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ARPAN SOCIETY

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From the Desk of Secretary

Dear Friends,

I, at the ever beginning of delivering something from this desk, do most cordially and profoundly convey my best regards to all our well-wishers and people of our society. Our endless endeavour for the betterment of mankind in distress will continuously be trickling in and mounting up. We have already come a long way pushing our successful 10 years behind. We are determined to uplift the poor people to change from the condition of distress and misery. I hope that everybody will have own shelter, independent living with due respect and dignity, self financial capability in the days to come. Hence, all round cooperation and assistance are required from all concerned sector to turn an unskilled being to super-skilled person by way of Skill development Training Programs in respective fields, cooperation in marketing and other fields of development of human resources. It is necessary to nurture a regulated plan of personal daily activities by keeping time for exercise & pranayam, time for residential activities, professional activities; so that any individual will be able to reduce the number of service providers. In this way any individual will be able to make time and scope to be a partner of social activities. Naturally, if any individual donate at least 1% from his income, it may take part to change another life. We have come a long way of life. Hence, we should pay deep attention to the rumbling of Time`s chariot not to spare any moment right from now and everybody should join the national movement to make our country of outstanding performance. I look forward for kind support and cooperation from all sections of people to serve the community to the silver line of a future of bright prospects.

Thanks and with regards.

BISWENDU BHATTACHARJEE
(Secretary – ARPAN SOCIETY)

Annual Report: 2014 – 2015

We have immense pleasure in presenting before the public the Annual Report of our Society for the year 2014 – 2015.

“ Our Mission is for the Destitute, the Poor and the Illiterate Peasantry and Labouring Communities”

-Swami Vivekananda

“Work sincerely and silently, your sincere and silent work will bring everything, whatever you need”

-Swami Vivekananda

Genesis of the Organization

ARPAN SOCIETY is a non-political, non-communal, non-profit making and non-Governmental organization, the main objective of which is to cause socio-economic empowerment of the poor and marginalized with a prime focus on the distressed and downtrodden women. **ARPAN SOCIETY** actually started with the joint efforts of some enthusiastic youth (boy & girls) by organizing game & sport and some cultural programme since 2001. This was temporary programme & seasonal basis with the gradual Expansion of its games, sport and cultural wings this organization group feels to build a permanent youth club & for this purpose they came forward & convene a meeting for this purpose. All of them healthily accepted the noble proposal of the Founder Group.

The founder of this Society then started organizing sports & cultural programme throughout the year. As the area is very much backward and interior the people of this area are very ignorant and illiterate. Due to this, founder of the Society organized several awareness camp and Adult literacy programme for women. For this purpose they also collected local contribution with high satisfaction. After gradual expansion of its sports, cultural and networking activities this organization group has been formed in a legal way and has been Registered under the Tripura Society Registration Act 1860 in the year 2003. Now this group called ARPAN SOCIETY.

Vision and Mission Statement

Our Vision

ARPAN SOCIETY's vision is to achieve a value – oriented sustainable society based on social orientation, economic growth, local capacity building and empowerment of people for a complete social transformation.

Our Mission

ARPAN SOCIETY's mission is to aware the poor & disadvantaged people about their health, education and basic rights, assist them to recognize and improve their potentialities through skill formation, knowledge sharing and transfer of technical knowhow, guide them to generate economic benefit for promoting sustainable development in economy.

Objectives

Children's Welfare Programmers:

- To work for the welfare of the street Children.
- To implement various programs for the welfare of the physically & mentally handicapped children.
- To organize various programs for prevention of Child Labour.
- To setup orphanage House and to establish Creches for the poor & needy rural/slum children.
- To run children Library and to education school dropped out children through NFE System.

Rural Development Programs:

- To Implement Rural Sanitation Program
- To establish Village Library.
- To construct Low Cost House Latrines for the weaker of the society.
- Drinking Water arrangement for the society.
- Formation of Self Help Groups in rural areas.
- To implement the total Sanitation Camping Programs.
- To work under the centrally sponsored scheme of Ministry of Rural Development, GOI such as NREGP, SGYS etc.

