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SOUTH SUNDARBAN JANAKALYAN SANGHA



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The phrase “Earth and Water” was first used in the writings of the Ancient Greek chronicler Herodotus. The phrase was used to represent the demand by the Persian Empire of formal tribute from the cities or people who surrendered to them. The phrase earth and water, in a way symbolizes unconditional subordination to a conqueror.

Over the past decades, the gradual severity of the effects of climate change now stands before us as the apparent conqueror. It is threatening to snatch away from us, our most valuable possession for survival; earth and water. We humans now stand at a crossroad on whether to helplessly surrender ourselves to this Frankenstein of climate change or fight and act to stop it and reverse its onslaught.

South Sundarban Janakalyan Sangha (SSJS), believes, the power is within us. No challenge can be bigger than a resolute mind which decides not to surrender and fight till the end.

SSJS is determined to act in favour of people and do everything in its might to ensure that people of Sundarbans are ready to protect their homeland, their livelihoods and their lives.

It is resolute fight to preserve and improve the earth, water and the lives of this unique and amazing eco system call Sundarbans.



**VISION**

Sustainable development of people ensuring everyone - even the most deprived can progress towards achieving basic education, health programme and adequate livelihood and training



**MISSION**

Enabling the more disadvantaged to analyse and deal with their problems themselves. To enable them to gain access to integrated and comprehensive development

## THEMATIC AREAS OF WORK

WATER & SANITATION • ENVIRONMENT • HEALTH • EDUCATION • DISASTER RESPONSE • AGRICULTURE  
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT • SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD • SKILL TRAINING

## OPERATIONAL AREAS OF WORK

### WEST BENGAL & JHARKHAND

WEST BENGAL | SOUTH 24 PARGANAS • BIRBHUM • PURULIA • EAST MIDNAPORE • KOLKATA  
JHARKHAND | DHANBAD • DUMKA • JAMTARA



## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

According to World Health Organisation , an estimated 55 million people globally are affected by droughts every year and they are the most serious hazard to livestock and crops in nearly every part of the world. Drought threatens people's livelihoods, increases the risk of disease and death, and fuels mass migration. Water scarcity impacts 40% of the world's population, and as many as 700 million people are at-risk of being displaced as a result of drought by 2030.

The rising temperatures caused by climate change are making already dry regions drier and wet regions wetter. Between 80-90% of all documented disasters from natural hazards during the past 10 years have resulted from floods, droughts, tropical cyclones, heat waves and severe storms.

South Sundarban Janakalyan Sangha (SSJS) is well aware of the threats of climate change and how it is impacting the lives of poor community, particularly in the Sundarban areas. In this financial year SSJS has made all possible efforts meet the immediate needs of the people arising out of drinking water crisis. It has installed 34 safe drinking water tube wells in South 24 Parganas benefitting more than 6,500 families and 467 students in three government primary schools.

SSJS has also undertaken pro-environment campaigns like Swachh Bharat and plantation in Kakdwip block. Besides, with the help of its limited resources it conducted activities like free medical checkup for truck drivers, distributed homeopathy medicines to poor people in the community along with its regular programmes on running creche and child care centres.

**Rafik Uddin**  
Secretary, SSJS



SSJS is extremely grateful to all donors, corporate agencies who came forward to extend their support for these works. I thank all of them from the bottom of my heart and look forward to their continued patronage in the next financial year. The need in these remote rural areas of Sundarbans is staggering and the resources available to SSJS are limited. Hence without the whole hearted support of individuals and agencies, the task ahead is impossible to attain.

However taking the challenge head on, SSJS is focused to channelise its resources to meet the needs of the people in preserving the land and water, leading to an improved quality of living. This is the thrust of SSJS for the next financial year. We hope, people and agencies from across the board will join SSJS in taking this initiative forward.



# **SOUTH SUNDARBAN JANAKALYAN SANGHA**

## **A LEADING HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATION IN SOUTH BENGAL**

The story of South Sundarban Janakalyan Sangha, SSJS, began more than three decades ago, when a small group of energetic and philanthropic enthusiasts decided to embark upon a journey to help and support the poor and needy people of the area. Initially it began with small tasks of distributing material support to people in dire needs, but soon it began to cover other aspects of people's lives. Thus in 1991, the seed of the non profit civil society organisation was planted. SSJS was born.

