

THE BISWAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Caring for the Deprived and Needy Children

Activity Report

From 1st October, 2021 to 30th September, 2022

To

Dr. Nalinaksha Biswas

Chief Functionary

The Biswas Foundation, UK

Respected Sir,

Name of the Institution: THE BISWAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Status of the Institution: Registered Public Charitable Trust

Registration No. & date: 2401 dated. 28.04.2008

Nature of the Association: Educational & Social

The Trust, **The Biswas Educational Foundation** (TBEF) was established on 28th Day of April, 2008 through a Trust Deed No. 2401 which was duly registered with the Additional Registrar of Assurance – III, at Kolkata along with **80G / 12AA & FCRA registration**.

The main objective of the Trust was to establish Orphanage for orphan and single-parent children belonging to the underprivileged section of the society and a School to deliver quality education to children belonging to the economically weaker section of the society in and around the locality at minimum cost, as well as to provide free education for the children of our orphanage, and also to engage in various social activities for welfare of the society.

Orphanage

“Ananda Bhawan”, the orphanage, which was inaugurated on January 2012 where 38 orphans and single parent children are residing with all benefits in two separate hostels for the boys and girls.

The 10 children of first batch studying in Government Schools has been promoted to Class X on December 2021 and about to appear for Madhyamik Exam in the year 2023. Another 28 children are studying from Jr. Kg to Class – VII in our own English medium School (South Calcutta Public School).

Private teachers who were teaching online during lockdown, started visiting for regular classes with precautionary measures.

The children of Ananda Bhavan, who are of 15 years, were vaccinated on January 2022.

Debanshu Mondal was inducted on May 2022 at Ananda Bhavan after his medical test and he was enrolled to our school for Senior Kg. Gradually more children are getting inducted.

On 15th August 2022, The Biswas Educational Foundation and South Calcutta Public School jointly celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India. During the event the children of Ananda Bhavan and students of our school performed in our school.

Activities of Home Children

Due to last pandemic situation the children were unable to participate in any activity and competition.

Every child of Ananda Bhavan was engaged to do a social activity during the Durga Puja Vacation. Each child was given 50 pieces of mask. They distributed 25 pieces to their family members and rest 25 pieces was distributed among the elder persons at the Puja marquee in their hometown. The children kept a record of the person whom they distributed the mask and after vacation the list was handed over to house superintendent.

The children of Ananda Bhavan celebrated, Children’s Day on 14.11.2021 with different activities like biscuit race, sack race, etc. and learned how to make biscuits. The children also had a picnic on that day. *(Encl. Photos)*

Cognizant, the multinational IT company, has been supporting our children with competition, activities and teaches throughout the year. The team of employees visited Ananda Bhavan on December 2021, to initialize the setup of Digital Smart Board which they donated.

Children of Ananda Bhavan, have remarkably ranked at 35th Annual Athletic Meet 2021-2022 competition held by South 24 Parganas District Sports Association at Sagar Sangha Ground (District Stadium)

In under 18 years Boys group - Nikunja Halder stood First scoring 6.14 meters in Long Jump, Sudip Dey stood First scoring 43.38 meters in Javelin and stood Third scoring 29.85 meters in Discus throw, Deep Majumder stood Second scoring 5.57 meters in Long Jump

In under 18 years Girls group - Saharbanu Khatun stood First scoring 4.73 meters in Long Jump and Second in 100 meters' run

In under 16 years Boys group - Debashis Mondal stood Second scoring 4.89 meters in Long Jump.

(Encl. Photos)

The children have remarkably ranked in the 24 Parganas District Annual Sports Event held at Baruipur, shown in the leading newspaper cutout image. ***The children sitting in the first row and third from left and first from right of those are standing belongs to our Foundation.***
(Encl. Photos)

Two children of Ananda Bhavan, Akash Sarkar and Sudeshna Kule appeared at National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship Examination, under Government of West Bengal Directorate of School Education and qualified for the scholarship program.

