



**The Indian Society for
Sponsorship & Adoption**

**Report
For the Period
April 2019 to March 2020
&
Audited accounts for the year ending
31st March, 2020**

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**REPORT ON THE WORKING OF
THE INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPONSORSHIP
AND ADOPTION FROM APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020**

**Mrs. Saroj Sood, Founder Hony. Secretary presents the 44th Report on the
working of The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption for the period
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The Adoption office continues to function from our Nava Jeevan Home. Our Head Office continues to be at Kyd Street. The Homes – Nava Jeevan and Nava Diganta continues to function with the help of the dedicated staff who have been with for us for some time. Both Homes have challenges which presented in the form a lockdown in view of the Pandemic. We dealt with it with urgency and timely intervention so as not to hamper the functioning of both the Homes.

On the 1st of April 2019 we had a total of 55 children in our SAA Home, Nava Jeevan, of which 23 were male and 32 were female. Likewise, on the 1st of April 2019 we had a total of 66 female children in our Nava Diganta Home.

In the period April 2019 to March 2020 we received 60 children in Nava Jeevan Home of which 30 were girls and 30 were boys. There were 13 children who were restored to their families; 14 children were transferred to other Homes and 3 children unfortunately died.

During the same period we received 445 girls in Nava Diganta Home. Of these, 284 were restored to their families; there were 193 children who were transferred to other institutions.

On the 31st of March 2020, we had 55 children in our SAA Home, Nava Jeevan of which 35 were female and 20 were male. In our CCI Home, Nava Diganta Home we brought forward 34 female children.

NAVA JEEVAN
APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020

No. of children	Male	Female	Total
As on 1st April 2019	24	31	55
Received during the year 2019-20	30	30	60
Placed during the year			
In Country	18	11	29
NRI/OCI	-	1	1
PIO	-	-	-
Special Needs	-	-	-
Inter Country (Normal)	-	-	-
TOTAL	18	12	30
Restored to family	8	5	13
Transferred to institutions	7	7	14
Unfortunate Death	1	2	3

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

Child Welfare Committee	TOTAL
Child Welfare Committee, Kolkata	20
Child Welfare Committee, North 24 Parganas	5
Child Welfare Committee, South 24 Parganas	35
TOTAL	60

ADOPTION PROGRAMME

Adoptions continue to be governed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority and Prospective Adoptive families are expected to register online on the CARINGS portal.

Prospective Adoptive Parents living in Kolkata and South 24 Parganas continue to choose us as a HSR Agency. We continue to use the SARA (State Adoption Resource Agency) appointed Social Workers. 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 continues to function well with many adoptive families coming in who require help during the registration process. Posters with flow charts are displayed in the room. Literature on adoption is available for reading. Sample copies of the various schedules and forms that the prospective families are supposed to fill are printed and kept for study. Our team of Social Workers works with the prospective families in this room. Since the adoption process is completely online, we offer to register and upload the documents of the families who are not internet friendly. This effort is greatly appreciated by the families. Any families requiring pre adoption and post adoption counseling can be referred to our Resource Centre and we are committed to help the families who are referred to the Centre.

We continue to have a very large number of children at Nava Jeevan Home. Our caregivers, and other staff members are working tirelessly to look after the children under our care. We have under our care an average of 55 children at any given time. We thank the dedicated efforts of our Home staff who work round the clock with the children. Our Visiting doctors come once in 24 hours and look after the medical needs of the children. We also have a team coming in from the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) to both our Homes. In spite of our best efforts we lost 3 children in the year at Dr. B.C. Roy Post Graduate Institute of Paediatric Sciences. After the Government of India announced a Lockdown from March 2020, the home was closed to visitors. Our caregivers who walk to work were able to come and the administrative duties were carried on by a handful of staff.

Workshop for Pre Adoptive families was held on the 14th of March 2020 in collaboration with Atmaja, An Association for Adoptive Parents. Nine PAPs attended and according to the feedback received, they benefitted from the workshop. The Workshop was also addressed by the Programme Manager, State Adoption resource Agency. Though we are committed to conduct this workshop

once a month, this does not seem possible due the prevailing situation in the country.

NAVA DIGANTA HOME

Our Child Care Institute for girls, Nava Diganta continues to work tirelessly with for the girls of the age group of 6 to 18 years. Systems as per the provisions of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) are strictly adhered to. The Team at Nava Diganta Home is working hard to maintain discipline among the children. This proves to be quite a challenge. We keep them busy by designing various activities throughout the day. The children who are of school going age and are with us for long term care are sent to the local school.

Our Vocational Training Unit is making different items, like paper bags, cards, and small items of costume jewellery. The Tailoring Unit is also helping the residents to learn items of use.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The 44th Anniversary of the Society was celebrated on the 22nd of December 2019. This year we also held the functions at the basement of the Durgabari located very close to the Nava Jeevan Home. The meet was attended by 20 adoptive families. 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. Apurba Weiner adopted from our Home in 2008 to Sweden came with his parents to attend the meet. The children attending the event with their parents were eager and excited to present songs and dances of their choice. On their whole the event was a big success. A simple lunch was organized for all our guests.

Sponsorship Report – April 2019 to March 2020

The Sponsorship Programme of The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption is running with three centres spread across the districts. We had started our first crèche in 1989 and these crèches and coaching classes are for the children of marginalized families. There are manifold challenges in running community programmes as the needs are plenty and we try to meet up with the expenses. However, we are helped by able programme co-ordinators who run these projects under our guidance.

Sit and Draw Competitions were held at all the sponsored unit and the best entries were printed in our calendar.

A. CRECHES RUN BY ISSA

ISSA is running crèches in bara Andulia, Nadia, 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.

NAVA JYOTI, BARA ANDULIYA

Lok Seva Sibir, Bara Anduliya, Krishnanagar

District Nadia, West Bengal.

Started on: 1st May 1993

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Crèche	40
Coaching Class	160
TOTAL	200

NAVA JYOTI, NILGUNJ

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

Started on: 1st July 1993

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

NAVA JYOTI, RAJPUR

70 Jugipara Road, Baishali Park, Kolkata 700149

Started on: 1st January 2008

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Crèche	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	42*
Computer Class	42*
Vocational Training Centre, (Tailoring and Craft Classes)	18
TOTAL	60

CHILD IN FAMILY:

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Child In Family (Others)	16
TOTAL	16

ORGANISATIONS CATERING TO THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN::

	TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
OFFER	3
TOTAL	3

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

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- State Adoption Resource Agency, Kolkata
- All Child Welfare Committees in West Bengal
- CHILDLINE, West Bengal
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- Kolkata Police
- West Bengal Police
- Regional Passport Office
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- 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
- Doctors and staff of Dr. B.C. Roy Post Graduate Institute of Paediatric Sciences who look after the children of Nava Jeevan in times of emergency.
- 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