In 1978, a group of youngsters, like many other groups elsewhere in the state, started their Club for fun and frolic. The major floods that hit the Kultali island in 1982 made the youngsters to undertake a series of relief measures, physically helping victims to reach safer places, pleading the government and administration for relief support and generally organizing the relief camps. It was the turning point in the history of the Club. The youngsters understood their utility-value to the society and their eyes were opened to the appalling nature of development. They saw poverty in its stark-nudity and total lack of apathy and support from other quarters, including their elected representatives to the government. They resolved then that they will strive to provide better service to their poor brethren. Thus was Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha born, known in short as BTS. It was registered under the West Bengal Society Registration Act and later received the certification under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

**BTS MISSION**

To provide equal opportunities to all sections of rural poor and distressed people for their comprehensive development and self-reliance in a sustainable and participatory approach enhancing special emphasis on cause and care of vulnerable women and their malnourished children in acute need of proper care and concern.
It's my privilege to publish before you BTS Annual Activity Report for the financial year 2005-2006. This year marks an important milestone as it is helping to welcome its Silver Jubilee Year beginning on and from 15th September, 2006 - 15th September 2007.

In its 24th years' journey in the arena of development sector BTS has a strong believe to have people's integrated development including the basic needs of the poorest of the poor living in the delta areas of Sunderban, the World Heritage Site as declared by UNESCO.

Here is my great pleasure to convey my sincere gratitude and cordial thankfulness to all of my colleagues & friends; fieldstaffs and community people for their kind participation and necessary reflection.

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