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SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL APPROACH : the Joyful Learning Extension Prog. in Govt.-aided schools in Sunderban delta.....



This year can be counted as its consequences of taking up the Joyful Learning Process as a tool of attracting rural children in BTS-PathBhavan, the school for promoting basic education in an atmosphere of joyful association. **Asha For Education, a USA** based NRI student Association as the complete part of a donor has been supporting the intervention to enroll all out-of-school children into the model school being run since 1983 by BTS-Project Islands of Joy,,!, BTS in the delta areas of Sunderban, the World Heritage Site as declared by UNESCO.

BTS is now on the move of a Resource Institute on replicating JLP practices among rural children in schools. BTS has its own Expertised Team to intervene here in the delta areas of Southern Sunderban.

BTS JLP efforts have attracted the children of some local govt.-aided schools during its demos or roll-play in the cultural contests usually held in the community through out the years. The authorities of 3 schools have already been agreed upon the ventures like forming *Chhatra Sanghas (Students' Clubs)* on Yoga, Dance, Song, Herbal Usage, Drawing & Greeting Cards, Street Drama, Health & Hygiene. In each of the 3 schools there would be scope of forming 3 units on each trade decided with a resolution of getting 2 Core Groups of atleast 12 Children (6 boys & 6 Girls) so as to replicate it in other schools vis-a-vis in the community functions to prove their efficiency and potentiality in guiding the social wheels of culture besides general education and social responsibility.

BTS will also advocate the issue of cultural aspects to allure the rural children in schools.

TLM HAS THE POWER TO ALLURE SCHOOL CHILDREN : A POST-PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRAINING FOLLOW-UP REVIEW:

As a result of 2 successive teachers' training programmes at BTS-Hospital Campus it is being observed that Pre-School Centre children are very much interested to go through the use of developed TLMs during the training sessions. They are keen to take care of the same so much as they can till morning to late afternoon the time of taking them away to their home. It has also been seen that the working mothers and their male counterparts are happy to see such new interventions with the TLMs.

The little stars are learning maths, games, songs etc. through the practical use of the newly given TLMs ensuring full attendance.



VIBHA-USA has been supporting the venture of running 6 Child Care & Protection Units called presently Pre-School Centres which covered 150 2-6 age group children of working mothers.

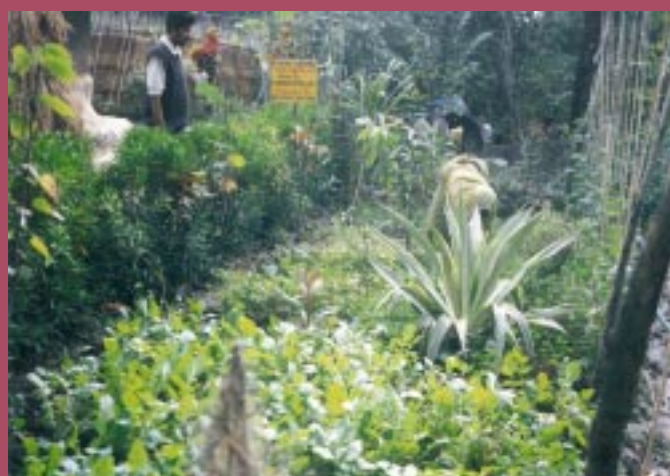
Breaking the Silence... WFP-India Workshop

September 30 was the day of a challenging interest for the NPO/ NGO sector because of bringing up before our observation a long-delayed and forbidden side of female-menstual practices in rural as well as urban india by an innovayive disclosure of WFP-India Research Group. We came to know the immediate need of hygenic management of women's menstual practices. To bring out the issue into the open and discuss highlighting the health impacts of socially determined poor menstual hygiene practices just keeping its importance as basic human rights to voice the issue by women and girls.

The whole program was anchored nicely by the WFP Country Co-Ordinator, Ms. Rajashi Mukherjee with a tecnical deliberations by Mr. Jyotirmoy Chakraborty, the WFP Program Co-Ordinator in india.

BTS has set up a Unit SHED (School Health Education & Dev) to address the health-hygiene issues with a special attention on women's menstual practices, safe water supply & Sanitation. The Unit will start to work with an expertized group on the issues involving school boys and girls vis-a-vis adolescents.

