people and local policy makers.
- To Participate in different decision-making bodies on various issues at the district level for proper implementation of the services.
- Establish relationships with others CSO/NGO for implementing different program and awareness generation activities.
- Join different alliances on the issues of natural resource management, education, child protection, Disaster Risk Reduction for strengthening their activities.

Legal status of the Organization

- The organization has got registration under west Bengal Society Registration Act vide their registration no. S/2626 of 1956-57 and it is regularly renewed.
- The organization has got registration from Govt. of India to received foreign fund vide their registration No. 147040111.
- The organization has got 12A registrations from Income Tax Department of Govt. of India to get donation vide their order No. CIT-KOL-XVIII/Tech./u/s, 80G-11/2003-2004/432.
- The organization is registered under 80G Act of Income Tax Department of Govt. of India to get donation vide their order No. CIT-KOL-XVIII/Tech./ 80G/11/08-09/1232-1235.
- The organization has got license under the West Bengal Women's and Children's Institution (Licensing) Rules, 1958 with no 2155 dtd. on 20.02.2014.
- The organization has got affiliation as service provider by "Women and Children Development and Social Welfare Dept" abiding the rules "Domestic Violence Act-2005".
- The organization has got approval from "The West Bengal Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act 1979".
- The organization has TAN and PAN as per "Income Tax Act 1961."
- The organization is registered under "Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952"
- The organization is registered under "Employees State Insurance Act, 1948" and registration of employees of the Factories and Establishment u/c 1(5)
- Kajla Janakalyan Samity is registered for work through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.



Operational Area of KJKS:

District	Purba Medinipur	South 24 Parganas	Jhargram	Howrah
No. of Block	11	4 Blocks & 1 Municipality	2	2 Municipalities
No. of Village	150	98	113	10 wards

Family of KJKS

Total number of members of Kajla Janakalyan Samity – 682 (General members - 680 & Life members- 2)



Managing Committee of Kajla Janakalyan Samity

- Asim Kumar Das – President
- Swapan Panda – General Secretary
- Pranay Kr. Pal – Treasurer
- Samir Giri – Member
- Sajal Guchhait – Member
- Asis Maity – Member
- Archana Panda – Member
- Dipali Panda- Member
- Gopalchandra Kala – Member
- Salema Bibi – Member
- Tapan Sahu – Member
- Akbar Ali Khan – Vice President
- Nurul Ali Khan – Asst. Secretary
- Suparna Das – Member
- Sankar Prasad Das – Member
- Kamdeb Shit – Member
- Pranab Kumar Jana- Member
- Tanushree Deb – Member
- Ensan Ali Khan – Member
- Tapati Bhattacharya – Member
- Amalendu Bera – Member



Introduction

The entire nation was prepared for Bharat Janani's freedom in 1945. Several well intentioned locals "Milita Bandhab" formed themselves in Sarada village during the time of this freedom movement. A tiny club known as This club was constructed in a rural area for low income individuals and cultural customs. It has worked tirelessly to provide healthcare and address several social issues. The "Milita

Bandhav" club's name was then changed to "Kajla Janakalyan Samity," which was formally registered in 1956. The Atchala club, formed by the village's young people, is called "Gutiguti". Today's adventure began on foot in the districts of Purba Medinipur, Jhargram, South 24 Parganas, and Howrah. With the help of many programmes, it has been assisting people for 79 years.

Late Professor Sudhanshu Shekhar Panda, Late Radhashyam Panda, and Late Shivram Panda stand out among those who worked tirelessly to establish the organization. Late Phanibhushan Das and his associates stood next to the donated land. Service and welfare-focused for four decades since the start of time.

For instance, managing charitable medical facilities has benefited the populace; meanwhile, infrastructure development has also been carried out. In the villages, cooperative societies have developed under the association's supervision. Elementary and secondary schools, post offices, libraries, as well as roads and electricity have all been erected in the village. The phone is in service. After 1989–1990, the association for common, backward people became permanent. Development efforts have been made.

The Samity thinks that as a non-governmental organization, to do some development work in the area which will last for a long time and which will play a supporting role in improving the quality of the government system. To implement the 17 goals declared by the United Nations, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has created alternative education centers, alternative agricultural demonstration areas, model women self-help groups, alternative practices for food security, child-centered flood shelters, education support centers, child protection committees, farmer producer companies, green scouts, adolescent Collectives, child-friendly Gram Panchayats, mangrove protection committees, etc. With more than seven decades of experience working with people, the Samity feels that in order to implement alternative ideas for development, it is necessary to educate them well-educated on various issues.

Kajla Janakalyan Samity is currently in charge of well-integrated development intending to promote human development as a whole. Government and corporate institutions gained familiarity and trust with intellectuals and regular people by maintaining the decentralization of authority.



Key Activities of Kajla Janakalyan Samity

- **Education Program**
- **Child Protection Program**
 - **Tapoban Sishu Abas**
- **Natural Resource Management Program**
 - **Mangrove Plantation & Protection**
- **Health Program**
- **Women's Empowerment Program**
- **Disaster Management Program**
 - **Green Scout**

In addition, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has implemented several other important programs:

- **Celebration of Commemorative Days**
- **Social Arbitration**



EDUCATION PROGRAMME

For over three decades, Kajla Janakalyan Samiti has been dedicated to ensuring quality education for children, aligning with the core principle of Sustainable Development Goal 4. The organization operates various educational centers across East Medinipur, Jhargram, Howrah, and South 24 Parganas districts. These centers include schools, educational support centers for underprivileged students, and specialized instruction centers in environmental science and mathematics. The organization believes in providing education that strengthens human values and aims to ensure quality education for all children through enjoyable and comprehensive methods.

Impact of the Education Program:

- **Direct Beneficiaries: 7,202 children**
- **Indirect Beneficiaries: 22,500 children in Purba Medinipur, Jhargram, South 24 Parganas, and Howrah districts**

Education Centre	No. of Education Centre	Direct Beneficiary	Indirect Beneficiary
Own Schools (Pre-primary to Grade 12)	5	923	2000
Educational Support Centers (Grade 1 to 10)	57	3778	10000
STEM Learning Centers (Grade 6 to 9)	10	892	1500
Scholarships for Underprivileged Students	0	11	0
Collaboration with Government Schools	47	1598	9000
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Notable Achievements of the Education Program this Year...

Unit For Us (UFU) Formation: Kajla Janakalyan Samity established "Unit For Us (UFU)" in Nayagram and Gopiballavpur-1 blocks of Jhargram district. This initiative supports 1,619 children from Shabar, Lodha, and Santali families, focusing on regular school attendance, quality education, and overall development through activities like wall newspapers, drawing, physical education, yoga, and dance.



School Management: The organization operates 1 high school, 4 primary schools, and 1 pre-primary school in Contai-I Block and Deshapran Block of Purba Medinipur district, educating a total of 970 students.

STEM Learning Centers: Ten STEM Learning Centers are managed in Magrahat-2 and Patharpratima blocks of South 24 Parganas district, providing education to 892 students in grades 6 to 9. These centers focus on enhancing learning in environmental science and mathematics, alongside basic computer knowledge.



Educational Support Centers: 57 centers across East Medinipur, Jhargram, South 24 Parganas, and Howrah districts serve 3,778 underprivileged children aged 6 to 15, focusing on foundational learning and engaging them in creative activities, sports, and physical education.

Educational Quality Improvement Initiatives

Collaboration with Government Schools: Kajla Janakalyan Samity partnered with 47 government schools in Purba Medinipur, Jhargram, and South 24 Parganas districts to enhance education quality.