Based in Raghunathpur village, P.O. Madhabnagar of Kakdwip block, the organisation, since then works for the upliftment of poor rural people irrespective of any background.

SSJS is registered under West Bengal Societies Act 1961, Registration No. S/67639 of 1991-92 dated 26 April 1991. It has a valid FCRA registration renewed on 6 December 2021 with the Registration No. 147110370. It is also registered for exemption of u/s 80G, 12A, PAN, TAN of the IT Act 1961 and Professional Tax under IT Act.

SSJS is affiliated to Credibility Alliance, Guidestar India and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS).

Over the years SSJS has spread its wing beyond South 24 Parganas district and now has offices in Kolkata, Birbhum, East Midnapore and Dhanbad in Jharkhand.

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# CSR PROJECTS





## PROJECT

### LIC HFL SUJALAM

#### SUPPORTED BY: LIC HFL

With the support of LIC HFL, SSJS installed 17 deep water tube wells in Gopalnagar Gram Panchayat of Pathar Pratima block. These areas had severe drinking water crisis which peaked during summer season. As a result of these tube wells around 18,867 people in these villages will have easy access to safe drinking water.

SSJS also formed a Water Users' Committee in each of the 17 locations to ensure maintenance of the tube wells and its repair. And orientation was also given to them on good hygiene and safe sanitation practices. Water testing was done for the tube wells before handing over to the communities. The villager now have to spend less time in traveling to fetch drinking water, which was a very difficult task particularly during peak summer and monsoon.







**17 DEEP WATER TUBE WELLS IN PATHAR PRATIMA BLOCK BENEFITTED 18,867 PEOPLE BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SAFE DRINKING WATER**





**PROJECT**  
**SWACHH BHARAT CAMPAIGN**

**SUPPORTED BY: BPCL**



A wide range of activities for Swachh Bharat Campaign was carried out in Kakkwip by SSJS from 1 to 15 July 2022. A series of sensitisation programmes and seminars were organised on issues related to importance of cleanliness, personal hygiene, on how to prevent water borne diseases that leads to health problems, dangers of open defecation, benefits of using sanitary toilets, proper hand washing etc.

Supported by BPCL, these programmes also laid stress on cleanliness of the environment, discouraged the use of polythene bag and shift to using jute or cotton bags. Participants of these programme were given hygiene kits and environment friendly cotton bags. Five such programme were organised, where around 2,400 people; mostly women participated.



**PROJECT**

**PLANTATION OF TREE BY INDIVIDUAL | SWACHH BHARAT CAMPAIGN**

**SUPPORTED BY: BPCL**



**500 BENEFICIARIES WERE GIVEN 2 FRUIT SAPLINGS EACH FOR PLANTATION**



BPCL supported the distribution of fruit sapling distribution and plantation under Swachh Bharat Campaign. The tree plantation drive was carried out in Kakdwip by SSJS from 1 to 15 July 2022. The purpose of this plantation drive was to enable the community to contribute towards bio diversity and protection of the environment, reduce the impacts of climate change and sensitise the community on preservation of nature and its upkeep for human welfare. A total of 500 beneficiaries belonging to SHGs were given 2 common fruit sampling each.



## PROJECT

### FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR TRUCK DRIVERS AND HELPERS

SUPPORTED BY: BPCL

With the support of BPCL, SSJS conducted 2 medical check-up camps for truck drivers and helpers and provided free medicines and eye glasses. These two medical camps were organised from 20-24 January 2023, at Dhulagarh Transport Hub, Howrah and Dimna Transport Hub, East Singbhum.

