



**The Indian Society for  
Sponsorship & Adoption**

**Report  
For the period  
April 2020 to March 2021  
&  
Audited accounts for the year ending  
31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

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**REPORT ON THE WORKING OF  
THE INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPONSORSHIP  
AND ADOPTION FROM APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021**

**Mrs. Saroj Sood, Founder Hony. Secretary presents the 45<sup>th</sup> Report on the  
working of The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption for the period  
April 2020 to March 2021**

At the end of the last financial year, the world witnessed a situation which was unprecedented and the offices all over Indian were shut to try and contain the COVID-19 situation. The situation was very challenging as we had many children living in our Homes and we had to keep the Homes running without any interruption. Three members of the staff took special permission from the police and the authorities to visit the Homes thrice a week to keep the Homes running without any problem.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 we had a total of 55 children in our SAA Home, Nava Jeevan, of which 20 were male and 35 were female. Likewise, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 we had a total of 34 female children in our Nava Diganta Home.

In the period April 2020 to March 2021 we received 28 children in Nava Jeevan Home of which 11 were girls and 17 were boys. There were 8 children who were restored to their families; 7 children were transferred to other Homes.

During the same period we received 125 girls in Nava Diganta Home. Of these, 103 were restored to their families.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021, we had 50 children in our SAA Home, Nava Jeevan of which 30 were female and 20 were male. In our CCI Home, Nava Diganta Home we brought forward 46 female children.

**NAVA JEEVAN**  
**APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021**

No. of children	Male	Female	Total
As on 1st April 2020	20	35	55
Received during the year 2020-21	17	11	28
<b>Placed during the year</b>			
In Country	6	8	14
NRI/OCI	-	-	-
PIO	-	-	-
Special Needs	2	2	4
Inter Country (Normal)	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>
Restored to family	7	1	8
Transferred to institutions	2	5	7
Unfortunate Death	-	-	-

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

Child Welfare Committee	TOTAL
Child Welfare Committee, Kolkata	10
Child Welfare Committee, North 24 Parganas	01
Child Welfare Committee, South 24 Parganas	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>

### **ADOPTION PROGRAMME – NAVA JEEVAN HOME (SAA)**

Adoptions continue to be governed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority and Prospective Adoptive families register online on the CARINGS portal. We maintain the portal with diligence to the best of the ability and all timelines are followed according to Adoption Regulations 2017. The adoption programme was temporarily suspended for 2 months in April and May 2020 and resumed in June 2020 with revised timelines to allow Prospective Adoptive Families to reserve children with more time.

Prospective Adoptive Parents living in Kolkata and South 24 Parganas continue to choose us as a HSR Agency. The Home Study Process presented us with quite a challenge as there was no public transport and physical interaction between people was totally suspended. Home Study requests from other districts are being referred to State Adoption Resource Agency for transfer to a SAA of that district.

The Adoption Resource Centre was stopped as per High Court order entry of visitors to the home was prohibited. We offered online support to families and tried to help online as much as possible. Our Social Workers were working from Home and trying to cope with the issues.

We continue to have a very large number of children at Nava Jeevan Home through the pandemic. There was never any dearth of food as we made sure that infant formula for the babies and the normal groceries for the older children reached in time. Our caregivers mostly lived close by and walked to work. All children on entry were isolated for 15 days in an Isolated Room.

We purchased simple sanitizers and the entire Home was sanitized every Sunday in phases. We managed to keep all the children safe. One child was infected with COVID while in the hospital and the child recovered within 2 days but was kept in isolation in the hospital.

Our entire staff was vaccinated with the help of the government hospital and the local corporation office who co-operated with us and termed out staff emergency workers. All the staff was vaccinated as soon as the vaccine was available.

Our doctors continued to support us with online consultations and looking after the children with shields and PPE suits while on the floor.

### **NAVA DIGANTA HOME (CCI FOR GIRLS)**

Our Child Care Institute for girls, Nava Diganta works tirelessly with for the girls of the age group of 6 to 18 years. As per government directions, the Home was closed to visitors and the staff stayed back for 15 days at a stretch and the shift changed for the next 15 days. The new children coming into the Home was isolated with a caregiver for 15 days before being allowed into the wards.