This included classroom decoration, educational material workshops, and digital learning initiatives, directly involving 1,598 students.

Mobile Library Program: In collaboration with the "Pratham" organization, mobile libraries were established in 10 government primary schools in Purba Medinipur district.

Modernizing Teaching Methods: Regular virtual meetings with teachers have been conducted to modernize teaching methods.

Quarterly Scholarships: Eleven underprivileged and talented girls in Jhargram and Purba Medinipur districts received scholarships to support their education.

Significant Outcomes

- **Quality Education:** 90% of the 7,202 children benefited from quality education, with regular school attendance and increased participation in extracurricular activities.
- **Competitive Exam Success:** 60% of the children participated in various competitive exams and achieved success.
- **Scholarship Achievements:** Five students were included in district and state-level merit lists in the Primary Scholarship Exam. Additionally, 70% of students in higher secondary schools passed with first division.
- **Solar Lighting Initiative:** Students from STEM Learning Centers facilitated the installation of solar lights in village panchayat areas.
- **Support for Underprivileged Students:** Educational support centers managed by "Adolescent Collective" leaders and UFU leaders in Jhargram, Purba Medinipur, and South 24 Parganas districts help younger students with their studies.



26 students of Class-IV of Dakshin Sarada Saradamoyee Shishu Shiksha Niketan run by Kajla Janakalyan Samity participated in the examination held under the management of the Primary Education Development Board this year. 20 out of 26 have passed in the first division. 5 of them scored above 90%. 3 students received awards at the state level and 5 students at the district level.

Personal Stories



Sushmita Giri: A student from Uttar Gopalanagar village in South 24 Parganas district, Sushmita initially struggled with her studies due to financial difficulties. Enrolled in an education support center by her father, she has shown remarkable improvement, scoring 80% in Mathematics and Environmental Science.



Debabrata Biswas: From Karimabad village, Debabrata faced challenges continuing his education due to financial constraints during the COVID-19 pandemic. He has since thrived at the Karimabad STEM Learning Center, improving significantly in Mathematics and Environmental Science.

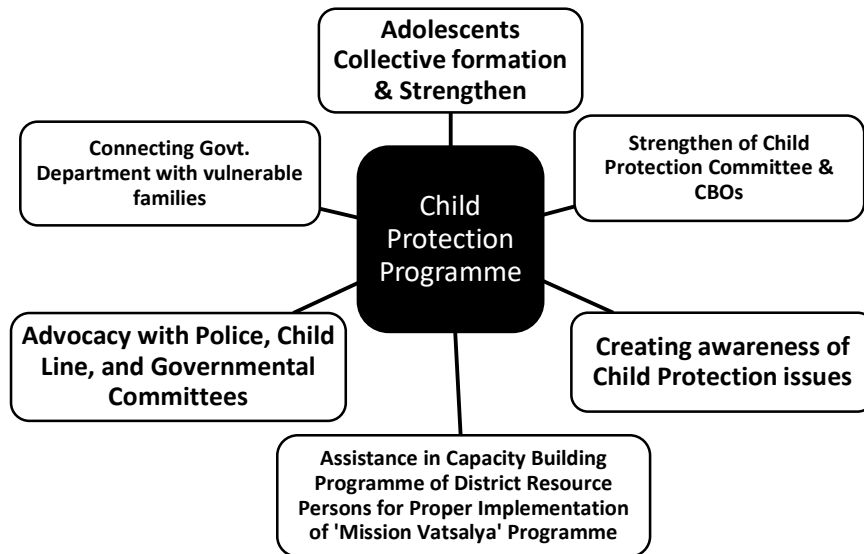


Child Protection Programme

Kajla Janakalyan Samity implements various measures to ensure child protection, aligning with the National Child Policy 2013, the National Action Plan 2016, and the Sustainable Development Goals. The organization collaborates with government offices, educational institutions, and volunteer organizations to raise awareness and strengthen child protection systems.

Impact of Child Protection Programme:

- Direct Beneficiaries: 5,500 children and 15,000 adults
- Indirect Beneficiaries: 50,000 people



Like in past years, in 2022-2023, the Kajla Janakalyan Samity carried out the following programmes in the Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas, and Jhargram districts.

Formation and Empowerment of Adolescent Groups

In Purba Medinipur and South 24 Parganas districts, 42 adolescent groups have been formed, consisting of boys and girls aged 13-18. These groups receive a 41-week hands-on module on child protection. Three clusters have been created in three village panchayats, where peer leaders educate other children on child protection.



Key Efforts:

- Raising awareness about child protection
- Coordinating with local authorities in cases of missing children
- Preventing child marriages, with 40 prevented this year in East Medinipur and South 24 Parganas districts.

Empowerment of Child Protection Committees and Local Organizations:

In the Purba Midnapore and South 24 Parganas districts, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has completed the



restructuring of 42 child protection committees across 42 village councils. In line with the Mission Vatsalya program, these committees comprise 504 individuals from various levels within these village councils and meet monthly as mandated by government regulations. Regular capacity-building sessions on child protection have been conducted by Kajla Janakalyan Samity for these committee members.

Additionally, in Purba Midnapore district, 935 child

protection committees have been established across 935 village councils, with further committees at the Gram Panchayat and block levels in Deshpran, Contai-III, Khejuri-I and II, Potashpur-I and II, and Egra-I and II. In the South 24 Parganas district, restructuring efforts have led to the formation of 247 village-level child protection committees, 15 Gram Panchayat-level committees, and 1 block-level committee in the Patharpratima block.

Efforts have also been made to raise awareness about child protection among members of 1,200 women's self-help groups and approximately 13,000 members of 30 local clubs in village council areas. To promote child-friendly villages, three Gram Panchayats in Purba Midnapore and two in South 24 Parganas have allocated budgets for child protection for the fiscal year 2023-24.

Raising Community Awareness on Child Protection Issues



A total of 1,870 awareness camps have been organized in Purba Midnapore, South 24 Parganas, and Jhargram districts, involving adolescent groups, self-help groups, child protection committees, and local villagers. These camps aim to prevent school dropouts, child marriage, trafficking, and child labor. Additionally, events like rallies, debates, quiz competitions, drawing competitions, and talking doll shows have been held on occasions such as Child Rights Day, Child Protection Day, and Anti-Trafficking Day to raise awareness among approximately 25,000 villagers.

Establishing Communication with Police, Childline, and Government Committees

Protecting children from exploitation, neglect, abuse, and torture involves various government institutions, including village panchayats, local police, block administration, Childline, district child protection units, district child welfare committees, and the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Kajla Janakalyan Samity collaborates with these institutions to ensure effective child protection.

In cases of child protection breaches within Kajla Janakalyan Samiti's operational area, the organization maintains regular communication with local village panchayats, police administration, block administration, Childline, district child protection units, district child welfare committees, and the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. This year, with the administration's assistance, 122 child marriages were prevented in East Midnapore, Jhargram, and South 24 Parganas districts.



Assisting in Training District Resource Persons for Effective Implementation of Mission Vatsalya Program

The Government of India's Integrated Child Protection Scheme was launched in 2009 and continued as Integrated Child Protection Services. In 2022, it was rebranded as "Mission Vatsalya." Following the West Bengal government's initiative, a state-level trainer team was formed to restructure child protection committees and enhance their skills. Two representatives from Kajla Janakalyan Samity were appointed to this committee. They participated in training district-level trainer teams in Purba Midnapore, Jhargram, Paschim Midnapore, and South 24 Parganas districts. Additionally, 9 representatives from Kajla Janakalyan Samity were appointed to trainer teams in Purba Midnapore and South 24 Parganas districts, assisting in restructuring child protection committees from grassroots to block levels.



