



ANNUAL Report - 2023-24

From the Secretary's Desk

Another year has passed by Seva Sangh Samiti as a philanthropic organisation since 1968 working in the field of Basic Health Care, Family and Child Welfare, Primary Education and Women Empowerment. But this year went really very bad for us as we were compelled to close down few of our activities specially the crèche, baby care unit and the medical services alongwith the dispensary in Pilkhana, Howrah for a period of around seven months because of closure of our FCRA account being held with the State bank of India, New Delhi as there was a change in the governing body due to untimely death of our earlier secretary Mr. Lazarus John and the same change in the Governing Body was needed to be approved from the Home ministry, Govt. of India followed by submitting the same to our Banker. In addition, we have faced a fund crisis due to lack of donors in this year. But somehow, our staff of Sundarban School at Jharkhali and Baniniketan Education Centre at Banipur continued their operation without proper facility and financial support only out of love and affection with the students as well as they felt that the closure of the school would have affected the careers of the students studying therein.



The year in review



Seva Sangh Samiti

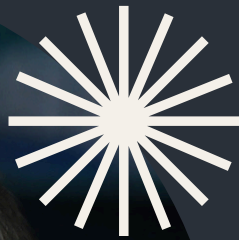


Seva Sangh Samiti continued its philanthropic activities through different projects in 57th year of its ceaseless dedicated service to the poor and destitute towards its mission for serving the society.

Its main focus is in the field of Health and Nutrition, Education, Vocational Training, Rural development, Child education & Women empowerment for self-development and motivation.



We'd like to thank all
our donors for their
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With the continuous caring and support of the following benevolent benefactors, Seva Sangh Samiti has been able to accomplish its mission for success as it has done in the past.

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Pilkhana Medical Centre



After a closure of seven months, we have restarted our medical centre in December 2023 and observed that the patient footfalls were very less as the people started visiting other nearby health Centres for their regular health checkup.

The Gynaecologist has left due to her personal problem and ENT Specialist has passed away just before we restarted our clinic in Dec 23. Hence, these two departments were temporarily closed as we yet to find replacement for them in that same honorarium scale. We are looking for some good quality doctors who can take care for these departments soon.

General Medicine department

In this department people suffering from general medical problems such as cough and cold, flue, diarrhea, gastritis, hypertension, allergy, asthma, pain are treated along with giving injection, bandage and dressing for small wounds with the help of trained medical attendants.

Attending physician – Dr Kaushik Jana. Monday to Saturday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.



Chest/Pneumology Department

Patients suffering from Chest infection and tuberculosis are treated here. Tuberculosis is a disease affecting 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.

Attending Physician – Dr Dilip Kumar Dutta, Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.



Pilkhana Medical Centre

Pediatric Department

This department runs for the new born babies to the children of the age of six years mainly suffering from malnutrition with other child diseases.

Attending physician – Dr Mausumi Mukherjee. Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 02.00 pm to 4.30 pm.



Dental Clinic

Dental clinic is running extremely well with all types of filling, extraction, scaling & cleaning, root canal etc. which are done by a highly qualified and experienced doctor with the help of trained medical attendants.

Attending physician – Dr Arjun Sinha. Monday – 09.00 am to 11.00 am, Tuesday – 12.00 pm to 03.30 pm. Wednesday 09.00 am to 10.00 pm.

Eye Clinic

All types of eye-related problems except major surgeries are treated here. A highly qualified Ophthalmologist and Optometrist look after this department. The Optometrist prescribed the eye power where spectacles only are necessary. Half of the cost of the spectacles are borne by the Samiti and half by the patient. In case of very poor patients, spectacles are supplied completely free.

Attending Ophthalmologist – Dr Saudeep Sen. Tuesday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Attending Optometrist – Dr Tapas Ghosh. Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.



Pilkhana Medical Centre

Physiotherapy Department

This department treats disabled male and female patients, irrespective of their age for various disability problems. One qualified physiotherapist look after this department.

Attending Physiotherapist – Mr Sudhangsu Roy. Monday to Saturday -10.00 am to 01.00 pm.



