

BTS is a Non-Govt. Development organization making changes in the lives of the poor children by giving basic quality education through BTS-PathBhavan School since 2001 & onwards in Sunderban...

BTS – PATHBHAVAN SCHOOL

A school for the neglected children of rural working mothers, migrant-labourers, forest-fringe people & fishermen

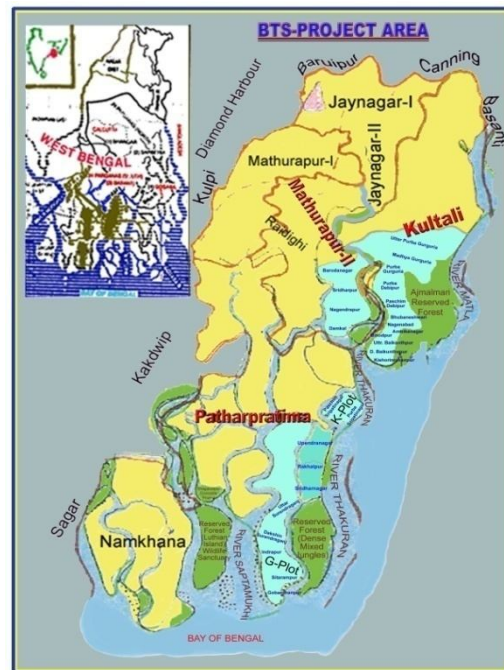
Preface

Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS) is a grassroot-level Community Based Organisation (CBO) Working in the riverine Coastal areas of Sunderban under Bio-sphere Reserve and the World Heritage Site as declared by UNESCO.

It has been serving the Core neighbouring areas of Tiger Reserve Forest and providing development services to the poor & the marginalized; vulnerable & the needy forest & fishermen community people, especially the malnourished Women & Child, in their acute need of care and concern without discriminating caste & creed; religious & political interest.

It is geographically located in a hard-to-reach remote rural Indian village Baikunthapur under the Community Development Block Kultali, 120 KM away from Kolkata and 25 KM away from the Bay of Bengal.

It is a not-for-profit; non-religious and non-political humanitarian organization to make a difference and scoring against malnutrition, women & Child Abuse.



BTS is registered under the Society Registration Act, 1961 Govt. of West Bengal; Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 and U/S 12A & 80G(Exemption) of Income Tax Act, 1961 Govt of India.

Intervention in brief

Its scope of relief includes quality basic education, basic health care, the utilization of renewable energy (solar) and organic and biofarming to ensure secure food sources.

A rural community hospital offers safe delivery options for pregnant women, and strives to reduce the morbidity and mortality rate of mother and child by eradicating unhygienic conditions for those delivering at home. The government of West Bengal works in tandem with BTS, a collaboration that has resulted in more than 900+ safe deliveries to date.

Besides school education, BTS has been serving the community in providing Care & protection of 3-6 age group children through its Pre-School Centres /Creche Units supported by Vibha-USA and Central Social Welfare Board, under the auspices of Deptt. of Women & Child Development(WCD), Govt. of India respectively.

ASTI-USA has responded to need of the poor school children very recent:2013-14



ASTI (American Service To India), USA has responded to the need of the poor school children in BTS-PathBhavan. An amount of USD 2500 (INR 150,000) has been sent to BTS and the contribution represents the kind generosity of Mrs. Monalisa Mullick. BTS is very economic to utilize the kind assistance for the cause of the children's Mid-Day Tiffin/Meal and School Uniforms as per plan. BTS & PathBhavan school children alongwith the authority will remain ever-grateful to the kind and timely support of US\$2500(INR150,000) for a

year 2013-14 only.

Need of the School applied for assistance

Despite the inroads being made by BTS, its resources continue to be limited and the need for assistance is great. The native inhabitants of this area of the Sundarbans are forest and fringe people, fishermen and rural working mothers who do not have the wherewithal to adequately sustain their families.