Notable Results

- **Formation of Adolescent Collectives:** 71 adolescent collectives have been formed, consisting of 1,450 adolescents. In Jhargram district, Nayagram and Gopiballavpur-1 blocks, a group named UFU (Unit For Us) was formed with 329 adolescents and youths from 19 villages. They work year-round to ensure the protection of girls and educate young children.
- **Prevention of Child Marriages:** In Purba Medinipur, Jhargram, and South 24 Parganas districts, 122 child marriages were prevented with the initiative of Kajla Janakalyan Samity and administrative support.
- **Budget Allocation for Child Protection:** Five village panchayats in the operational area have allocated funds for child protection in their annual plans and have initiated extensive public awareness campaigns on child protection issues.

Case Studies

Prevention of Child Marriage in Dihikalas Village

In the remote village of Dihikalas, Magrahat-2 block, South 24 Parganas, the Child Protection Committee (CPC) intervened to stop the marriage of 13-year-old Nasifa Khatun (name changed). Nasifa, aware of the negative impacts of early marriage, opposed it, leading her father to attempt to secretly marry her off. Her friends alerted the CPC, who then convinced the family to halt the marriage and allow Nasifa to continue her education.



Sending Piyali Das Back to School

In Bhajachauli Gram Panchayat, Contai-III block, Purba Midnapore, Piyali Das (name changed), a 16-year-old girl, was secretly married off due to her family's poverty. Upon discovering this, peer leaders and the Child protection committee of Bhajachauli Purba village intervened, counselling her parents and ensuring Piyali's return to school. She is now preparing for her secondary exams.



Najreen's Role in Creating a Child-Friendly Village

Najreen Khatun, a 17-year-old from Uttar Kalas village in the Magrahat-II block of South 24 Parganas, actively participated in child protection sessions and has taken the initiative to educate other adolescents in her village. Her efforts have significantly reduced child labour and child marriage in the area.



The Story of Azmira Khatun

Azmira Khatun from Chakparan Kantakhali village, Mohanpur Gram Panchayat, Magrahat-II block, South 24 Parganas, overcame financial difficulties to contribute to her community. After receiving training and support from Kajla Janakalyan Samity, she became a volunteer and staff member, running an educational support center for primary school children and preventing child marriages.

These stories highlight the impact of Kajla Janakalyan Samity's work in promoting child protection and education in vulnerable communities.



TAPOBAN SISHU ABAS

Kajla Janakalyan Samity operates a child home called "Tapoban Sishu Abas" to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children who are socially and emotionally distressed and lack education, care, and protection. The home operates in compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act (J.J. Act) and is approved and supported by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare of the West Bengal government. Currently, **Tapoban Sishu Abas** accommodates 20 residents each year and has been in operation for 8 years.

The number of residents from 2015 to March 2023 at a glance-

Year	How many children have come	How many children have restored	How many have come under sponsorship programme	How many have got new parents	How many have involved in Technical Education
2015-16	60	09	0	0	0
2016-17	15	18	0	0	0
2017-18	18	15	0	0	1
2018-19	10	23	6	1	2
2019-20	19	18	5	1	2
2020-21	07	19	2	0	1
2021-22	11	12	4	1	1
2022-23	14	20	5	0	1

Initiatives for the Holistic Development of Residents:

- Computer Training
- Education in Drawing, Handicrafts, and Recitation
- Vocational Training (Gardening, Making Coconut Garlands, and Bamboo Craft)
- Regular Reading and Study Sessions at Coaching Centers
- Celebration of Observance Days
- Indoor and Outdoor Games
- Physical Training, Yoga, and Discipline Practice
- Provision of Clean Drinking Water
- "Celebrating My Birthday" Initiative
- Publication of a Wall Newspaper
- Conducting Children's Group Meetings
- Publication of an Annual Magazine
- Participation in Various Competitions
- Library Facilities
- Arranging Education for All Residents at Government Schools
- Provision of Nutritious Food
- Creating Opportunities for Participation in Competitions on Various Topics

In addition, the child home provides regular counseling for residents, organizes outings, and arranges entertainment activities. Each child has a personalized care plan that is developed and monitored accordingly. Monthly meetings and workshops are held for the staff associated with the child home. Festivals, such as Pithe-Puli, are regularly celebrated with the residents.



Notable Achievements of the Child Home This Year:

- One inmate has been involved in vocational education.
- One inmate passed the secondary school examination.
- Two inmates received the Improvement Scholarship from the National Children's Fund of the Government of India.



The Struggle to Stand on One's Own Feet:

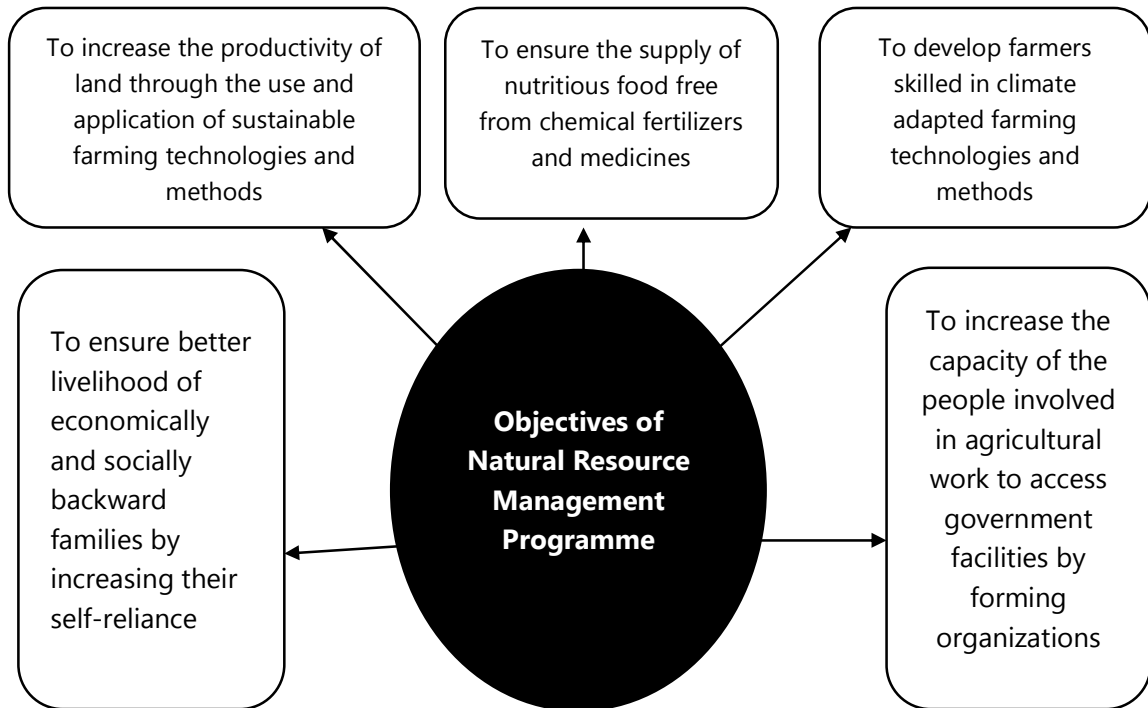
Narugopal Kala, a resident of Kajla village, has been living at Tapoban Sishu Abas since 2016. His family's financial situation was poor, with his mother working as a day laborer. With the approval of the Purba Medinipur District Child Welfare Committee, Narugopal was placed in the Tapoban Sishu Abas, where he completed his secondary education. Although he was admitted to higher secondary education, financial constraints forced him to drop out and work as a day laborer.