Microcredits changing the lives in Sunderban



Perhaps adversity says so...unlike one morning Kanaklata heard her husband's death news due to sudden attack of the Royal Bengal Tiger of the Sunderban Reserved Forest when he was busy enough to earn for his family by collecting NTFPs..Since started her life of tragedy and acute helplessness with her little child who is now a hotelboy in Delhi city...!

One of our Field Mobilizers came to know this story and went to her hut to motivate and brought her to add as a SHG member in Group No. 95, Lopamudra SHG.

Being a valued SHG member She took loan twice and started Farming in a sustainable way. Successfully she repayed the loan of firsttime and received the second one. She is now earning by selling Vegetable produced in her garden nearer to her hut.

Thus BTS micro-credit project is making a difference here among the 2856 vulnerable women in 187 SHGs covering 8 remote delta villages of Sunderban. More supports can help us to make more such changings.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO RUN IT...please come up.

BUILDING A LATRINE : OWNERSHIP AGAINST 100% REPAYMENT...BTS DOING

BTS has been building Household Sanitary Latrines(HSLs) for the interested villagers under SHG Project of BTS against which 100% recovery is ensured. A certain % of Service Charges is being mobilized for the sustainability of the HSL unit with a Revolving Loan Fund received from PPI-USA 2 years' back. Initially 16 Units were built and totally the amount with Service Charges has been recovered from its beneficiaries.

Next year, the fund is disbursed to build another 16 latrines in the project villages of BTS in Kultali Island in the district of South 24 Parganas, W.B.



BTS-SCHOOL OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING - SAHAYOG

From this year BTS is planning to set up and run a School Of Vocational Training where from the unemployed rural youths/High School Students after their graduation from local schools/colleges can have a scope of such training by paying a minimum monthly or course-oriented contribution. Future employment generation and self-reliance of rural unemployed youths at an affordable cost and at their door-step advantage are its main objectives to start with. Following faculties are decided to inaugurate at the beginning :

- Hand pump mechanism training
- Radio and television mechanics
- Repairing of cycles/motorcars
- Dressmaking and designing
- Watch servicing and repairing
- Computer hardware repair
- Land phone and mobile repair
- Photography and videography
- Carpentry & Handicrafts(Jute/Bamboo)
- Repairing and maintaining diesel engines

Funding Need

- Worksheds - 14 Lacs
- Equip & Tools -3 Lacs
- Training cost- 3 Lacs
- Affiliation etc.- 1 Lac
- Fur / Fixtures- 1 Lac
- Admn. Cost - 3 lacs
- TOTAL Rs. 25 Lacs**

(Yearwise 8.5 Lacs for 3 years)

(Detail Proposal is ready for your ref.)

ALOR DISHA...A Proposal to solve problem of unemployed youths

BTS is interested to explore a funding for 5 years' period for a project for the qualified rural youths who can be coached for appearing some competitive exams like Rail, SSC, PSc, UPSC, WBCS, WBSSC, etc. so that they can get govt services and change their life. I believe, it is high time to think for them who are without a job after having the minimum qualification and as they are not getting any scope to prepare themselves in their rural villages without such facilities of preparation. We are encouraging them to pass graduation/H.S/M.P. exams but we should think now for such benefits at their door steps. Thus, BTS is planning to set up a Training Institute of Exam. & Services(TIES)-ALOR DISHA which will serve 100-200 rural unemployed youths per year from different parts of Sunderban Delta.

For this we need the following support:

- Trainers' Honorarium @Rs.1,92,000.00/year for 2 trainers
- Office Assistant (1) @Rs.3,000/month x12=Rs.36,000.00
- Printing & Stationary(Notes/Xerox) Rs.40,000.00
- Reference Books/Journal for Library Rs.32,000.00
- Travelling & Conveyance Rs.48,000.00
- Office Furniture & Fixtures Rs.52,000.00
- Telephone & Internet Rs.36,000.00
- Refreshments of Teachers Rs.14,000.00
- Publicity etc Rs.24,000.00
- Contingencies/Incidental Exp Rs.6,000
- Audit & Accounts Rs.20,000.00

Total Amount required Rs.5,00,000.00(US\$ 11,100)

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