SKIN

The inhabitants of this area very often become victim of various types of skin diseases due to lack of education and continuation of bad habits in their daily life. Our Skin department is working well in this area.

Attending physician – Dr Chanchal Ranjan Bandyopadhy. Wednesday – 02.00 am to 04.00 pm

Pharmacy Unit

Earlier all types of medicine including tablets, capsules, cough syrup, pills, ointments, eyedrops, injections etc. were distributed from this unit headed by a qualified pharmacist as per our attending doctors' prescription. Presently because of our financial crisis, we have compelled to curtail down the specialty medicines and kept our distribution limited to generic basic medicines in this year.



Pilkhana Medical Centre

Awareness Programme

Till 2022-23, Health Awareness Programmes were held at Pilkhana Medical Centre every month with the parents of the children staying in Baby care Unit, Creche by our Pediatrician. Apart from this, monthly awareness program takes place by other doctors from different departments to make people aware of their bad habits and life style which prevents them to grow in a safe and healthy way. But the fund crisis have compelled us for temporary closure of Health Awareness Programme in 2023-24



Pilkhana Medical Centre

Medical Records:

Months	Departments									
	Gener al med icine	Gyna ecolo gy	Chest / Pulm onolo gy	Denta l	Paedi atric	Eye	Opto metry	Skin	Physi other apy	Total
Dec 2023	24	0	20	70	7	7	38	69	5	240
Jan 2024	46	7	40	87	10	10	50	81	30	361
Feb 2024	76	0	28	129	16	15	37	88	68	457
Mar 2024	63	0	41	116	10	12	54	87	75	458
Total	209	7	129	402	43	44	179	325	178	1516

Pilkhana Medical Centre

Project Under Child Education & Family Welfare:

Crèche and Baby Care Unit

As earlier mentioned, we have compelled to close down the Baby Care unit and crèche because of fund crisis and reopen only the crèche with effect from January 2024 with a very limited facility. The number of children were much lesser than before as we could provide only milk, biscuits and fruit at this time, but our project workers kept contacting parents through home visits for sending the children to crèche regularly, so that the babies can play and get the nursery education at this stage.



Pilkhana Medical Centre

Creche & Day Care Records:

No. of babies being cared in creche			
Month	No. of babies	No. of working days	Per day attendance
Jan 2024	121	16	8
Feb 2024	188	23	8
Mar 2024	155	23	7
Total	464	62	8





Head-Office Watkins Lane

Project Under Child Education & Family Welfare: ↘

Free Coaching Classes in Watkins Lane

From this year we have started a free coaching class in our registered office at Watkins Lane mainly for the poor and needy local students studying both in private and government schools in addition to our earlier Bengali language class. We have started English Coaching Class along with coaching on other basic subjects like History / Geography / Science / mathematics / Social Studies etc. Few college students under arts and commerce stream are also taking coaching under the direct supervision of our Family Welfare and child education Project Coordinator. In addition to the classes, she also interacts and discusses with parents and children regarding basic values of life, hygiene related habits and lifestyle, behavioral problems which comes in adolescence stage etc. She organized activity classes with the students like drawing and craftwork.



Head-Office

Watkins Lane

Free Tuition Records:

No. of students attending coaching classes					
Subject - Bengali					
Month	Class I to IV	Class V to VII	Class IX - X	Class XI-XII- College	Total
Jan 2024	8	18	2	-	28
Feb 2024	9	25	2	-	36
Mar 2024	9	25	2	-	36
Total - A	26	68	6	0	100
Subject - English					
Month	Class I to IV	Class V to VII	Class IX - X	Class XI-XII- College	Total
Jan 2024	8	26	4	2	40
Feb 2024	9	26	4	2	41
Mar 2024	9	26	4	2	41
Total	26	78	12	6	122
Other Subjects incl. History/Geography/Science/mathematics/Social Studies					
Month	Class I to IV	Class V to VII	Class IX - X	Class XI-XII- College	Total
Jan 2024	3	1	0	2	6
Feb 2024	3	1	0	2	6
Mar 2024	3	1	0	2	6
Total	9	3	0	6	18

Baniniketan Education Centre

Instead of all the difficulties, we did not stop running our free primary school, tailoring centre and the dispensary for the children, girls/housewives and people from local and nearby villages of Banipur. This was possible only because of the dedication, love and affection of the staff members of Banipur with the locals. They managed rice, pulses and grocery from local shops on credit for feeding the students in this crisis situation.