This year, Narugopal's life took a positive turn. With the support and supervision of the West Bengal Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare and the Purba Medinipur District Child Protection Unit, he secured employment at a renowned restaurant, Baliganj Palace, in Kolkata. The restaurant's manager reported that Narugopal's behavior, conduct, and interaction with people were exemplary. He is now working with great skill and integrity.



Natural Resource Management Programme

Due to climate change, both agriculture and the environment are currently in crisis, with agriculture facing extreme challenges. In agriculture-dependent India, those engaged in crop production are now in deep distress. The excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in farming has led to increased environmental pollution and climate change. Recently, a national agricultural policy has been formulated in our country. Guided by this policy, a dedicated team of the organization has been working for several years to address climate change, promote chemical-free and eco-friendly agriculture, and expand livelihoods associated with agriculture by organizing farmers and enhancing their skills. The main objectives of this program are as follows:



In the fiscal year 2022-23, various natural resource management programs were implemented in 7 blocks of Purba Medinipur district (Contai-I, Deshpran, Contai-III, Khajuri-I, Bhagwanpur-II, Potashpur-I and II blocks) and in Nayagram and Gopiballavpur-I blocks of Jhargram, one of the state's most arid districts, with the help of various resource organizations. These initiatives are as follows:

Farmer Producer Company:

To educate farmers on proper cultivation methods, ensure they receive fair prices for their produce, and facilitate the exchange of innovative production techniques among them, the Kajla Janakalyan



Samity has organized farmers into groups in 9 blocks of Purba Medinipur and Jhargram districts. A total of 1,454 farmers have been organized into 155 farmer interest groups and 137 women farmer groups.

With the initiative of Kajla Janakalyan Samiti and government support, two Farmer Producer Companies have been established in Jhargram and Purba Medinipur districts. Currently, these companies have 1,222 members. To strengthen these companies, 77 general meetings and district conferences have been held.

Exhibition and Model Creation:

This year, 137 farmers have engaged in integrated farming, pond management, nutrition gardens, container gardening, and indigenous rice cultivation. Additionally, 153 farmers have undertaken geo-fish farming and vermicomposting.



In Nayagram block of Jhargram district, 1,100 farmers have created vegetable gardens for domestic and commercial vegetable production.

Increasing Household Income through Alternative and Non-Agricultural Work:



Under the Farmer Producer Company initiative, three machines for making sal leaf plates and bowls were installed for 305 households, and 150 women received 600 goats. In East Medinipur district, the Farmer Producer Company has started rice milling and

animal feed businesses. Additionally, 109 families have received assistance for pig farming through a joint initiative with government departments.

Infrastructure for Irrigation:



In Nayagram block of Jhargram district, where there is a significant shortage of irrigation water, 43 irrigation structures have been built with the support of local panchayats, blocks, and district administration. This has provided irrigation facilities to a total of 116.14 hectares of land.

Skill Enhancement for Marginal Farmers:

Training has been provided to 1,529 individuals on various aspects related to livelihoods, including government services and schemes, climate-resilient farming systems, sustainable agriculture, farming technologies, nutrition gardens, mushroom cultivation, vermicomposting, and management of Farmer Producer Companies. Of these, 1,450 farmers are now practicing organic farming.



Government Benefits Provision:

612 people submitted applications for various government services to local government and departments. Among them, 44 received low-cost poly tanks for vermicomposting, 7 self-help groups received 7 twister machines for rope-making, 3 farmers received sprinkler irrigation support, 73 received caste certificates, 121 received ration cards, 162 received Laxmi Bhandar cards, 52 received Health Sathi cards, and 150 received goat farming support.

As a result of the implementation of the Natural Resource Management Program in the fiscal year 2022-23, the following outcomes were observed:

- **Two Farmer Producer Companies** in Jhargram and Purba Medinipur districts are actively working.
- **1,454 families** are practicing organic farming, including integrated farming, pond management, nutrition gardens, kitchen gardens, and container vegetable cultivation, reducing pesticide costs by 74%.
- Various vegetables and major crops like rice are being produced using organic methods on **102.9 hectares** of land.
- **116.14 hectares of land** were brought under irrigation, allowing 175 farmers to cultivate their land multiple times.

- **1,097 farmers** were able to meet an average of 240 days of vegetable demand per year at their homes.
- **90% of the goats** are still alive, and the number of goats has doubled over the past year.
- **305 indigenous families** earned an additional ₹13,000 from producing sal leaf plates and bowls through a production center facilitated by the Farmer Producer Companies.
- **870 farmers** gained increased awareness about environmental protection and climate change through the Kisan Swaraj Samiti's initiatives.

Initiative to Convert Single-Crop Land to Triple-Crop Land in Bamdiha Village



Bamdiha is one of the most underdeveloped villages in the Aara Gram Panchayat of Nayagram block, Jhargram district, West Bengal. The village is inhabited by Lodha, Sabar, and Santhal tribal families, with 66 households and a population of 341. Over 95% of the families live below the poverty line, and high illiteracy rates impede progress in living standards. The village struggles with poor soil fertility and relies heavily on forest resources for sustenance.

Irrigation challenges limit farming to the monsoon season, leaving the land fallow during the rest of the year.

Since 2018, Kajla Janakalyan Samiti, in collaboration with KKS and BMZ-Germany, has been working to enhance the livelihoods of tribal families in the area. A canal running through the village provides year-round water, but it had not been utilized for farming. To enable multiple crop cycles per year, Kajla Janakalyan Samiti worked with the villagers to construct a check dam in the canal. The construction cost ₹353,384, with ₹19,500 contributed by the villagers through labor.

Outcomes of the Check Dam Construction:

- 12.35 acres of land have been cultivated for a second crop using the water stored by the check dam.
- Increased working days in the village.
- Enhanced sense of collective effort among villagers.
- Increased family incomes due to additional crop yields.
- Reduced farming costs.
- Optimal and effective use of available water resources.
- Contributed to the automatic recharge of underground water sources.

Significant Achievements in Accessing Government Benefits for Farmers in Deshapran Block



Farmers at both the national and state levels have access to various agricultural opportunities and benefits. However, many are unaware of these opportunities or lack access due to limited contact with government departments and economic barriers. In Deshapran block, Purba Medinipur district, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has been addressing these issues by discussing government agricultural opportunities with farmers at district and

block committee meetings of the Kisan Swaraj Samiti. They engaged with officials from the Horticulture Department, who informed farmers about low-cost vermicompost tanks, weed removal equipment, and poly mulching for low-water and low-fertilizer farming.

As a result of these discussions, 36 farmers in Deshapran block have started producing vermicompost in tanks, and 17 farmers are using poly mulching for vegetable cultivation. Additionally, 14 farmers in Contai-III block have received support for vermicomposting tanks, and 6 farmers have received poly mulching assistance. Support has also been assured for 32 farmers from Khajuri-I and Bhagwanpur-II blocks.

Innovative Initiatives by Farmer Producer Companies to Increase Income

In Chingurdanya village, Tikashi Gram Panchayat, Khajuri-I block, the Krishna Sudama Women Farmer Rights Group, comprising 10 landless members from scheduled tribes, faced economic hardships and food shortages due to irregular work. Kajla Janakalyan Samity helped the group set goals with social,

economic, and political perspectives and provided training in goat farming with assistance from the Animal Husbandry Department.



Supported by the Farmer Producer Company and government aid, each member of the Krishna Sudama Women Farmer Rights Group received one female goat (6-7 months old) and one male goat, totalling 11 goats for the group. Within a year, each member has averaged 4 goats from their initial stock, with a market

value of ₹12,000 per goat. This initiative has increased their goat count, boosted family incomes, mitigated work shortages, and improved the status of women in their families.

