



The Indian Society for
Sponsorship & Adoption

Report
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**REPORT ON THE WORKING OF
THE INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPONSORSHIP
AND ADOPTION FROM APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017**

Mrs. Saroj Sood, Founder Hony. Secretary presents the 41st Report on the working of The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption for the period April 2016 to March 2017

This year has been a challenging year for The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption. For the first time our two Homes, Nava Jeevan and Nava Diganta, had to be segregated as per the requirements of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and the Central Model Rules thereof. Thus, Nava Jeevan was designated a SAA Home (A Specialised Adoption Agency) and the Nava Diganta Home a CCI (Child Care Institute) for girls.

With this segregation, on the 1st of April 2016 we had a total of 41 children in our SAA Home, Nava Jeevan, of which 20 were male and 21 were female. Likewise, on the 1st of April 2016 we had a total of 36 children in our Nava Diganta Home of which 12 children were male and 24 were female.

Since Nava Diganta was declared a CCI for girls, it became imperative to remove the boys under our care to our Nava Jeevan Home. Thus the boys were shifted to our Nava Jeevan Home in due course of time. Thus the Home became exclusively for girls from the age group of 6 – 18 years.

In the period April 2016 to March 2017 we received 38 children in Nava Jeevan Home of which 22 were girls and 16 were boys. During the same period we received 116 girls in Nava Diganta Home, all of them were girls. At this juncture it is fair to add that 71 children have been restored from Nava Diganta Home.

NAVA JEEVAN
APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017

No. of children	Male	Female	Total
As on 1st April 2016	20	21	41
Received during the year 2015-16	16	22	38
Placed during the year			
In Country	9	11	20
NRI/OCI		2	2
PIO	-	-	
Special Needs	2	2	4
Inter Country (Normal)	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	15	26
Restored to family	4	3	7
Transferred to institutions	1	1	2
Unfortunate Death	-	2	2

Break Up of Children received in Nava Jeevan from Different Child Welfare Committees in West Bengal

Child Welfare Committee		TOTAL
Child Welfare Committee, Kolkata	Girls 11 Boys 09	20
Child Welfare Committee, North 24 Parganas	Girls 11 Boys 7	18
	TOTAL	38

ADOPTION PROGRAMME

The Central Adoption Resource Authority has notified new Regulations on the 4th of January 2017 which came into effect from the 16th of January 2017. The existing system continues with some modifications to the process. The scope and authority of CARA has been extended to include children of relatives and the adoption of step children. The age criteria for such cases have been relaxed. Thus, these Regulations have introduced in-family adoptions and a category for immediate placement. The validity of the Home Study Report has been extended to two years. The validity of the Registration of Prospective Adoptive Parents is now valid till the adoption is complete. The number of children shown to PAP's has been reduced from 6 to 3. Children are now shown to the PAP's one at a time with a gap of three months between the three referrals.

Prospective Adoptive Parents from all over Bengal are choosing us, ISSA, for the Home Study Report. Since it is not possible to do all of them within the time frame of one month as stipulated, State Adoption Resource Agency sent our agency state appointed social workers to help clear the backlog. We are still trying our best to conduct the Home Study Reports as soon as possible. Home Study requests from other districts are being referred to State Adoption Resource Agency for transfer to a SAA of that district.

We upload the child into the system, CARINGS (Central Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System), on admission and when the child is legally free for adoption, the child is referred to the Prospective Adoptive Parent (PAP) by CARA as per the centralized seniority list. Children are blocked in a time barred mechanism and the children can be placed anywhere in the country. The Adoption Committee of the agency with the state representative from the District Child Protection Unit on the Committee has the authority to reject the family with valid reason which has to be uploaded in the system. The PAP's may appeal against such decision within 7 days. CARA will then conduct an enquiry and has to be satisfied with the rejection, if not the agency has to give valid explanation; and seniority of the PAP is restored.

For inter country adoption, Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency (AFAA) will upload the documents into CARINGS. Then CARA will pre-approve the families. AFAA then blocks children and since most of the children in this category are special needs the time frame till the acceptance is one month.

Both in country and inter country adoptions are entered in the system, and the online process is mandatory.

Nava Jeevan received many children on transfer from other agencies on orders from the Government of West Bengal. Towards the end of the financial year we had about 60 children in the Home and we were struggling to keep our quality of the services which has eventually greatly suffered.

The story of the adoption of Saroo Brierley, made into the movie "Lion" made headlines and news all over the world. Mrs. Saroj Sood, Our Founder Secretary played a pivotal role in the adoption of Saroo. The premier of the film was organized by the Australian High Commission in a city hall. Saroo flew down from Australia to see the film with Mrs. Sood.

NAVA DIGANTA HOME

Our Child Care Institute for older girls, Nava Diganta, was now identified as a Home for girls in the age group of 6 to 18 years. This Home is exclusively for girls. We have had to make changes and developed our infrastructure to meet the requirements of a CCI under the Juvenile Justice Act read with the Central Rules. Our Staffing pattern is strictly as per the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and we are following the rules and regulations mentioned thereof. We are lucky to have a dedicated team in Nava Diganta who has adhered to the new systems that have been put in place. Our Home has been equipped with CCTV and we follow a Child Protection Policy which is strictly adhered to by all staff and visitors.

Our Vocational Training Unit is also working hard to learn and produce hand made products which are well supervised and presented. Inspections and visits are mandatory by the Department officials and are welcome.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The 41st Anniversary of the Society was celebrated on the terrace of Nava Diganta Home. It was attended by about 25 families with their children. The children living in Nava Diganta Home, some of the children in Nava Jeevan Home took part in the small cultural programme that was organized. The children attending the event with their parents also presented songs and dances. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly. A simple lunch was organized for all our guests.