#### Services Provided at the Medical Camps

- Check up by a doctors
- Blood Pressure Check up
- Blood Sugar Check up
- Eye check up
- Dental check up
- ECG
- Free Medicine distribution
- Free Spectacles distribution



JHARKHAND

WEST BENGAL

**Dimna Transport Hub**  
East Singbhum, Jharkhand  
Beneficiaries covered | 296



**Dhulagarh Transport Hub**  
Howrah, West Bengal  
Beneficiaries covered | 264





**PROJECT**

**DISTRIBUTION OF INDIAN NATIONAL FLAG TO HOUSEHOLDS UNDER HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN**

**SUPPORTED BY: BPCL**

As a part of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, SSJS delivered and distributed approximately 19,400 Indian National Flags to households in villages and adjoining areas in Bokaro district in collaboration with the office of the District Magistrate, Bokaro. The distribution was completed on 13 August 2022.

**HAR GHAR**

**TIRANGA**

**TIRANGA**

*Campaign*





## PROJECT

### INSTALLATION OF HAND PUMP FOR PROVIDING SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR THE BACKWARD COMMUNITIES

SUPPORTED BY: GICHFL



GICHFL support for 11 deep water tube wells, brought smiles to 6,683 beneficiaries of Krishnapur Gram Panchayat of Mandir Bazar block, giving them easy access to safe drinking water. Drinking water shortage was a long time problem for these villagers and they along with the Panchayat had been requesting SSJS to alleviate their sufferings.

As a result of these 11 tube well, people, particularly women would now save considerable amount of time in fetching drinking water. This will also reduce incidents of water borne diseases and reduce medical expenses.





**PROJECT**

**SAFE DRINKING WATER IN PATHARPRATIMA AND SAGAR**

**SUPPORTED BY: RAILTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD**

Railtel Corporation of India Ltd. assistance SSJS in installing 6 deep water tube wells for safe drinking water in Sagar and Pathar Pratima block. Water Users Committee has also been formed in each of the villages to ensure maintenance of these tube wells. 1,886 people will benefit from these tube wells





**PROJECT**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOMEOPATHY MEDICINES**

**SUPPORTED BY: SSJS & EMAMI FOUNDATION**



SSJS runs a weekly homeopathy clinic in Kakdwip to provide medical service to the community in the nearby areas. A homeopathy doctor is available for the checkup and free medicines are also provided to the patients.

The homeopathy medicines for this clinic is supported by Emami Foundation where as the clinic is run and managed by SSJS with its own funds. The clinic has an average of around 100 patients per clinic day.





## PROJECT

### INSTALLATION OF TUBE WELLS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER IN GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTED BY: PERFETTI VAN MELLE INDIA PVT LTD.

Perfetti Van Melle India Pvt. Ltd in collaboration with SSJS installed 3 deep water tube wells in three Govt. Primary Schools in Bhangar block of South 24 Parganas. These school did not have proper drinking water facility for the students. These schools were, Uttar Hatgacha Sardarpara FP School, Bogdoba Gorumara FP School and Dakshin Bamanghata FP School.

The water tube wells will not only provide safe drinking water to the students but would also prevent waterborne diseases which was rampant in the area.

These 3 tube wells benefitted more than 500 staff and students of these three schools.





## PROJECT

### INSTALLATION OF TUBE WELLS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER TO THE SC, ST, OBC & POOREST OF THE POOR COMMUNITY IN SUNDARBAN

**SUPPORTED BY: UTI INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES LIMITED**

Around 7,300 people belonging to SC, ST, OBC and the marginalised sections of the community in Durbachati Gram Panchayat, Patharpratima block were happy and elated to have had their water problem eased as UTI Infrastructure Technology and Services Limited provided them with drinking water tube wells. UTI Infrastructure Technology and Services Limited supported with 8 deep tube wells in different villages of the panchayat.

Drinking water has been a major problem in these communities for long. These tube wells will not only ease their water crisis but will also reduce incidents of water borne diseases, particularly among children.

This is an ongoing project, which began in 2022-23 financial year and will be completed in the following financial year.







**NGO & GOVT.  
PROJECTS**



## SUNDARBAN B.ED. COLLEGE

## SUNDARBAN PRIMARY TEACHERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE

**RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE) AFFILIATED TO WBUTTEPA**

Sundarban B.Ed College is a leading educational institute serving not only in Kakdwip by the entire district of South 24 Parganas. The college is run and administered by SSJS with the aim to impart education at an low cost to the disadvantaged and poor population of the area.