Inspired by this success, three additional groups—Thakur Nagar Ma Ganga F.W.G., Kalyachak Dwipshikha F.W.G., and Dakshin Kalamdan F.W.G.—have also embarked on collective goat farming projects.

Mangrove Restoration and Social Afforestation Programme

As climate change accelerates, its effects are becoming increasingly severe, particularly in economically disadvantaged coastal regions. India's coastal areas are particularly vulnerable to



frequent and intense tropical cyclones. Mangrove restoration is emerging as a crucial strategy to combat these impacts, serving as natural carbon sinks and providing protection against coastal disasters.

The Sundarbans, one of the world's largest and most significant mangrove

forests, is located in the delta of the Brahmaputra, Meghna, and Ganges rivers, near the Bay of Bengal. In India, it spans South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, and Purba Midnapore districts in West Bengal. This vital mangrove habitat supports diverse coastal wildlife and plant species, forming the foundation of coastal ecosystems. However, parts of the Sundarbans are currently facing significant degradation that could worsen without prompt restoration efforts.

Kajla Janakalyan Samity, in partnership with various international and national organizations, has launched a mangrove restoration and carbon project in collaboration with local village panchayats in the South 24 Parganas region. The initiative aims to create employment opportunities, prevent coastal soil erosion, and mitigate cyclone-related disasters. Additionally, the project seeks to support local livelihoods through carbon finance and advance several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the grassroots level. The Samiti is also engaged in social afforestation and horticulture projects in Purba Midnapore and Jhargram districts.

Beneficiaries

- Direct Beneficiaries: 2,000 women
- Indirect Beneficiaries: 15,000 families

Notable Achievements This Year

Mangrove Restoration: The project has enhanced ecosystem health and biodiversity by removing greenhouse gases and restoring mangrove forests. In partnership with the Forest Department, mangrove planting was carried out on 200 hectares in the Gopalnagar, Achintyanagar, and Lakshmi Janardhanpur village panchayats within the Patharpratima block of South 24 Parganas. Members of 24 women's self-help groups planted and are now maintaining 500,000 mangrove trees.



Afforestation in Jhargram:

On 10.5 hectares of unused land in the Nayagram block, 9,905 saplings were planted, including 750 mango trees, 455 guava trees, 350 cashew trees, 700 lemon trees, 4,000 pineapple plants, and 3,650 teak trees.



Afforestation in Purba Medinipur:



In the districts of Deshapran, Contai-I, Contai-III, Potashpur-I and II, Khajuri-I, and Bhagabanpur-II, 30,000 saplings of local species such as mango, jamun, lemon, jackfruit, pomegranate, betel nut, curry leaf, and neem were planted with support from the local Forest Department and various resource organizations.

Outcomes from the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

- South 24 Parganas: Restoration of 200 hectares of mangrove forest, benefiting 270 women from 24 self-help groups and approximately 10,000 families indirectly. 80% of the riverine wasteland in the Patharpratima block has been converted into mangrove forests.
- Fruit and Timber Plantations: A garden of fruit and timber trees was established on 10.5 hectares in Jhargram district.
- Increased Awareness: There has been a rise in awareness about tree planting and maintenance to combat climate change. As a result, 80% of the trees planted in East Midnapore have survived.

Self-Help Groups for Mangrove Protection

Kajla Janakalyan Samity, in collaboration with **Tellus Carbon**, has spearheaded a mangrove afforestation initiative along the riverbank wastelands in Gopalnagar, Achintyanagar, and Lakshmi



Janardhanpur Gram Panchayats within the Patharpratima block. Local self-help groups, with support from Gram Panchayat members and forest range officers, have tackled issues of mangrove destruction caused by fishing activities.

To safeguard the mangroves from fishing-related damage, women from self-help groups reported these issues to local panchayat members and forest officers. They also planted small dry branches along the riverbank to deter fishing

practices.

These efforts resulted in the dismantling and confiscation of fishing nets. Community meetings and discussions with the panchayat have heightened awareness among villagers, while ongoing monitoring by forest rangers has prevented further damage. As a result, all the mangrove trees have been successfully preserved.



Health Programme

Since its establishment, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has been dedicated to improving public health through collaborative efforts with government health services. The primary goal is to enhance access to government health services, aiming to lower mortality rates, particularly maternal and infant deaths, and to combat infectious diseases.

Direct and Indirect Beneficiaries:

- Direct Beneficiaries: 5,000 children and women
- Indirect Beneficiaries: 500,000 individuals in the general population

Significant Achievements for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:

Patient Assistance Centers:

Partnering with Tamruk and Nandigram health districts and rural hospitals, the Samiti has operated Patient Assistance Centers across East Medinipur since 2015. These centers facilitate access to government health services, including patient admission, Swasthyasathi Card benefits, data management, and medication dispensing.

Ambulance Services:

Two ambulances are operational at Basanti rural hospital in the Nandigram health district, providing free transportation for pregnant women, new mothers, and new-borns. This year, 3,862 individuals benefited from these services in Deshapran block.



Supplementary Food Distribution:

To combat child malnutrition, weekly supplementary food is provided to 730 children at 19 educational support centers in Jhargram district, 215 students at Saradamoyee Sishu Siksha Niketan in Purba Medinipur, and 25 residents at Tapoban Sishu Abas.



Toilet Construction:

In collaboration with the Rotary India Humanity Foundation, 50 low-cost toilets have been constructed for families in Bhagabanpur-2 and Potashpur-2 blocks of East Medinipur district.

Tuberculosis Prevention Program:

In partnership with the Nandigram health district, the Samiti has organized sputum collection and awareness camps in Basanti, Kharipukuria, and Mugberia rural hospital areas. During the 2022-23 fiscal year, 91 tuberculosis cases were identified.

Awareness and Screening:

Tuberculosis awareness and prevention activities continue in Howrah district, with sputum tests conducted for 172 individuals in various wards of Howrah Municipal Corporation, 13 of whom were diagnosed with tuberculosis.



Health Awareness:

In South 24 Parganas and Howrah districts, 14,381 families have



been educated on birth control, nutrition, personal hygiene, and maternal and child health through regular visits. Additionally, 366 discussion meetings with 627 participants have been held to discuss government health services.

Clinics and Health Camps:

Three clinics in South 24 Parganas and Howrah districts provide clinical services, attended weekly by experienced doctors. This year, 1,192 women received gynaecological care, and 1,967 women received counselling on personal health and family planning.



Twenty health camps were held, benefiting 637 women.



Pad Banks:

To promote menstrual health, 19 pad banks have been established in Nayagram and Gopiballavpur-1 blocks of Jhargram district, managed by 321 adolescent girls and women. These pad banks have generated ₹5,978 from pad sales.

Eye Testing:

In collaboration with Vision RX Lab Pvt. Ltd., 32 eye testing camps were held across 13 blocks, providing free glasses to 5,062 individuals over 40. A cataract screening camp, supported by Chaitanyapur Vivekananda Mission Ashram, tested 450 people, with 245 undergoing cataract surgery.



Blood Donation Camps:

Two voluntary blood donation camps, organized with Kanthi Blood Bank, were held in Deshapran and Bhagabanpur-II blocks, with 163 donors participating.

Notable Successes/Results:

- **Swasthysathi Cards:** 489 families received Swasthysathi Cards (Health Insurance) through patient assistance.
- **Glasses and Cataract Surgery:** 5,062 individuals received glasses, and 245 underwent cataract surgery, improving vision.
- **Tuberculosis Treatment:** 104 tuberculosis patients received medical services, with 56 fully recovered.
- **Awareness:** 80% of the local population is now aware of tuberculosis.
- **Supplementary Food:** Nutritional deficiencies in 970 children have been addressed through regular food supplements.
- **Medical Services:** 1,192 women received essential medical care who previously could not afford it.