During the fierce storm, Amphan, lighting caused havoc in a room outside the main building but inside the campus causing one computer to be completely burnt. The fire system and the training given to the staff by the fire personnel quickly contained the small incident without too much damage.

Our Vocational Training Unit was suspended as the teacher was not being able to come to the Home as she used public transport to come. The staff kept the children busy with online studies and indoor games trying to keep the children in good spirits in this difficult time.

**“Children are not a  
distraction from more  
important work. They are  
the most important work.”  
- C.S. Lewis**



## Sponsorship Report – April 2020 to March 2021

The Sponsorship Programme of The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption is running with three centres spread across the districts. These centers are extremely popular and are benefitting the local community children. These community programmes are for the children of working mothers of marginalized communities who are extremely vulnerable. We started our first crèche in 1989 and since then the children from these centres have done well and are leading educated lives. We are helped by able programme co-ordinators who run these projects under our guidance.

In our crèches the children come to the unit at 8.30 and were given a nutritious breakfast. They then attended classes with a teacher. Lunch and a tea time fruit were also provided and the children went home at 3.30 pm.

In this year, since the Lockdown children stopped coming to the crèches and the staff came once a week to clean and look after the premises. The family members appealed to us as the crèches were providing three meals to the children. A Lot of the families had lost their jobs in the pandemic and were finding it difficult to feed the families.

### **A. CRECHES RUN BY ISSA**

ISSA is running crèches in Bara Andulia, Nadia, Nilgunj in North 24 Parganas. We also support coaching class in the vocational training in Chetla.

#### **NAVA JYOTI, BARA ANDULIYA**

Lok Seva Sibir, Bara Anduliya, Krishnanagar

District Nadia, West Bengal.

Started on: 1<sup>st</sup> May 1993

After the initial Lockdown, we started distributing food to the guardians as the children were not yet vaccinated and were not able to attend the centre. The guardians would come in batches and take the food that was cooked for the children. During the fierce wave we had stopped this distribution again and then restarted it when things settled down a bit. This was done only for the crèche children. The coaching class was suspended. However, we continued to pay salaries for all the staff. All the staff and the guardians were masked and we maintained all COVID protocols.

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Crèche	40
Coaching Class	160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>

**NAVA JYOTI, NILGUNJ**

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

Started on: 1<sup>st</sup> July 1993

Nava Jyoti Nilgunj also functioned in the similar way and we had guardians come in in batches to take the meals for the children. The teachers of the crèche also set some work for the children and helped the parent understand what they could do. The exercise book would be brought back the next day for corrections. The children of the crèche got this facility. Salaries to all staff were given as usual. However, coaching classes were suspended due to the pandemic.

		TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Crèche	UNIT I	33
	UNIT II	18
Coaching Class		37
Computer Class		47
Child In Family		41
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>

**NAVA JYOTI, RAJPUR**

70 Jugipara Road, Baishali Park, Kolkata 700149

Started on: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

Since this crèche was inside the Nava Diganta Home premises, we had to suspend it totally. Unfortunately, we could not support the food or studies of the children and there was no interaction with the children at all. Salaries continued to be paid to the staff.

		TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Crèche		26*
Coaching Class		30*
Computer Class		13*
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69*</b>

**NAVA CHETNA, CHETLA**

39/15B Gopalnagar Road,

Kolkata 700 027

Started 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Nava Chetna classes were also suspended. This centre worked from 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm. This was because the children attending local school would finish their school and attend classes with a teacher who would help them do their homework and also study. The children could not come to the centre but, like our other centres we provided the food for the guardians to come pick up along with some study material which would be brought back the next day.

The vocational training Unit made cloth masks for all our other centres of donated small measures of material which was a big help.

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Coaching Class	42*
Computer Class	42*
Vocational Training Centre, (Tailoring and Craft Classes)	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

### **CHILD IN FAMILY:**

This programme provides a little help to the urban children going to school to help them attend some tuitions. We would also pay fifty percent of the parents expenditure on text books and exercise books.

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Child In Family (Others)	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

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:

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Mrs. Soumeta Medhora  
Secretary