

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 2021**



*Seva Sangh Samiti*  
Committee of mutual help



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## **Activities of Seva Sangh Samiti for the year 2020-2021**

Seva Sangh Samiti is a renowned social organisation with multifarious social activities and various projects, situated at its registered office 12, Watkins Lane, Howrah – 711101. In its 54 years of dedicated service, it is still going strong and successful in its aims, objectives and mission in serving the poor. Its main centre of social activities is Health & Nutrition, Education Vocational Training, Rural Development & Education and train women in self-development. We are grateful to our benevolent benefactors namely Les Amis de Seva Sangh Samiti (France), Fundacion Colores de Calcuta (Spain), Mr Jean Paul Parisod (Switzerland), and Mundos Unidos (Spain) with their support Seva Sangh Samiti is able to function successfully. With the dreaded PANDEMIC and severely affecting people in India there was strict LOCKDOWN all over India.

### **Pilkhana Medical Centre:**

Our Pilkhana Medical Centre was closed from April 2020 to June 2020. It was opened from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July but due to conditions in the neighbourhood still vulnerable, it was closed from 8<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July due to total lockdown. In August it was closed on 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> as per the government lockdown decision. Finally, with effect from September 2020 to March 2021 the medical centre was opened and functioning regularly. We thank our doctors and medical staff who braved the situation and came for work regularly. When most private doctors feared to step out our doctors & medical staff fearlessly ventured themselves for the poor and needy people. The people of Pilkhana and the neighbourhood praised and thanked the doctors & medical staff for their selfless service to the poor.

Pilkhana Medical Centre serves the people of Pilkhana and the neighbourhood and also people from far off places come here to get medical treatment for different diseases and problems. Since here service is free of cost and specified and highly qualified doctors are available in different streams, poor people are greatly benefitted. The socio-economic condition of this area is very poor and people cannot afford expensive treatment in a private hospital and nursing home hence here they get all the medical facilities free of cost only Rs 20/- (Rupees Twenty) is charged as registration fees. All medicines, ointments are given free of cost. There are nine departments in Pilkhana Medical Centre which are running successfully.

#### **1) General Medicine Department:**

In this department people suffering from medical problems such as cough and cold, flu, diarrhoea, gastritis, diabetes, hypertension, allergy, asthma, pain is treated. Minor surgery and dressing are also done here.

Attending Physician - Dr Kausik Jana, Monday to Saturday 10:00am to 01:00pm  
No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 3810

## **2) Chest/Pneumology Department:**

Here patients suffering from Chest infection and tuberculosis are treated. Tuberculosis is a disease affecting the lungs which can be cured by medicines that are to be taken regularly for a prolonged period, six months to one year depending on the severity of the case. "Monthly Awareness Programme" is conducted to educate the people and patients about the disease.

Attending Physician – Dr Dilip Kr Dutta, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm

No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 1650

## **3) Paediatric Department:**

This department is mainly for children from birth to the age of six years.

Attending Physician – Dr Mausumi Mukherjee, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 02:00pm to 04:00pm

No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 973

## **4) Dental Clinic:**

Dental Clinic is running extremely well. Here filling, extraction, scaling & cleaning, root canal, etc are done by a highly qualified and experienced doctor.

Attending Physician – Dr Arjun Sinha, Monday 09:00am to 11:00am, Tuesday 12:00pm to 3:30pm & Wednesday 09:00am to 10:00am, No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 1448

## **5) Eye Clinic:**

In this department, all types of eye-related problems except major surgeries are treated. A highly qualified ophthalmologist and an Optometrist look after this department. The Optometrist prescribes the power where spectacles are necessary. Fifty per cent (50%) of the cost of the spectacles is borne by the Samiti and fifty per cent by the patient. In the case of very poor patients spectacles are supplied free of cost.

Attending Ophthalmologist – Dr Saudip Sen, Tuesday 10:00am to 12:00pm

No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 378

Attending Optometrist – Dr Tapas Ghosh, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00am to 12:00pm

No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 900

A total no. of spectacles were distributed from April 2020 to March 2021 – 292

#### **6) ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat Department):**

This department is running successfully and a great number of patients come here for their treatment with numerous ENT problems. Costly medicines and ointments are given free of cost.

Attending Physician - Dr Anup Kumar Sinha, Monday & Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm  
No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 794

#### **7) Skin/Dermatology Department:**

'Skin' problem is a major disease in this area due to lack of hygiene and basic cleanliness, hence a skin department is a blessing for the people of this area.

Attending Physician – Dr Chanchal Banerjee, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 3230

#### **8) Physiotherapy Department:**

This department treats disabled male and female patients, young and old for their various disability problems. One qualified physiotherapist and his assistant look after this department.

Attending Physiotherapist – Mr Sudhanshu Roy, Monday to Saturday 10:00am to 01:00pm for Outsiders, 2:00pm to 3:30pm for Ricket & Creche Home children  
No. of patients treated from April 2020 to March 2021 – 1092

#### **9) Pharmacy Unit:**

Free medicine pills, ointments, eye drops, etc are distributed from this unit by a qualified pharmacist as per the doctor's prescription. Medicines are purchased from the Community Development Medical Unit which is specialised in the sale of generic medicines to NGO's.