Building a Tuberculosis-Free Society: The Story of Mohammad Asif

Mohammad Asif (a pseudonym), a resident of Howrah Municipal Corporation, was diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) after a sputum test at Jaiswal Hospital. He sought further care at St. Thomas Hospital, which referred him to Howrah Hospital without conducting additional tests. Desperate, Asif turned to Kajla Janakalyan Samiti's TB prevention program workers for help. The Samiti coordinated with hospital authorities to admit him to Howrah Hospital, where he received comprehensive treatment. With regular medication and follow-up from the Samiti's workers, Asif made a full recovery. Now a volunteer with Kajla Janakalyan Samiti, he actively participates in TB prevention activities and educates the community about tuberculosis, referring individuals with symptoms to the program.

Benefits of IUDs for Birth Control

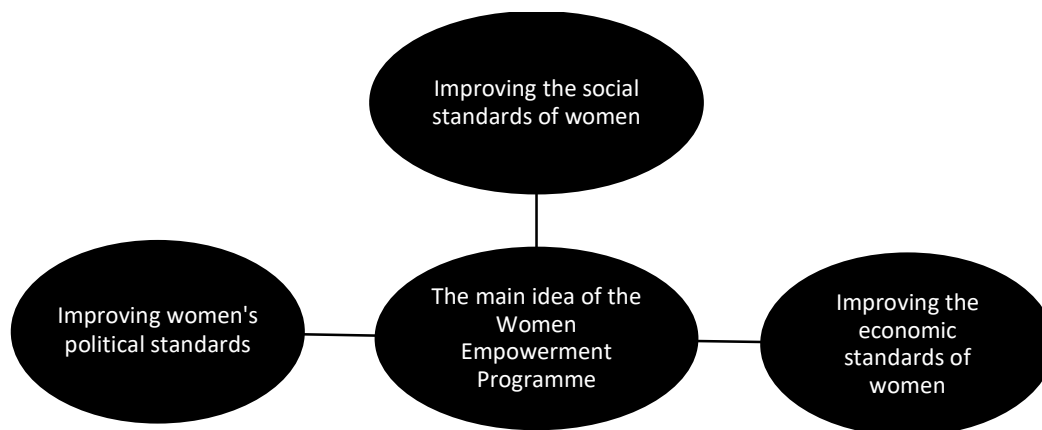
Barsha Rajbhar, a 17-year-old from Chengail in Uluberia Municipality, gave birth to a baby girl last August. She received a copper T IUD for contraception at Uluberia Sub-Divisional Hospital. When the IUD dislodged, Kajla Janakalyan Samiti's Chengail unit workers encouraged Barsha to return to the hospital. Despite initial resistance from her family, the workers facilitated her visit, and the IUD was successfully reinserted. Barsha is now comfortable with her IUD as a method of contraception.





Women Empowerment Programme

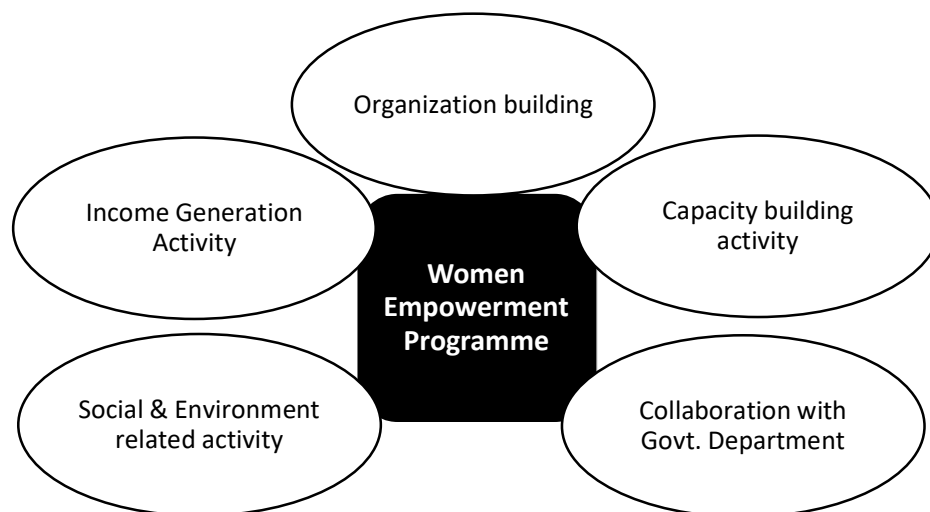
In line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 for gender equality, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has empowered approximately 15,000 women through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) this financial year. Operating in six blocks of East Midnapore, two blocks of Jhargram, three blocks of South 24 Parganas, as well as Maheshatala Municipality and Howrah Municipal Corporation and Uluberia Municipality in Howrah district, the Samiti has made notable strides in addressing gender inequality and promoting women's rights.



Direct and Indirect Beneficiaries:

- Direct Beneficiaries: 13,246 women
- Indirect Beneficiaries: 66,230 children and men

In order to implement the above-mentioned programs, in the financial year 2022-2023, the association has successfully implemented the following main tasks.



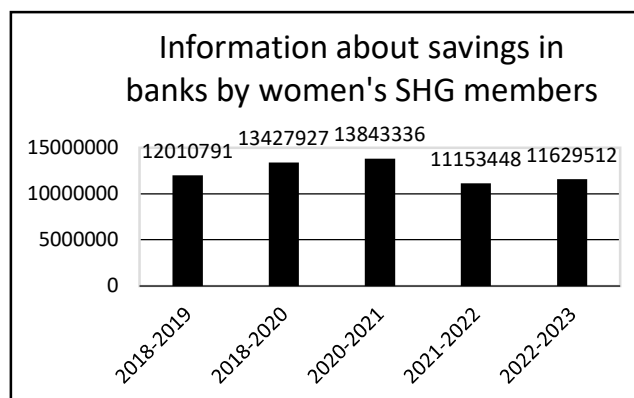
Programme	Activity	No. of Activity	No. of Participant
Organization Building	Formation of women's self-help groups	1242	13246
	Formation of women's group Cluster	73	13085
Ideas related to organization and skills development	Orientation and Awareness Camps for New Team Building, Team Management, Financial Management, Income-Enterprise, Covid Appropriate Behaviour & Government Services for Covid-19	984	9945
	Awareness camp on Gender Equality, Child Protection and Domestic Violence	1016	10183

Programme	Activity	No. of Activity	No. of Participant
Work related to women's income generation	Bori Making, Mushroom Production, Grocery & Other Shops, Dried Fish Business, Joint Spice Powder Business, Mask & Nightsuit Making	859	8825
Collaboration Govt. Department	Working jointly with the Department of Animal Resources Development and Health	974	9405
Social and environment related activity	Women's group members and staff solve family problems, prevent child marriage, create forests, orient handwash and mask use in neighbourhoods, arrange for children's reading, etc.	925	9350
Use of savings deposits and loans by women's groups	Deposited savings in the bank		1176
	Took a loan from the bank		930