Educational Programs:

- To setup Non-Formal Education Centers.
- To setup adult Education Centers.
- To setup Children Libraries.
- To help the various Govt./Prevate Dept. for the development of literacy programs.
- To work under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- To organize various pre-examination training's programs for SC/OBC.
- To promote Girls Education programs.
- To establish/run/manage schools to spread any or all types of education prevalent in modern India.

Environment Development:

- Conduction environment education training in the spheres of conservation of forests and wild life for rural peoples especially the youth.
- To work for maintenance and conservation of Bio-Diversity.
- Encouraging rural masses towards the use of alternate sources of energy like solar cooker, biogas, smokeless chullas and solar lamps to avoid environment pollution.
- To implement various projects related to forestry, tree plantation etc.
- To conduct the National Environment Awareness Program (NEAC) each year.
- To implement various Environment Education's Projects in various schools.

Women & Girls Welfare Activities:

- To create employment opportunities for women and youth through vocational training facilities to trace out force of women /youth.
- To setup Working Women Hostels, Short Stay Homes and Swadhar centers for the women.
- To setup Training-cum-Production units for Women and marketing of products.
- Formation of Self-Help Groups for the poor women.
- To provide free legal literacy to women/girls.
- To organize various Awareness Generation Programs for women/girls.
- To provide free Sex Education to the Youth/Adolescents girls.
- To setup Women Helpline Programs.
- To implement various other Women Empowerment related programs.

Youth Welfare:

- To organize various vocational training courses for youth.
- To initiate and organize need oriented rural development program.
- To impart education and training on the basis of youth organization methods and practical.
- To organize various sports meets at Village, Block, District and State level.
- To establish Stadiums both in rural and urban areas for sports activities.
- To implement various Youth Empowerment & adolescent Development projects.

Functional Area

Tripura is a state in North-East India. Tripura is surrounded by Bangladesh on the north, west and east. The Indian states of Assam and Mizoram lie to the east of Tripura.

The capital of Tripura is Agartala and the main languages spoken are Bengali and Kokborok (also known as Tripuri).

Tripura was given the status of a separate state of the Indian Union on 21st, January 1972.

Facts and Figures

Important Statistics related to state Tripura:

Year of formation	21-01-1972
Latitude	22° 56' & 24° 32' N
Longitude	91° 09' & 92° 20'
Altitude	12.80 Mtr
Capital	Agartala
Population	• Density 3,191,168 (21st) • 304/km ² (787/sq mi)
District(s)	8
Temperature	10 to 35 Degree Celsius
Average Annual Rain Fall	2100mm
Forest cover	52.76%
Literacy	60.44% (S.T. 40.37%)
Subdivisions	15
Teshils	183
Language(s)	Bengali, Kokborok/Tripuri

Target Population

ARPAN SOCIETY has been providing its services to the underprivileged, economically backward communities of both rural and urban areas. It has been addressing the needs of especially the women and children of those communities.

Present Activities at a Glance

Green Job Potential

Training Programme

Health Program

Education Program

Awareness Programme

IWMP Program

Cultural Activities

Social and Relief Work

*** Observance of Notable Days:**

- ☞ Observation of Independence Day
- ☞ Rabindranath Tagore Birth Anniversary
- ☞ Celebration of Vivekananda Birth Day
- ☞ Celebration of Nazrul Birth Day

Activities at a Glance

Awareness Programs:

(i) Environment Awareness:

Communities should initiate and be involved in all stages of environmental action from setting objectives and designing activities to doing work and evaluating the results. Participation should be as broad as possible involving all segments of the community, and emphasizing the individual actions, can made difference with this reality. **ARPAN SOCIETY** initiated community level Environment awareness programme in West Tripura district in Tripura .The participatory approach adopted by viewpoints in reaching reasoned and informed decisions. It takes all factors into accountability and sufficient scope for participation. Consciousness raising and awareness generation were initiated for village representatives during last year. Discussion of present status, community role in conservation of environment and forestation, wasteland development etc, took place. The programme was successful in indentifying and educating the people on environmental hazards and the preventive methods. Owing to deforestation, urbanization and unhealthy exploitation on the natural resources the environment is badly affected posing problems at present with challenges for the future generations. Thus awareness-raising programme on “Save Environment Save Life” was held from 20th June 2014 to 22th June 2014 in West Tripura District.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys’/Girls’
Environment Awareness (2014 – 2015)	744	45,564	250	250	244

(ii) Life skill development prog. for Adolescent girls:

In psychology the period of adolescent is called the period of storm and fire. In this time the adolescents begging to compare themselves with the grown up people and try to behave like the matured man and woman. Actually they become physically mature but they are not mature psychologically at all. As a result they easily fail victim to various maladjusted activities.