Set in a scenic surrounding beside NH12, Sundarban B.Ed College currently caters to 200 students aspiring to be quality teachers in Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

The college campus also houses Sundarban Primary Teachers' Training Institute and offers D. El Ed course.

The course offers certificate level teacher training programme that equip candidates to become Primary school teachers. Candidates who successfully complete D.El.Ed course come out as skilled and qualified elementary school teachers.

100 students are current studying in the Institute.







Different activities of students at Sundarban B.Ed College and Sundarban Primary Teachers' Training Institute. Beside the course curriculum, the college stresses on overall development of students through social and environmental awareness





## PROJECT

### SAFE MIGRATION TO END LABOUR TRAFFICKING

SUPPORTED BY: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

An one-day awareness seminar was conducted at SSJS under the initiative of International Justice Mission on Safe Migration. The purpose of this programme was to spread awareness to the community on perils of migration without proper preparation. Mr. Rafik Uddin Molla, the Secretary of SSJS highlighted the need of safe migration and explained to the participants the benefits that can be availed under Inter State Migrant Workers Act. Representative from International Justice Mission elaborated on the dangers of un safe migration and ways to avoid it.

Present at the seminar were Panchayat officials, teachers, NGO representatives, members of SHG groups and other members of the community.

As a part of the month long awareness drive, SSJS installed banners and set up posters in Safe Migration in Kakdwip and Pathar Pratima block.

In Pathar Pratima block a stall was also set up by SSJS at a fair, to disseminate messages on safe migration.





## PROJECT

### PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL STATUS OF EDUCATION REPORT (ASER) SURVEY 2022

**SUPPORTED BY: PRATHAM EDUCATION**

SSJS participated in conducting the Survey on the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022, spearheaded by Pratham Foundation. The purpose of this survey was to assess the condition of government schools after COVID 19 pandemic and develop a report.

SSJS collaborated with Pratham Foundation to conduct the survey in sample government Primary Schools across South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Pratham Foundation also distributed books in form of "Hanging Library" to different schools.





**PROJECT**

**NATIONAL CRECHE PROGRAMME**

**SUPPORTED BY: CENTRAL SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD**

With the support from Central Social Welfare Board, SSJS runs a creche programme for children in Kakdwip block. At present 105 children are enrolled in the creche. They are given education, nutritious food and educational materials.

**PROJECT**

**STATE BALWADI PROGRAMMES**

**SUPPORTED BY: WEST BENGAL SOCIAL WELFARE BOARD**

SSJS also runs a State Balwadi programme for the under privileged children. 52 children are currently enrolled in the programme. The children are given education, educational materials and food for their physical and mental well being.