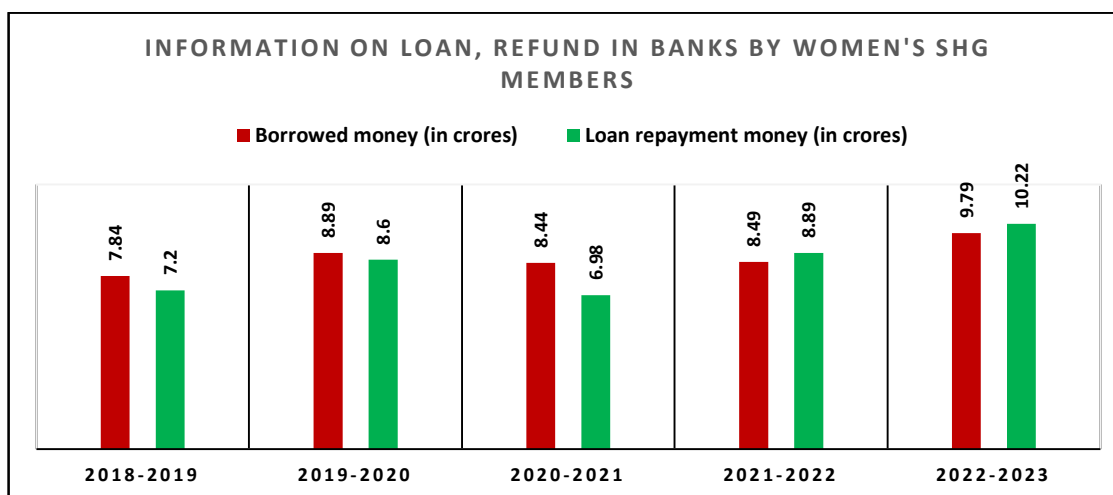
In addition to the above-mentioned tasks, the women SHG members associated with the KJKS have been able to significantly increase their savings and significantly increase loan transactions in their economic activities during this financial year, with the following is a comparative data from the last five years:



Information about savings in banks by women's SHG members	
Financial Years	Savings Amount
2018-2019	12010791
2018-2020	13427927
2020-2021	13843336
2021-2022	11153448
2022-2023	11629512



Information on loan, refund and outstanding in banks by women's SHG members			
Financial Year	Borrowed money (in crores)	Loan repayment money (in crores)	Outstanding loans (in crores)
2018-2019	7.84	7.20	3.95
2019-2020	8.89	8.60	4.24
2020-2021	8.44	6.98	5.70
2021-2022	8.49	8.89	5.30
2022-2023	9.79	10.22	5.79



Impact of the Women's Empowerment Programme for the Financial Year 2022-2023:

- **Education and Health Contributions:** 65% of group members allocated funds to support the education and health of underprivileged children.
- **Emergency Funds:** 90% of groups established emergency funds, benefiting 6,938 women through effective utilization.
- **Skills Development:** 70% of women acquired skills in leadership, economic management, livestock rearing, organic farming, and navigating government services.
- **Income Generation:** 80% of members engaged in income-generating activities, averaging ₹1,800 in monthly earnings.
- **Child Marriage Prevention:** 90% of groups educated themselves about the issues of child marriage and are actively working to prevent it.
- **New Groups and Associations:** 108 new women's groups and 4 new cluster associations were formed through women's initiatives.
- **Goal Setting and Implementation:** 262 groups, comprising 1,800 women, set specific goals for their economic, social, and cultural development and have initiated various activities based on their plans.
- **Nutritional Improvement:** 33.33% of women have progressively incorporated nutritious food into their diets.
- **Personal Health and Hygiene:** 65.08% of women have maintained personal health and hygiene practices within their families.
- **Government Scheme Engagement:** 65.07% of women have accessed various government schemes according to their eligibility, benefiting from them.

Self-Reliance Achieved through Roasted Peanuts by Rituśree Bhunia and Pinki Bhunia

In Ayodhyapur village, Deshapran block, Purba Medinipur district, the Tripti Women’s Group,



comprising women from disadvantaged backgrounds, faced significant economic challenges and struggled to support their children's education. To address these issues, Kajla Janakalyan Samity introduced various income-generating activities. Rituśree Bhunia and Pinki Bhunia decided to launch a roasted peanuts business.

With a ₹60,000 loan from Kajla Janakalyan Samity, Rituśree and Pinki began roasting and packaging peanuts. As their business grew and additional family members joined, their income increased, enhancing their socio-economic status. The success of their venture enabled them to support their children’s education and create employment for 20 other women in Ayodhyapur village, who now earn ₹3,000-4,000 per month.

Increasing Family Income through Pig Rearing

Nirupama Kisku, a member of the Maa Shitala Self-Help Group in Nayagram block, Jhargram district, lived in Jatiyara village with her husband and two children. The family relied on daily wage labour and



non-timber forest products, with an annual income of ₹24,000, which was insufficient for their daily needs and their children's education.

After receiving training from the Kajla Janakalyan Samiti, Nirupama embarked on pig rearing. Starting with 2 pigs, she expanded her livestock to 11, selling 8 pigs for ₹16,000 while keeping 3. This successful venture boosted her family’s annual income to ₹48,000, allowing her to cover educational and medical expenses. Nirupama’s effective

management and dedication have inspired other women in her village to explore pig rearing as a means to improve their economic conditions.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Climate change is significantly impacting India's coastal regions, leading to frequent cyclones, super-cyclones, droughts, and floods. These events, exacerbated by irregular rainfall and excessive precipitation, have highlighted the need for better disaster preparedness and public awareness. Often, during such disasters, there is insufficient housing, food, drinking water, and safety measures for vulnerable groups, including children, pregnant and postpartum mothers, the elderly, and individuals with special needs.

Kajla Janakalyan Samity collaborates with various national and international organizations and government departments to mitigate natural disaster risks through its Disaster Management Program. The program's primary objectives are:

- **Reduce Risks:** Implement disaster preparedness strategies in high-risk areas to minimize damage and prevent loss of life.
- **Promote Good Practices:** Encourage the development of practices to mitigate climate change among individuals of all ages.

Key Activities of the Program:

COVID-19 Vaccination and Awareness Campaigns:

Local village panchayats and block administration, in partnership with the West Bengal government's district information and cultural departments, used promotional tableaux to ensure COVID-19 vaccination and raise awareness about protocols. This campaign covered 833 villages across 6 blocks and 45 village panchayats in Purba Medinipur and Jhargram districts.



School Reopening and Safety Planning Post-COVID-19:



With the West Bengal government's approval, online training on Comprehensive School Safety and Security Programming (C.S.S.P.) was provided to 182 schools in Purba Medinipur, Jhargram, and Paschim Medinipur districts. A total of 364 teachers participated in this training, organized by the state's disaster management and education departments.

Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness Camps:

In Purba Medinipur district, 63 high schools hosted awareness camps on disaster risk reduction and safe school environments. Task

forces were formed in these schools to develop and implement disaster mitigation plans, including mock drills.

Green Scout Initiative: The Green Scout, composed of teenagers aged 14-20, aims to raise environmental awareness and promote eco-friendly practices. Weekly sessions are held in Purba Medinipur's Ramnagar-I and Contai-I blocks, and South 24 Parganas' Mograhat-II and Patharpratima blocks. Activities include cleaning coastal areas, recycling plastic, planting trees, and educating peers about climate change and environmental issues.



Significant Green Brigade Achievements:



Sessions with Green Scout Members:

Conducted 604 sessions in Purba Medinipur (benefiting 516 members) and 380 sessions in South 24 Parganas (benefiting 315 members).

Work Exhibitions:

Organized 2 exhibitions in South 24 Parganas.

Training and Distribution: Provided training on child-centred disaster risk reduction and climate change, distributed life jackets and first aid kits, and conducted seminars on various environmental topics.