For this, our Society is working for the adolescent boys and girls for various social activities and makes them aware of their duties to the society, their family and to themselves. We organized campaign for this purpose and they response to it enthusiastically. They come and take part in various benevolent activities than wasting time aimlessly.

The Society organized three awareness camps in West Tripura district in Tripura.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Life skill dev. Prog. For the Adolescent Girls (2014 – 2015)	208	12,116	-	-	208

(iii) National Integration:

India has a unique and wonderful culture embracing in diversities of castes, languages and religions. It is a land of different castes, creeds etc. In spite of these divergences there was always a general feeling oneness and Indianans.

Therefore after Independence national integration has become a problem for us. We are thinking in terms of fostering understanding among the people of this subcontinent through mass consciousness and education.

ARPAN SOCIETY has organized three camps at Society's Premises.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
National Integration (2014 – 2015)	750	11,993	200	200	350

(iv) Women and Child Labour:

In a country like India where over 40 percent of the population is living in conditions of extreme poverty, child labour is a complex issue. Following are some of the causes of child labour.

First - Extreme poverty is the chief cause of child labour. The children either supplement their parents' income or are the only wage earners in the family.

Second - Child labour is deliberately created by vested interest to get cheap labour.

Third - Low level of parental education is also an important factor in determining the incidence of child labour.

Fourth - A majority of parents prefer to send their children to work rather than to school at the school-going age, primarily on account of their need for a supplementary income.

NGOs have an important role to play in the elimination of child labour. Government does not have the infrastructure to reach every section of the society and particularly the millions who work and live in remote areas. NGOs can act as a bridge between hard-to-reach areas and the government.

ARPAN SOCIETY organized two camps in Dhalai district.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Women and Child Labour (2014 – 2015)	372	10,098	-	200	172

(v) Legal Awareness Camp on Women Empowerment:

ARPAN SOCIETY organized two Legal Awareness Camps on 22/8/2014 and 29/10/2014 at Agartala area.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Legal Awareness Camps on Women Empowerment (2014 – 2015)	233	15,880	-	233	-

Project on Green Job Potential:

ARPAN SOCIETY organized project on Green Job Potential in West Tripura District.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Project on Green Job Potential (2014-2015)	248	87,105	148	100	-

Green Audit in Tripura University Campus:

ARPAN SOCIETY organized Green Audit in Tripura University Campus on 14/01/2015 and 15/01/2015.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Green Audit in Tripura University Campus (2014-2015)	172	11,700	50	22	100

IWMP Program:

Arpan Society organized IWMP Program in Agartala Municipal area on 19/09/2014 and 08/12/2014 in West Tripura District

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
IWMP Program (2014 – 2015)	130	35,367	100	30	-

Survey on water Bodies:

Arpan Society Organized Survey on Water Bodies in Agartala Municipal Corporation area 15/11/2014.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Survey on Water Bodies (2014 – 2015)	165	8,815	100	30	35

Training Prog.

(i) Personal Hygiene :

Personal hygiene is taking care of the body. Such as taking showers, brushing the teeth, Smelling clean, clipping the nails. Basically, taking care of the human body.