Free Learning Activity

Like every year the free learning session, for new children started from November 2021, and 80 new students started attending the classes. We picked the children of local farmers and single parent from village homes of our project surroundings. They are first generation learners ageing between 3 to 8 years. With the help of our good faculties we habituated them for coming to school, introduced activity based learning. They studied here absolutely free of cost till March 2022, and have shown improvement. Among these children 1 boy was inducted at our Ananda Bhavan, and we received 50 students as new admissions.

School

South Calcutta Public School (SCPS) was started in the year 2016 is coeducational English Medium, follows C.B.S.E curriculum. The second building "Shanti Bhavan" has been temporarily used as school unless the main building is completed.

This is the first green school building and this "Green Concept" has been introduced by our visionary Dr. N Biswas (Trustee of the Biswas foundation UK Trust). The 21 inches' walls are insulated and aluminum window fitted with single lift Low-E glass, which allows to maintain a uniform temperature, when the outside temperature is between 40 – 41 degrees Celsius the inside temperature remains 32 degrees Celsius. The new school building has been designed with more advanced specification which prevent the usage of air-condition in almost all areas. Coal is mainly used to generate electricity in West Bengal, and by reducing the electrical consumption we help to reduce carbon emission and protect the environment.

The children of local farmers, daily wagers, studies in our school at minimum cost, and also the children of our foundation are attending the school free of cost and this has been only possible because of the constant financial support by The Biswas Foundation UK trust since 2012 for this charitable cause.

The Board of Trustees decided not to increase any fees and also waived 20% on monthly fees for all students.

Though lockdown phase was partially withdrawn but the schools and other institutions were still closed and our school continued its online classes and until the Government decided to open all schools from 16th November 2021.

The teachers started coming to school twice a week from December 2021, and they conducted online classes from school.

On March 2022 the school had the offline final examination for only primary sections after maintaining restrictions. The teachers worked dedicatedly and all the examinations were conducted as per schedule. The examination results were declared at the end of March 2022 with a Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM).

We received 72 new admissions for the new session 2022-23, and the total student strength was 336 students including 28 children of our orphanage.

The school celebrated the birthday of Rabindranath Tagore but there only the students were allowed to come. *(Encl. Photos)*

On 15th August 2022, The Biswas Educational Foundation and South Calcutta Public School jointly celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India. In this event the students from Class-I to X participated and the Board arranged Tiffin for students, teachers and staffs. *(Encl. Photos)*

Teachers Day was celebrated on 5th of September 2022 and the Board arranged Tiffin for students, teachers and staffs.

Social Welfare

The weekly free medical check-up center for poor villagers continued with a MBBS Doctor, and trained nurse with and free medicines and over 1200 patients are benefited yearly.

The Foundation took an initiative for drinking water camp to serve the local pedestrian with cold water and glucose during the intense hot summer days of April 2022. The first batch children of Ananda Bhavan participated and made the program successful.

(Encl. Photos)

Like every other year, the Foundation planted 80 trees inside the premises on the World Environment Day, 6th June 2022. The children of Ananda Bhavan and few students of SCPS participated during the activity. This activity spread an excellent message to the society and considering the environmental situation, we are committed to plant 500 trees by the next 10 years.

(Encl. Photos)

During Durga Puja Festival, our Trustees also distributed sarees and dry ration to poor women of the surrounding village who lost their work during pandemic.

Construction

For the last 6 years our school became popular and as we are running temporarily the school in an 8,000 sq. ft. building we are unable to take new admissions.

We need a bigger accommodation and for this Our Visionary Dr. Nalinaksha Biswas and our Board of Trustees decided to rapidly finish the construction work of the new school building. We expect to complete 70% of the work by next year and shift the school. So, most of the fund remitted from The Biswas Foundation, Leads, UK, gets utilized for construction.

Here at South Calcutta Public School, most of the students belongs from the economically weaker families, who have only choice to study in the local Bengali Medium Schools. These students will never get chance for any higher studies, if they study in local school or compete with the students of English medium students. With the help of our teachers we can educate them so that they can get an opportunity for higher studies and get established.

The construction work for new school building is continuing on full pace.

(Encl. Photos)

Donation received from The Biswas Foundation, Leeds UK, has been utilized in executing the above stated activities.

Thanks and deepest regards.

Yours faithfully,

Nilima Biswas

(Managing Trustee)