Shelter Utilization:

Kajla Janakalyan Samity, in collaboration with Save the Children, operates child-centric flood shelters in Bhagwanpur-2, Patashpur-1, and Patashpur-2 blocks. The "Dishari" shelter in Pusha now supports a coaching center for underprivileged children, while the "Sonar Tari" shelter in Bamunda houses a community-managed library. The "Mamata Moyee" shelter in Khejurgachia serves as a community center offering emergency assistance and recreational activities.

Networking and Advocacy:

This year, Kajla Janakalyan Samity participated in 6 disaster coordination meetings with NGOs and district disaster management officials via Zoom. Additionally, the Samiti engaged in 17 disaster preparedness meetings organized by the State IAG, West Bengal, providing feedback on disaster management strategies.

Impact for the 2022-2023 Financial Year:

- **Formation of School Safety Committees:** Established in 63 schools in East Medinipur.
- **Development of Safety Plans:** Implemented in the same 63 schools.
- **Community Cooperation:** Increased efforts to build environmentally friendly communities.
- **Green Scout Contributions:** Actively involved in cleaning plastics, planting trees, and promoting climate change awareness.



The Story of an Eco-Champion:



Mouskan Mondal, a 15-year-old student from Mohanpur Gram Panchayat in South 24 Parganas, has been recognized as an Eco-Champion for her outstanding efforts in environmental advocacy. Mouskan, a participant in the Green Scout, has promoted eco-friendly practices at home and school, including waste separation, tree planting, and resource conservation. Her dedication to environmental issues has earned her recognition from the Kajla Janakalyan Samity.

Observance of Various Days

Kajla Janakalyan Samity organizes annual sports and cultural events and observes several significant days, including Foundation Day, Netaji's Birth Anniversary, World Environment Day, and International Women's Day, among others. These celebrations involve local communities and youth in various activities and programs.

- Establishment Day of KJKS,
- Netaji Birth Day,
- World TB Day
- National Girl Child Day,
- Republic Day,
- Basanto Utsava,
- International Women's Day,
- Bengali New Year,
- Rabindra Jayanti,
- World Environment Day,
- Bio-Diversity Day,
- Plantation Week,
- World Day against Trafficking in Person,
- Independence Day,
- Raksha Bandhan,
- Teacher's Day,
- International Literacy Day,
- Education Rights Day,
- Children Day,
- International Child Rights Day
- International Yoga Day
- Menstrual Hygiene Day
- Hool Dibas
- Birth Day of Raghunath Murmu



Social Arbitration to Prevent and Control Domestic Violence-

For over seventy years, Kajla Janakalyan Samity has been committed to addressing domestic violence through counselling and prevention services. Recognized by the West Bengal Government's Department of Social Welfare, the Samiti has resolved many domestic violence cases and continues to provide support in East Medinipur district.

Type of Problem	No. of Application	Problem Solved	Under Process	Problem not solved
Domestic Violence	49	19	20	5

Financial Management and Analysis of current income and expenditure

The Kajla Janakalyan Samity has set up an accounts department with six experienced staff friends to manage income and expenditure with transparency. The economic transaction is done completely through the use of tally software by the computer. The employee friends of the accounts department work in coordination with the co-ordinators, supervisors and field workers in charge of the project and services.

The department of accounts is conducted depending on the following rules and principles, which are enshrined in the financial management policy of the organization.

- Rules for allocation of funds
- Payment rules
- Rules for advance payment
- Employee Welfare Rules
- The Bill and its Verification Rules
- Most of the transactions will be made through the bank and there will be no cash payment (there will be no cash payment without special reason)

Financial Management and Fundraising:

Kajla Janakalyan Samity ensures transparency in managing finances through an established accounts department and Tally Software. In the 2022-2023 financial year, the organization raised ₹48,012,472, with funds allocated across various programs, including women's development, education, agriculture, health, and disaster management. Detailed expenditure reports highlight the Samiti's commitment to effective program implementation and financial stewardship.

In conclusion, Kajla Janakalyan Samity continues to uphold its steadfast commitment to advancing human development and fostering societal welfare. Our unwavering dedication to these goals is the result of collective effort and shared vision. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all supporters, members, employees, and volunteers who have played a crucial role in our journey. Your contributions have been instrumental in driving our mission forward, and together, we have achieved significant milestones in our quest to create a better and more equitable society. As we reflect on our accomplishments, we also look ahead with renewed determination, confident that our collaborative efforts will continue to make a meaningful impact. Thank you for being an integral part of our success and for your ongoing support as we strive to build a brighter future for all.

Opinions of eminent persons who came to KJS

30/04/2022: Shri Suvodeep Mukherjee & Sushanto Chakravorty, CRY

It was a brilliant experience in visiting this institution of social welfare. The process, audits, team and the overall infrastructure is a force to reckon with. Best wishes for the future.

Suvodeep Mukherjee & Sushanto Chakravorty
(Anumohini) Sushanto

05/06/2022: Shri Adityavikram Mohan Hirani, IAS, SDO, Contai Sub-Division

KJS organized a programme on World Environment day today wherein they inaugurated all their best practices and best from waste which was spectacular to see. I wish that the motivation of KJS spreads around and more and more citizens of the sub-division.

A. V. Hirani
A. V. Hirani, IAS
SDO Contai

05/06/2022: Shri Basanta Kumar Ghorai, H.M., Nayapat S.K. High School

World Environment day celebration programme organized by KJS is very time-based programme. Awareness of people & pupils is very essential in this time.

Best wishes,
Basanta Kumar Ghorai
Headmaster
Nayapat S.K.
High School
(+09)

05/06/2022

05/06/2022: Dr. Anuttam Pariari, H.M., Parulia Modern High School

With heartiest endeavour and effort K3K5 has observed the world environment day today. It ^{was} my greatest pleasure to be a part of this programme and sharing experience with honorable SDO, Sarbajya Karanabekhi, H.M. of Nayabul and other delegates. I got inspired as usual from activities of Ms. Supa Panj and the co-workers.

Dr. Anuttam Pariari
H.M.

14/10/2022: Shantamu Dutta, Evaluator of APF supported programme

I have been in K3K5 and have reviewed its work for the last few days. Its unique history of 78 years and its evolution is something to note. The staff and the Director has a tradition zeal and commitment which is praiseworthy.

Shantamu Dutta

29/10/2022: Kerry Luxton, Sydney, Australia

KASLA is to me, an organisation which embraces the whole extended community, with an intelligent and loving attitude. The results can be seen in the children, parents, senior citizens, who are proud to be part of it. From the sea stall to the remote ESC's I have felt welcome.

Until next time, Thank you.

Kerry Luxton, Sydney, Australia

10/02/2023: Corinna Wallrapp, Astrid Kosterke, Rusha Mitra & Aparajita Ghosh,
Indienhilfe e.v Herrsching, Germany

Thank you for the many year long cooperation
~~between~~ and partnership between IJES and Indienhilfe e.V.
Germany. After 7 years of partnership we share many
achievements and lessons learnt together. In the next
years many more will come. Truly the org. who are
honestly reflecting on their projects, achievements, and lessons
learnt can grow. We are looking forward for many more
years to come. Project visit to Program,

Indienhilfe e.V.

Corinna and Astrid,
Rusha and Aparajita.

15/02/2023: Rajen Dhulia, Head-Projects, Anarde Foundation

I had visited this area for 03 days. It was very
Good Experience. Good Network of KJKs. Also
very old & dedicated organisation. We as a Anarde
Foundation will start our core projects in west
Bengal & particularly in Anuga Medinipur District
with the help of KJKs. Good support & coordination
by KJKs. Thanks to Swapan Sir & Team

Rajen Dhulia
Head-Projects
Anarde Foundation - Mumukshu

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