Therefore, children are forced to engage in physical work rather than attend school, a situation that results in an unbroken circle of poverty and hopelessness. As the world's largest mangrove forest and a UNESCO world heritage site, the Sundarban region of West Bengal is an area of physical significance to humanity's common heritage. It is here, in the coastal areas of this biosphere reserve that the leaders of Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha toil to bring first-world advantages to the poor and marginalized. With your help, they can do even more.



The running cost of a year's worth of school uniforms, bags, books, umbrellas and other educational expenses for all 200 students is USD 3,200.00; salaries for all seven teachers is USD 4,000.00 per year alongwith an amount of USD 3,000.00 for the provision of midday meals to 200 poor and malnourished children alongwith a token Admin (other Overhead Costs) Costs of US\$800. The stated amount will allow BTS to feed the children nutritious lunches for one year. Thus, the school needs an amount of USD 11,000/year.

Other needs are :

Construction of additional Classrooms for accommodation of 250+ children, Library Books, Water Supply Station/platform, Toilet Blocks for Boys & girls, upgradation of Computer Centres and development of Children's Playground.

Asha for Education, USA has supported the school project since 2001-02 to 2013-14. Due to recession & volunteering scarcity, Asha has requested BTS to search out alternative sources either CSR or funding organization who could be able to fund the needs and help to run the school in a smooth way...though they are ready to recommend any source willing to come forward for the great cause of ensuring mainstream-education of 210+ children already in the school, BTS-PathBhavan.

Request-Plan for interested CSR/funding Organisation: **Running Costs/Year**

Option-I

BTS requests for having supports for next 5-10 years with a yearly amount of INR 660,000 or US\$10,500 only as its running costs for 210+ children in the school. The break-up of the amount requested is as follows:

- Teachers' Honorarium/Salary Rs.240,000.00(US\$4,000)
- Nutritional Mid-Day Meal/Food Rs. 180,000.00(US\$3,000)
- Uniforms, bags, books, umbrellas and other educational Costs Rs.192,000.00(US\$3,200)
- School Admin(overhead) Costs Rs.48,000.00(US\$800)

Total Amount requested Rs.660,000.00(US\$11,000) can be sent by 2-3 installment/year.

Option-II

Any interested donor/supporter/sponsor can support/donate all the sections altogether or any 1/2 section as per possibility or availability of funds. But, BTS prefers to have supports atleast for the Teachers' Honorarium/Salary etc. with a provision of next 5-10 years within which BTS will develop a BTS-School Corpus Fund to sustain its school efforts.

CSR/Donors can donate fully or a part of the proposed **ONE-TIME FUND (School Corpus Fund of Rs.50 Lakhs)** for this purpose with a plan to use the interest-proceeds of that very amount. BTS will add an collected contribution from all of its able-parents or local patrons to meet the yearly needs.

Actually, BTS is keen to continue running of the school at such a riverine coastal belt of Sunderban where there is an absolute lack in the number of school as well as the roll-strength in the existing Govt school is more than 1500+ on an average secondary/higher secondary schools. Student Teacher ratio is not properly maintained...and this disturb to impart quality education or causing drop-outs etc. hazards in the days to come..!

Addl. Request-Plan for interested CSR/funding Organisation: **Onetime Capital Costs**

CSR donor may cover the needs in one year or next 2 more years as the need is huge for the Model School Program:

- Construction of additional 6 classrooms, 1 Girls Common Room, 1 Hall/meeting room Rs.24,50,000.00
- Library Books Rs. 1,50,000.00
- Water Supply Station/Platform for boys & Girls Rs.250,000.00
- Toilet Blocks both for boys & Girls Rs.100,000.00
- Computer Training Centre Rs.250,000.00
- Development of Playground with Campus wall Rs.300,000.00

Total Need Rs.35,00,000.00 for all the above needed items to make the modelschool

Few moments of the School initiatives