ARPAN SOCIETY organized three camps at the Societies Campus.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/Boys'/Girls'
Personal Hygiene (2014-2015)	856	9,558	100	100	656

(ii) Horticulture:

Horticulture is very profitable. Horticulture means to cultivate flowers and fruits. During the year under report **ARPAN SOCIETY** has given training 62 men and women on horticulture

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
Horticulture (2014 – 2015)	62	9,917	40	22	-

(iii) Youth Leadership Camps:

The purpose of this guide is to assist experienced youth leaders or supportive adults in preparing youth for speaking engagements. This can include trainings, youth panels, workshops, conference plenary sessions, etc. It is essential for all public speakers to have a good understanding of the audience to which they will be presenting. Begin by briefing the youth on the group requesting the presentation and exploring the youth's general thoughts/experience on the subject. Before beginning the steps below, it is helpful to have the youth share their level of experience with speaking/strategic sharing so that you can tailor these steps to the level of experience of the youth.

ARPAN SOCIETY organized three camps at the Society's premises.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
Youth Leadership Camps (2014– 2015)	240	10,492	-	-	240

(iv) Vocational Training:

Education, skills development and technical training are central to agricultural and rural employment. They prepare mostly young people for work in the formal and informal sector in rural areas and thus play an important role in poverty reduction. The better the training and the more refined the skills are in terms of human capital, the higher the income and returns and the better the rural livelihoods.

ARPAN SOCIETY is mandated to target the rural poor women in the programmes it supports. Interventions are limited to rural poor women who represent a special challenge for women education. They are often illiterate or have very low levels of schooling, dispose of limited free time for studies and often lack self- confidence to attend formal training. The vocational training programmes in rural areas that appear most successful in terms of enhancing employability and contributing to the human development of their trainees are those where teaching activities are directly targeted at specific groups. Vocational and skills training need to be comprehensive in nature, thereby focusing on the

needs and potential of the trainees, aim for social equity in access and be sustainable in terms of technical, financial and environmental feasibility.

ARPAN SOCIETY has trained 153 rural women on bamboo craft at Mandai in West Tripura district in Tripura.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Youth
Vocational Training (2014 – 2015)	153	12,847	-	153	-

Health Programme :

ARPAN SOCIETY has organized Health Program at Khumlung in West Tripura District.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'/ Youth
Health Check up Camps	112	19,339	50	50	12
Eye Screening	89	17,172	-	-	89
Blood Donation Motivation Camps	530	9,211	100	100	330
(2014– 2015)					

Education Programme:

Adequate stress has been given for spread of education among the rural folk of Jinjira Block. As proper education can play a vital role to combat social ills, inculcate the inner potentialities of every individual, to stand one on his feet and to cope with the challenges of life.

Accordingly, ARPAN SOCIETY has given Non Formal Education among the poor in Jinjira Block in West Tripura

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
Non Formal Education (2014 – 2015)	123	21,402	-	-	123

Memorable Days

We are growing up but very few children even adults don't realize that how many bloods have been spoiled and how many life have been lost to have Independence. Every year the motive is always to generate the feelings, awareness, etc. to understand our Countries, our great mentors, our great leaders, to understand their aims and missions and to walk in the path showed by them.

ARPAN SOCIETY celebrates Independence Day, Rabindra Nath Tagore Birth Day, Vivekananda Birth Day and Nazrul Birth Day with the children and youth. Children and youth are encouraged to participate more in numbers.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
Memorable Days (2014 – 2015)	145	44,274	-	-	145

Cultural Activities:

ARPAN SOCIETY is not only progressing materially and technologically but culturally also. Our Society organized games & sports and various types of cultural programs throughout the year. Folk dance, Songs, dance, Recitation, Drama, Debate, are the main cultural programs those are to be organized by our Society.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
Annual Function	50	19,115	10	10	30
Cultural Prog.	32	17,687	-	-	32
Games and Sports (2014 – 2015)	24	19,455	-	-	24

Social & Relief Work

i) Books Distribution:

ARPAN SOCIETY has distributed books and stationery among the poor students in Mohanpur Block, West Tripura.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
<u>Books Distribution</u> (2014– 2015)	97	19,354	-	-	97

ii) Cloth Distribution Among the Poor :

ARPAN SOCIETY has distributed cloths, garments among the poor during winter season.

Name of activity and the year	Coverage	Expenditure	Men	Women	Children/ Boys'/Girls'
<u>Cloth Distribution</u> (2014– 2015)	54	18,115	10	10	34