

Rahara Abhikshan is an independent non - profit organization dedicated to building a better and brighter tomorrow for the underprivileged



We are a value based organization comprising a group of educated, devoted and socially conscious individuals of different age groups

Our aspiration is to inculcate self-confidence and empower the downtrodden



We have been committed to this since 1995, five years prior to our registration in 1999 - 2000

To undertake various *income generation programmes* to uplift and empower the condition of women of vulnerable sections of the society

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Encouraging education for first generation learners in underprivileged families

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Disseminate knowledge by arranging *awareness programmes* on different issues relating to Environment, Health, Social & Human rights for the weaker sections of society

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Providing *healthcare facilities* for underprivileged communities in select areas by setting up clinics

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Help aged, sick, helpless and impoverished people across communities

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*ENCOURAGE*

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*EDUCATE*

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*EMPOWER.....*

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In the year 1999 - 2000, Rahara Abhikshan was registered under the West Bengal Society Registration Act, 1961

Rahara Abhikshan was registered under the section 12A (b) and 80 G 5 (VI) of Income Tax Act, 1961 in the year 2006 - 2007

In the financial year 2010 - 2011, the organization obtained the registration from FCRA 1976 related to foreign donations



We started working since 1995, even before registering as an organization, for the empowerment of needy women. Our journey began with training women in the manufacturing of soft toys and other handicrafts.



In 2002, we set up a clinic in Patulia, a remote area of Khardah, where residents barely had access to medical facilities. A number of doctors regularly visit the clinic where the residents are charged a subsidised fee.



In the year 2005 - 2006, we organized several Awareness Generation programmes on different Environmental issues.



In 2007, Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra was set up in Shantinagar, Rahara, to encourage education among first generation learners from the nearby settlements



In 2012 - 2013, we started an Adult Education Programme under Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra.

# Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra

In the year 2007, we started Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra - a composite centre for the under privileged students residing along the railway track between Khardah and Sodpur railway stations. The primary objective was reduction in school drop outs through encouragement and guidance in education.



*Having started with only ten children, today we stand at seventy*

*Students from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> standard attend classes thrice a week*

*Till date, more than 300 children have enrolled*

*Our classes run from 230pm - 830pm, after regular school hours*

# Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra

We stress on behavioural change, cognitive and cultural development. We strive to sensitize the economically challenged budding generation to a variety of issues.



Apart from regular education we also arrange for trainings in dance, painting and basic computer literacy for our students

We provide books, notebooks and other stationeries based on grants that we receive



Most importantly, more students have enrolled after hearing of our activities from friends and classmates

Last but not the least, a lot of this has been possible only because we have a team of energetic and enthusiastic teachers, who spend more than twenty hours a week teaching various subjects.

# Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra



And we ensure our students have fun too...

- ♪ We organize quiz & essay writing competitions, picnics
- ♪ We celebrate Rabindra Jayanti, World Environment Day, Childrens' Day
- ♪ We have created a make believe bank to develop the habit of saving in children
- ♪ We are also driving COMPUTER LITERACY among our students

We have been greatly encouraged by the fact that even older people have enrolled with us for our newly introduced adult literacy programme.



# Abhikshan Shiksha Kendra - Gallery



A scene from Tasher Desh: A Dance -Drama by Rabindra Nath Tagore.  
Students of Abhikshan Sikha Kendra organised it in Khardah Rabindra Bhavan in 2011-12.



A scene from Pujarini: A Dance -Drama by Rabindra Nath Tagore.  
In 2012-20113, the girls staged "Pujarini" and the boys staged "Tota Kahini"



# Vocational Trainings

2005 - 2006 onwards Rahara Abhikshan Kendra has been arranging various vocational trainings for women. These trainings aim to make women self-sufficient.



We provide training on Cutting & Tailoring, Embroidery, Hand Painting and Beautician courses. Every year about 15 - 20 women participate in these programmes.

These programmes are partly financed by the Department of Women And Child Development, Govt. of West Bengal

*The Beautician training course, under the 'SWAWLAMBAN' project of WBWDU, Govt. of West Bengal, has not only provided a new avenue of livelihood to some women but also enabled them to start their own beauty parlour.*

# Environmental Awareness

2005 - 2006 onwards Rahara Abhikshan Kendra has been organizing Awareness Generation programmes on different Environmental issues with the help of Environment Department, Govt. of West Bengal.



*Programmes were arranged in different high schools and localities in South Dumdum & Panihati Municipal areas*

So far we have covered 25 high schools and 15 communities

Our focus areas - hazardous waste management, energy conservation, environmental pollution and global warming

We want to make people 'think globally and act locally' about these matters

# Plans for the times ahead...

*Computer centre for the youth of unprivileged families in the surrounding areas*

*Scholarship programme to encourage the meritorious students to continue higher studies.*

*Start a vocational training Institute*

*Start a formal school at santinagar, Rahara.*

The volunteers of Rahara Abhikshan are spread across India and elsewhere. We would like to thank all of them for their unstinted support across the years.

If you wish to be a volunteer and touch countless lives through your contribution, our account details are given below. To know more, feel free to mail us at [rahara.abhikshan@gmail.com](mailto:rahara.abhikshan@gmail.com) or at [multichakrabarti@gmail.com](mailto:multichakrabarti@gmail.com).

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Branch : Lake Town, Kolkata

SWIFT Code : AXISINBB191

IFSC: UTIB0000191

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