#### **Awareness Programme:**

Health Awareness Programmes are held at Pilkhana Medical Centre, now at Samiti's office at 12, Watkins Lane Howrah – 711101 every month for the parents of children of Ricket Home, Creche and other units. Doctors from different departments educate the people on the prevention of different diseases and how to stay healthy and hygiene.

### **Nutrition Centre (Ricket Home & Creche):**

Ricket & Creche Home had been running successfully and effectively till the end of March 2020 having approx 32 and 38 children in each department, but due to the Covid pandemic, the centre is closed from April 2020 till date. Nevertheless, the children were not deprived of their milk, cerelac, complan and other nutritious food. All these items are supplied regularly every month to the Ricket and Creche Home children. Apart from these 30 outside children as per our programme are given Lactogen milk(400gm) and one packet of Cerelac(300gm) every fortnight at the home and our paediatrician is always available for consultation. The age of the children is between 2yrs to 5yrs.

A total of 1608 packets of milk, cerelac and complan are given to the children from April 2020 to March 2021. The parents/family members are given monthly ration consisting of Rice, Atta, Dal, Oil, Sugar, Salt, Tea, Milk, Biscuits, Washing Powder, Bathing Soap, Mask, and Sanitary Pads, around 130 families receive the same every month.

### **Anand Bhavan:**

Anand Bhavan a residential home for girls is solely sponsored by Fundacion Colores de Calcuta. There are 30 school-going children from age of 4 to 19yrs studying in class 1(one) to class 12(twelve). All their school fees, books, stationery, food, medicine, etc. Unfortunately due to some misunderstanding with some workers and representatives of Fundación Colores de Calcuta, Fundacion Colores de Calcuta withdrew its support and sponsorship to Anand Bhavan from December 2020. Even though Anand Bhavan was closed since December 2020 and the children went to their homes, they were not deprived. Under the Family & Education Programme, Fundacion Colores de Calcuta took complete care of the student's school fees, uniforms, etc. A coordinator always visits the students home to see their progress. Monthly Ration is also given to the families of the students. 30 families get ration every month.

### **Emergency Help:**

Emergency Medical help is given to poor and destitute patients in a small way according to our capacity.

## **Baniniketan Education Centre:**

In this centre three projects are running:

- a. Banipur free primary school
- b. Tailoring training for women & girls
- c. Banipur free charitable dispensary

### **Banipur free primary school:**

Initially, the primary school of Baniniketan Education Centre had 80 students and they were provided food, books, uniform, etc free of cost.

But due to pandemics and Government lockdown, the school closed from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 till date. Since school was closed the education of the children was hampered. The students are very poor and they could not afford a smartphone, hence online education was out of the question. The teachers invented a unique programme, they made many questions from the textbooks and the parents collect them from the centre every week. After one week they took the answers sheets for evaluation and gave a new set of question papers. This is continued every week. This was done to assess the quality and development of the students. Once a month they visit the house of each student to help them in their studies. Every month 76 parents are given ration.

### **Tailoring training for women & girls:**

Tailoring – Here tailoring is taught to women & girls. Especially ladies dresses. New design dresses are also taught. Many ladies who have completed the course are doing good independent business and some working for tailors.

No of students completed the course from April 2020 to March 2021 – 35

The centre was closed from March 2020 to December 2020. It started operating in January 2021.

### **Banipur free charitable dispensary:**

Banipur Charitable Dispensary is functioning successfully although there was a complete lockdown. People near and around the centre who fell sick and had no place to get medical help came to our dispensary and were treated. One doctor was present there for providing necessary services to the poor sick people. During the lockdown, our dispensary was not closed.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 03:00pm to 05:00pm

A total number of 1308 patients' male, female and children were treated successfully.

**No. of patients treated for April 2020 to March 2021:**

April 2020 - March 2021

	Female	Male	
General	2521	1289	
Chest	1185	465	
Paedia	500	473	
Gyno	0	0	
Dental	1045	403	
Eye	253	125	
Opto	611	289	
ENT	558	236	
Skin	2072	1158	
Physio(Patient + Visit)	893	199	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9638</b>	<b>4637</b>	<b>14275</b>

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We thank Mr Jean Paul Parishod (Switzerland) for his generous help and support in sponsoring the projects of Banipur and Baniniketan Educational Centre.

We also express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Fundacion Colores de Calcuta (Spain) for sponsoring the activities in Pilkhana Medical Centre and Anand Bhavan Home for girls.

We also express our sincere thanks to Mundos Unidos (Spain) for their contribution to Jharkhali Sundarban.

We also express our sincere thanks to the Governing Body members, staff, and workers for their sincere support and hard work in running Seva Sangh Samiti successfully.

*List of Governing Body Members*

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