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ADOPTION PROGRAMME

The Adoption programme of the Society runs well under the Central Adoption Resource Authority. We have been steadily placing children once they are referred to Prospective Adoptive Parent or Parents by the Central Adoption Resource Authority.

For Prospective Adoptive parents, we offer some services in our Resource Centre. However, during the pandemic these sessions were curtailed from the Home. Counselling sessions continue to be offered from our Kyd Street office. This is a popular service and is availed of by many PAPs. In the room, we explain the process through internet, as well



as charts and information taken from the website of the Central Adoption Resource Authority. We also share samples of the formats the PAPs are expected to look at once the referral of the child comes to them.

The system is transparent and all Prospective Adoptive Parents are able to check their seniority on the portal itself.

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Some children referred to us have various challenges and we face these with due professional skills and expertise. We continue working with the various Child Welfare Committee's of West Bengal. Many children are also restored to their biological families after due course of law, others if they are older than 6 years get transferred to homes for older children and the children who are declared free for adoption are referred to prospective adoptive families by the Central Adoption

Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS) by CARA.

Thus, in spite of the turmoil, our programme went on well with minor hiccups.

ADOPTIONS DURING THE TIMES OF COVID

During the pandemic; some of us did not stop working for even a day as we had many children under our care. We worked with personal laptops and continued holding the Adoption Committee Meetings etc online. Till our own Aprajita, donated the online support for the Nava Jeevan Home. Little babies appeared before the Adoption Committee through the laptops and met their parents for the first time through the laptop.



They played with toys in front of the laptop and tried to figure from where the sound was coming.



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And eventually handed over to PAPs off the Home premises from our Head office at Kyd Street



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

In our sponsorship programme, we run free crèches for the children of marginalized communities. When we started the crèches we started for the children of poor urban mothers who were unable to look after the children while they were working in the daytime.

We took the children at the age 3 years and they stayed with us till the age of 6 years or when they were ready to join regular school. The children were taught basic colours, numbers and alphabets in the crèche by the crèche teachers. Each crèche also had a crèche mother, a cook a helper and a teacher. When the children came in they were given breakfast, a lunch at lunchtime and a snack when they were ready to go home at 3.30 or 4.00pm.

Once the children vacated the premises, we ran the coaching classes in the premises where one teacher taught the entire group. Slowly the children were divided into batches and the extracurricular activities were added. Singing, dancing drawing etc were introduced in the crèches and coaching classes. As soon as computers began to be mandatory in school, computer classes were also introduced.

Our first crèche was at Nava Jyoti Mominpur which was unfortunately closed due to some unavoidable circumstances.



We started these crèches at many places. Close to Mominpur, we started Nava Jyoti Thakurpukur in the same premises where we had our home.

The children were taught and had a hot lunch given to them.



Subsequently crèches were started other places. We continue to run crèches at Bara Andulia, Nadia; and Nilgunj, North 24 Parganas



Coaching Classes and Computer Classes continue at Nava Chetna.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Anniversary Celebrations of the Society are held on the 16th of December every year. However, the last two years there were no celebrations, these are pictures from the celebrations from 2018 and 2019. Children from both our Homes participated. Older adopted children attended and participated too.



**Mrs. Saroj Sood, Founder
Secretary ISSA**



Hon'ble MIC Dr. Shashi Panja graced the occasion.



The ISSA Team in 2019

EVENTS

The Society celebrated many events during the last few years. Of the many celebrations, we share photographs of the following special days.

Nava Jyoti Nilgunj celebrated 25 years and for that event the children celebrated with much joy.



Nava Chetna, our project in Chetla was asked to participate in the Book Fair 2017. The children sang a song in Spanish as it was the theme country.



In Our Nava Jeevan Home the children celebrated Holi and they taken out by our Social Workers to see the lights during the festive season.



The children played with sheer joy and had celebrations with each other during the day.



PRE-ADOPTION WORKSHOPS

We have believed that the in spite of the long waiting time for the adoption, the preparation for adoption should be a happy process. In this preparation we have collaborated with Atmaja, Adoptive parents Association for many years to hold Pre-Adoption Workshops. This has been a huge success and the PAPs look forward to day long workshop.



Older adopted children also participated the workshop to share their thoughts on Disclosure and Root Search.



Play Acting to provide examples of different scenarios in the Adoption Process are also enacted.

Parents Meet organized by the State Adoption Resource Authority was held in 2021 where our children participated in the program.



DONORS AND WELL WISHERS

We are privileged to have the support of our friends and well wishers who have stood by us to see us through the difficult days of the pandemic. Some of our staff members worked throughout the pandemic so that no child under our care is deprived of shelter or care. Our care givers continued to come to work. Now our entire staff is vaccinated and they continue to do their best for the children who are under our care.



From IIHM, when physical visits with permission was allowed.



Sanitization items donated By Sri Sri Academy Alipur.

Programme conducted with our caregivers on International Womens Day by UNICHARM. Mamy Poko Pants were donated for our babies too



ALL OF US AT ISSA EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR MEMBERS AND WELL WISHERS