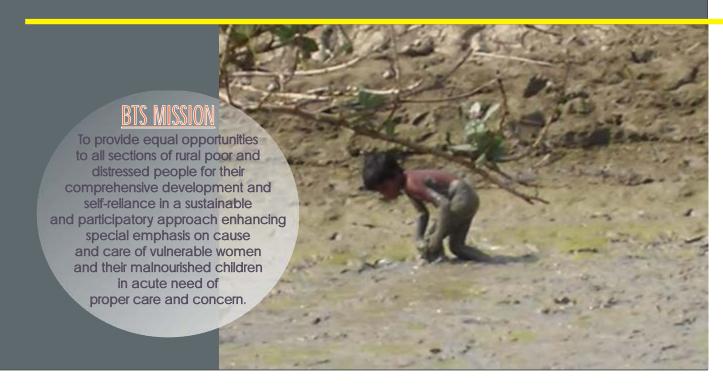


BAIKUNTHAPUR TARUN SANGHA (BTS)



n 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 brethrens. 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.



Secretarial

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 coleagues & friends; fieldstaffs and community people for their kind participation and necessary reflection.

Again, I am grateful to all of our donors, print & e-medias and well-wishers in I ndia and abroad for their useful support relating to different development projects.



Sunderban: Islands of Joy...!!!

Since time immemorial, the majestic islands of Sunderbans have been subject to brutal attacks from nature, so much so, that the people have become used to the regular natural exigencies that create havoc in their lives. Hundreds of thousands of people are victimized year after year.... Property worth billions are lost every year... Many a young life has been lost.... Still, the tales of woe and anguish continue in those remote villages cornered by rampaging sea and throbbing rivers....!

The entire Sunderban delta, consisting of 54 big islands, numerous small ones and the landmass arouse a wild romanticism in all and sundry. The welcoming greenery, umpteen rivers and creeks, swaying boat rides, adventurous forest lives, delicate shrimps, mouth watering fish, tiger prawn and the Royal Bengal Tiger – what else do one require to lit fire to their imagination. Sunderbans makes poets out of duds and idiots. For the ordinary people from outside, it is the land of great adventure and leisurely boat rides to lay off from the busy world outside. UNESCO thus declares Sunderban as World Heritage Site...! So, Sunderban creats wonder...!

Canning Jaynagar-I Mathurapur-I Kultali Namkhana DAY OF DENGAL

BTS-PROJECT AREA

But for the estimated 4 million people residing today, Sunderbans is their habitat, the land of their birth, their toil and probably their death. For them, their land has been bestowing misery after misery on those hapless souls... never giving a respite from the dangers of natural disasters. Year after year, the story of tears and toils are repeated. Still, the people go on with their lives – for centuries now – with the eternal hope that one day, their miseries will come to an end and they will lead a happy peaceful life.

<u> Molphili-Balkulltilapul Grafea . Kultali CD Block</u>							
Village Name	No. of Households	Male	Population Female	Total	Children	Minorities	SC/ST
Baikunthapur (N) Baikunthapur (S) Kishorimohanpur Ambikanagar Binodpur Nagenabad Project Area Total Kultali Block Total	Households 604 475 975 213 748 724 3,739	1,451 2,042 3,050 530 1,723 2,439 11,235	1,328 1,890 2,839 520 1,034 2,273 9,984	2,779 3,932 5,889 1,050 2,757 4,712 21,119	782 592 1,081 265 1,056 897 4,673	24 40 25 10 212 2,182 2,493	830/16 628/24 1,812/4 101/3 923/22 1,785/130 6,079/199
Achintanagar GP area : Pathar Pratima CD Block							
Village Name	No. of Households	Male	Population Female	Total	Children	Minorities	SC/ST
Sripatinagar (East)	599	1,826	1,761	3.587	732	1.500	622
Sripatinagar (West)	936	2,996	2,826	5,822	915	_	2,390
Project Area Total	1,535	4,822	4,587	9,409	1,647	1,500	3,012
G-Plot GP area : Patharpratima CD Block							
Village Name	No. of Households	Male	Population Female	Total	Children	Minorities	SC/ST
Gobardhanpur	213	821	661	1,482	291	_	91
Sitarampur	811	2,479	2,346	4,825	735	75	598
Indrapur Dakshin Surendraganj	845 769	2,862 2,259	2,520 2.098	5,382 4.357	795 475	324 492	1,010 611
Uttar Surendraganj	570	1.761	1,662	3,423	357	469	292
Buraburitat	531	1,783	1,759	3,542	625	_	493
Project Area Total Patharpratima Total	3,739	11,965	11,046	23,011	3,278	1,360	3,095

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