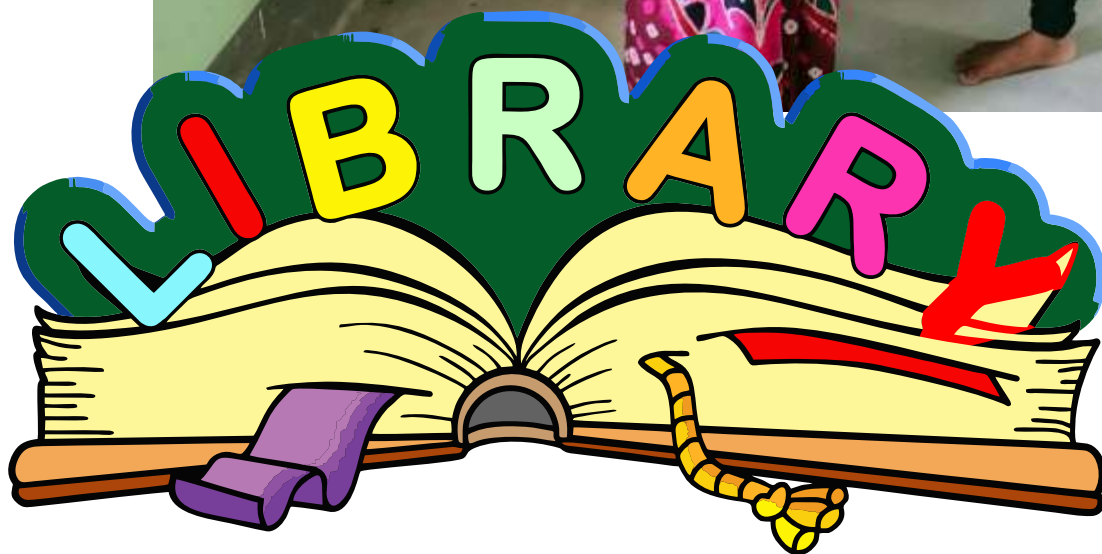


**PROJECT**

**SUNDARBAN RURAL LIBRARY**

**SUPPORTED BY: DISTRICT RURAL LIBRARY, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS**

SSJS runs a Rural Library in Kakkdip which caters to young and old. The Library has books for students as well as for common people. Established in its office premises the Library at present has 405 members and boasts of a collection of 3,419 books. any book lover can become member of this library and enjoy the benefits.





A graphic featuring a central white diamond shape with a thick gold border. The text "SSJS' PROJECTS" is centered within this diamond in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The background is a dark green field with a repeating pattern of lighter green triangles and diamonds. A smaller gold diamond is positioned to the upper left of the main diamond.

**SSJS'**  
**PROJECTS**



## PROJECT

### AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

#### INITIATIVE OF SSJS

SSJS conducted several awareness and sensitisation programmes for the community members on different issues from time to time. The purpose of these programmes were to was to share information and help the participants to action. Some of these programmes were on government schemes that they could access to improve their lives.

Type of Programmes	Number of Participants
Women's Rights	120
Environment	300
Early marriage	120
Panchayat Raj	400





## PROJECT

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

#### RUN BY SSJS OWN FUNDS

SSJS organised several skill develop training programmes for the young generation to equip them with skills and knowledge required for employability. Many of these young boys and girls have already began earning by engaging themselves in self employment trade or jobs.

Type of Courses	Area	Number of Beneficiaries
Computer & Hardware	Kakdwip	10
Beautician	Kakdwip	5
Telecom	Kakdwip	10
IT & ITES	Kakdwip	10
Health care	Kakdwip	15

## PROJECT

### SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD & AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME

#### RUN BY SSJS OWN FUNDS

SSJS also took up several activities related to sustainable livelihood and agriculture to enable the members of the community to earn and income. Input for these income generation activities were given by SSJS along with relevant training. This project was implemented in Kakdwip and Patharpratima block.

Type of Support	Area	Number of Beneficiaries
Poultry farm	Kakdwip & Patharpratima	20
Duck rearing		20
Livestock management		20
Fishery		10
Vegetable cultivation		25
Marketing & business Dev.		20





## COLLABORATORS OF SSJS

Our esteemed partners who have supported us over the years and especially in the last financial year. With their generous financial support, SSJS has been able to reach the poorest of the people and communities in different parts of the country. We are grateful to our partners and thank them from the bottom of our hearts.





GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS	DESIGNATION
Nurjaman Sardar	President
Nirmal Sharma	Vice President
Rafik Uddin	Secretary
Basudeb Dalui	Asst. Secretary
Anima Purkait	Treasurer
Kallol Chakraborty	Member
Parbati Mondal	Member



### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

#### LAST 3 YEARS TURNOVER (IN LAKH)

YEAR	RECEIPTS (RS)	PAYMENTS (RS)
2020-2021	668.78	624.89
2021-2022	422.75	407.88
2022-2023	360.64	349.79

#### LAST 3 YEARS INCOME & EXPENDITURE (IN LAKH)

YEAR	INCOME (RS)	EXPENDITURE (RS)
2020-2021	596.33	602.57
2021-2022	319.91	319.85
2022-2023	336.61	332.19

#### LAST 3 YEARS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE (IN THOUSAND)

YEAR	AMOUNT (RS)
2020-2021	-624.44
2021-2022	5.76
2022-2023	442.23



# YOU CAN HELP

**SUPPORT GENEROUSLY TO HELP SSJS REACH OUT TO MORE AND MORE POOR PEOPLE  
BE THE CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES**

YOU MAY SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS TO

Punjab National Bank, Kakdwip Branch

Account No: 6928000100016036

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