

**Proposal for KOLOTAN School Building Phase 1A.a; a  
community school Project in North 24 parganas District**

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Registration number : IV- 6763

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Income Tax Exemption for Donations :80-G and FCRA

PAN Card number :AADTK7350E

Project Title :**Kolotan Building Phase 1A.a**

Project Location : Santoshpur, Mirhati, Amdanga, 24 pgs (N)

Beneficiaries : Poor, deprived and vulnerable primary students in  
particular, and underprivileged residents of rural and tribal  
population in general

Grant requested : **Rs. 25,85,000.00 (Rupees Twenty five lakhs and eighty  
five thousands Only)**

Time-frame for use of requested funds :6 months

Dreaming is an indication of liveliness. When it comes from the needs of society, it becomes the goal of life. And if people meet who dreamt the same, it makes an institution.

KOLOTAN is nothing but the dream of happier life for all, especially for children; the future society.

A few students of Teachers' Training Course felt that the Educational system should be modified. The way of teaching should be more lively and enjoyable to the students. Then the students will be interested to learn and it will make them a good human being. Thus they must be able to form a proper democratic society for all.

Some people who were thinking the same, were agreed to support them and formed KOLOTAN. It means the chirps of many birds together.

### Vision

A cohort of passionate educators inspired by Rabindranath Tagore's vision established Kolotan in 2019. They were driven by a shared urge to reshape education for rural children, aiming to nurture holistic growth in individuals connected to both their environment and global community.

### Mission

- Education free from silos as far as practicable.
- Education intertwined with life, not a detached abstraction.
- Nonconventional holistic education affordable for all sections of the society.



**Building Project**



Every aspect of education, even the space in which it is practiced can leave a lasting impact on young minds. Children growing up to value natural resources and reap their benefits sustainably, particularly in that of the Bengal Delta, where the climate is generally comfortable with minimal intervention, could open their eyes to a world of living in harmony with nature. The importance of natural building is to emphasise the benefits of natural light and ventilation. We believe that well-designed structures can provide shade, rain protection, and security while maintaining a connection with nature. The nature-inspired school building aims to recreate a soft and natural environment, reinforcing the idea that buildings should harmonize with their surroundings rather than relying on artificial climate control. We trust that the building will also serve as a functional example for the locals to ponder upon and reflect on their own choices when it comes to erecting new buildings, and, hopefully, they will be inspired to come back to our roots.

**Why different**

Kolotan is a space for children to give expression to their imaginations and encourage free thinking. Kolotan intends to offer thoughtfully designed quality education to children from diverse backgrounds.

Following are the features that make Kolotan different from others educational institutions:

- In Kolotan children are always free to ask questions and provided enough flexibility to choose their work. Hence classes are not very structured.
- Kolotan does not believe in compartmentalizing different subjects and interweaves them effectively to ensure joyful learning. Art, craft, music, clay modeling, language, math and science are interwoven with equal importance.
- Children learn to connect with nature routinely rather than occasionally.
- Kolotan strives to connect discussions in class with daily life situations, seasonal changes and social awareness.
- To address the issue of mental health the teachers in Kolotan are in constant touch with the families of the children.
- Children of senior classes are often given the responsibility of taking care of their juniors to create a good bonding among different age groups.  
Kolotan ensures children to be self- reliant without imposing any regimentation on them.
- The teachers/facilitators regularly assess the children, but grades are not awarded as Kolotan does not encourage competition .A detailed report on the child's overall development is given to the guardian twice a year.
- The fee structure has been kept low to make it accessible to marginalized children too.
  
- **Target group:** Students of class Play Group (3 yrs) to Class V (10 yrs)from 8-10 km radius come to join the classes. We are promoting a new class every year. It will be till class XII.  
**Venue-:** Rented building
- **No. of students-:** 107 students
- **No. of Teachers-:** 22
  
- **Time and Days-:** 10:45 in the morning – 4:30 in the evening for 5 days a week

**Grant Request:**

[2026 Building Fund request for Kolotan from Asha for Education, Chicago Chapter](#)

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Approximate Duration</b>	<b>Expense in '000 US Dollars)</b>
1	All pillars and the roof of the second floor	60 days	8.8
2	Pillars of the third floor and the upper roof structure	30 days	4.5
3	Partition walls for rooms on the first and second floors	30 days	4.3
4	Floors suitable for basic use	10 days	2.2
5	Basic electrical setup for operational needs	4 days	2.2
6	One office room	6 days	2.2
7	One bathroom	10 days	3.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>150 days</b>	<b>27.5</b>