***"We are guilty of many errors and many faults
but our worst crime is abandoning the children,
neglecting the fountain of life.
Many of the things we need can wait.
The child cannot, Right now is the time
His bones are being framed, his blood is being made,
And His senses are being developed. To him we cannot answer
"Tomorrow." His name is "Today"
---- Gabriela Mistral***

Sponsorship Report –April 2016 to March 2017

The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption is running free crèches and coaching classes for the children of marginalized families. We started our Community programmes in 1989 with our first crèche at Mominpur. Since then we have helped many children in the community based programme.

Older adopted children have stepped to help us run some of our projects. Our aim remains to help the children with their education as that would be the basis of self sustenance. The older children who have finished school and college have now joined as teachers in the crèche and we are happy to say that we have made a difference in their lives. Our aim continues to help the children to stand on their feet to

A. CRECHES RUN BY ISSA

ISSA has been running crèches in Mominpur and Thakurpukur in Kolkata, Nilgunj in North 24 Parganas and Bara Andulia in Nadia district. We also support coaching class in the vocational training in Chetla. Projects are coordinated with Project Coordinators and they continue to do a good job. National Days are celebrated in the crèches and coaching classes. The children of Nava Chetna were invited to perform in the Kolkata Book fair and they presented a dance performance in the language of the theme country, i.e. in Spanish.

NAVA JYOTI, MOMINPUR

30, Dalu Sarkar Lane, Mominpur, Kolkata 700023

Started on: 14th November 1989

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Creche	36
Coaching Class	70
Computer Class	30
TOTAL	136

NAVA JYOTI, BARA ANDULIYA

Lok Seva Sibir, Bara Anduliya, Krishnanagar

District Nadia, West Bengal.

Started on: 1st May 1993

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Creche	40
Coaching Class	161
TOTAL	201

NAVA JYOTI, NILGUNJ

Vill: Selarhat, P.S: Barasat, Dist: 24 Parganas (N)

Started on: 1st July 1993

		TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Creche	UNIT I	45
	UNIT II	40
Coaching Class		57
Computer Class		44
Child In Family		47
TOTAL		233

NAVA JYOTI, THAKURPUKUR

P-57, Ranganathpur Colony, Thakurpukur Rd, Kolkata 700063

Started on: 1st September 1995

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Creche	30
Coaching Class	29
Computer Class	29
TOTAL	88

NAVA JYOTI, RAJPUR

70 Jugipara Road, Baishali Park, Kolkata 700149

Started on: 1st January 2008

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Creche	26
Coaching Class	30
Computer Class	13
TOTAL	69

NAVA CHETNA, CHETLA

39/15B Gopalnagar Road,

Kolkata 700 027

Started 16th June 2012

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Coaching Class	36*
Computer Class	36*
Vocational Training Centre, (Tailoring and Craft Classes)	15
TOTAL	51

CHILD IN FAMILY:

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Child In Family (Others)	15
TOTAL	15

ORGANISATIONS CATERING TO THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN::

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Oral School for Deaf Children	4
OFFER	3
TOTAL	7

We wish to thank all our well wishers who have contributed in their own special way for the welfare of the children. Our Special thanks to:

- Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. Of India
- Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), New Delhi
- Department of Women & Child Development & Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal
- Director, Child Rights and Trafficking, Government of West Bengal
- Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal
- State Adoption Resource Agency, Kolkata

- All Child Welfare Committees in West Bengal
- Kolkata Police
- West Bengal Police
- Regional Passport Office
- Station Director, Doordarshan Kendra
- Station Director, All India Radio
- All adoption agencies abroad who have helped us with the adoption of children, especially children with special needs.
- All overseas sponsoring agencies, in particular
 - i) Friends of Nava Jeevan, Sweden
 - ii) Ms Maria Mithu Figenschou, Norway
 - iii) East Meets West, Canada
 - iv) Nava Jeevan (Bizi Berria), Spain.
 - v) Les Amis des Enfants de l'Esperance, France
 - vi) Anglican Action, New Zealand
 - vii) Mrs. Anindita Sinha Dey, New Zealand
 - viii) Ms. Aparajita Vikoren, Norway
 - ix) Friends and well wishers overseas who have provided monetary help for the children.
- All our friends and well wishers in the country who have always offered their continuous support in cash and kind. We would like to thank Mrs Ritu & Mr Sunil Agarwal of Kolkata who along with their friends have been regularly donating the monthly ration for our Nava Jeevan home.
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- Dr. Arunaloke Bhattacharyya and his team of doctors who continue to look after the needs of the children at Nava Jeevan Home
- Dr. Dipak Das who continues to look after the children of our Nava Diganta Home.
- Medical Officers who regularly visit our Home from the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram
- Medical institutions and their team of doctors who have continuously supported the children in need of medical treatment.

We remain ever grateful for the support of all our well wishers.

Mrs. Saroj Sood
Hony. Secretary



ADOPT ONLY THROUGH CARINGS



- ❖ Registering online with Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is mandatory to adopt a child from anywhere in India.
- ❖ Central Adoption Resource Information & Guidance System (CARINGS) is the only official portal of CARA for legal Adoption Process.
Visit- www.cara.nic.in
- ❖ Under section 80 & 81 of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015, any person or agency who indulges in illegal adoption shall be punished.
- ❖ By adopting a child illegally, you may unintentionally become part of child trafficking network.
- ❖ Adoption is a socio-legal process and there is no role of touts/middlemen in adoption as they may mislead you to adopt a child illegally.

**Adopt Through Legal Procedure
Save Yourself from Legal Complications**

CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY

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