Project Under Child Education & Family Welfare:

Banipur Free Primary School

The free primary Education Centre is running successfully from Kindergarten to Class IV. They are provided with books and other study material every year. The students are also provided with the nutritious mid-day meal consisting of rice, pulses, vegetables, soyabean, egg and chicken which helps them to get required nutrition to concentrate more in their studies. In the current session started from 2024, we have purchased two computers for the children of class III & IV to get a basic knowledge and to make them understand the use and application of computers. This will definitely help them for using computers in higher classes..



Baniniketan Education Centre



No. of Students:

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
KG	14	13	27
I	9	7	16
II	6	7	13
III	6	5	11
IV	4	7	11
Total	39	39	78

Baniniketan Education Centre

Project Under Women Empowerment:

Tailoring training for women and girls

Our project under women empowerment runs in Banipur Home where the housewives and girls from the nearby locality come for learning tailoring and embroidery works. After completion of the course, all girls got their certificate from us which helped them to get tailoring job outside and ensured their independent earning and lead a respectful life alongwith contributing to their families. Some of them have also opened their own startup after the completion of the courses. As the local area is socio economically not so high, this tailoring and embroidery work helped them a lot to stand on their own feet as well as contributing something to their families for betterment and uplift their life standard. This year we have provided training to 41 girls in this project.



Baniniketan Education Centre

Project under Free Health Care:

Banipur free charitable dispensary

The doctor and the medical attendant both are shouldering the responsibility for treating the local patients i.e. through OPD and nursing for small wounds, bandage, infection, burn etc. The people from Banipur and its surrounding villages are the main patients who cannot afford to go to private doctors and nursing home because of their low socio-economic life, hence we provide the checkup and distribution of medicine through our free dispensary thrice a week.

Attending physician – Dr Sushanta Kumar Shaw, Timing – Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 03.00 pm to 05.00 pm

A total no. of 1825 patients were treated in our dispensary in 2023-24 are as follows

Male	Female	Children	Tetanus Injection	Dressing	Total
383	1063	344	12	23	1825



Jharkhali Sunderban School

Project Under Child Education & Family Welfare:

Our free primary school is being run in the rural areas of Jharkhali, Sundarbans, South 24 parganas. The number of students are also increased in this year as we have arranged continuous promotion through verbal communication and promulgation among the locality so that the nearby people become aware of the continuation of the school.

We have purchased one copier cum printer, which was an immense help for the school. The total no. of students in Sunderban School were 130 along with 12 teaching and 3 non-teaching staff. The teachers also help to develop the students in drawing, singing, craft work, games, cleaning and basic moral values of life.



Jharkhali Sunderban School

No. of students in our school ending session in Dec 23

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Nursery	9	3	12
KG - I	12	11	23
KG - II	11	11	22
I	11	10	21
II	9	4	13
III	5	8	13
IV	10	5	15
V	5	6	11
Total	72	58	130



Jharkhali Sunderban School

Cyclone Centre, Jharkhali, South 24 Parganas

We are having a cyclone centre in Jharkhali, Sundarbans, South 24 parganas. Being a cyclone prone zone, this rural area frequently has to face various types of storm in different magnitude in terms of speed and destruction after the landfall in the coastal areas of Sunderban. The Centre helps the local people to get shelter inside alongwith their basic items and the cattle during storm but nowadays the number of mud houses are less, the concrete river dams are more firm and durable than before and not collapsed very soon during storm, hence the magnitude of cyclone is not that destructive which the locals would have faced earlier.



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We also express our sincere thanks to the Governing Body members, all our support staff and project workers for their hard work, sincere and continuous support in this critical time to run Seva Sangh Samiti successfully.

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