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BOLPUR MANAB JAMIN

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Our Mission

Mission of Bolpur Manab Jamin is to actively serve vulnerable communities specially women, girls, children, disables, senior citizens, indigenous people with encouraging innovations for developing collective and inclusive social change in West Bengal .

Our Vision

Bolpur Manab Jamin envisages a society where people cooperates, empathies, trusts and become sustainable to protect social, economic and cultural interest of every living being and environment.

From the desk of Secretary:

Bolpur Manab Jamin believes that all its interventions need to bring about change that is systemic, sustainable and replicable. The organization, closely works with downtrodden Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste and economically weaker section people.

We thank those who donate us, partner us and encourage the communities that are putting efforts along with us in moving towards self-reliance and sustainability. The apparent change in the attitude of the weaker section, that BMJ works with and adaptation of the practices of utilizing their own resources, available within their community and gradually managing their affairs in a way that bring in relief to the weaker section of the societies, is not only very satisfying but is in tune with the goals established by BMJ.

Our staff are the most valuable instruments through which we serve the most vulnerable section of the community and they have shown their significance in achieving our goals.

The way to social development is long and steep, and there is much to learn and achieve. We know that you all are by our side at each step of the way, as we all join hands and work together.

We are very happy to draw an overview through our Annual Report of our activities done in the year 2016-17.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue our journey ahead....

Secretary

Bolpur Manab Jamin

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Bolpur Manab Jamin would like to express special thanks of gratitude to all the Government Departments, Banks, local youth clubs and their leaders, villagers for their support.

We have taken efforts for different projects. However, it would not have been possible without the kind support and help of Shining Eyes, Germany; International Center for Agricultural research in Dryland Areas (ICARDA); Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, Institute of Agriculture, Palli Shiksha Bhavana, Visva Bharati, National Child Labour Project of Birbhum District, Asst. Labour Commissioner Office, Bolpur; Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practices, Regional Office, Birbhum; Central Board for Workers' Education, Asansol and many individuals and organizations. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of them.

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Bolpur Manab Jamin is thankful to all the well-wishers, visitors and guest who enriched the programmes of our time to time.

INTRODUCTION

Bolpur Manab Jamin, a Non-Governmental Organization was established in the year 2010 with the motivation to take an active role in the civil society development through different programme keeping in mind sustainable development concept.

It is situated in a dry zone area that has Laterite soil and Vindhya Alluvial soil. The area has mono cropping with rice, which is entirely rain fed. The project area is near Santiniketan about 161 km from Kolkata; however, the area is underdeveloped and has a large population of landless farmers. It is Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste majority area.

We are dedicated towards different programme like sustainable agriculture, upliftment nutritional status, environmental protection, education support, right based approach, skill development training, etc. which will strengthen sustainable future and lead towards social and economic improvements of the social communities at national level. In order to achieve this, BMJ is committed to work with different range of stakeholders in order to foster cooperation and joint work for the purpose of achieving sustainable future.

As a result of our continued intervention there are 1500+ FARMERS engaged in pulse cultivation, 350+ FARMERS have formed Farmers' Club, 250 CHILDREN are being provided nutritious food and nearly 800 CHILDREN & MOTHER are getting health checkup facilities & medicine free of cost.

Presently BMJ is working at 51 villages of 5 Blocks (Bolpur-Sriniketan Block, Dubrajpur Block, Khoyrasole Block, Illambazar Block and Mayureshwar 1 Block).

Programme Objectives:

- *To improve Food Security*
- *To upgrade the Nutritional Status of families*
- *To reduce school dropout*
- *Improve financial inclusion*
- *Involve more people in Income Generation Schemes.*
- *Increase environmental awareness*

ON GOING PROGRAMMES:

Pulse Seed Production cum Demonstration Programme

Bolpur Manab Jamin (BMJ) with the support of International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) focused on training, information dissemination, technical and financial assistance for rural sharecropper and marginal farmers to cultivate Lentil for generating alternative income based on market economy & marketing, combat malnutrition and to improve soil fertility. Apart from increasing the production and productivity of Lentil by the participating farmers another purpose is to inspire other farmers in the adjoining areas to accept these technologies for the betterment of development and sustainability.

Increasing food legumes productions by small farmers to strengthen food and nutrition security through adoption of improved technologies and governance within South-South cooperation are the main aims of the programme.

The impacts will be:

- *Increase in Lentil production*
- *Increase in household income*
- *Increase in cropping intensity*
- *Increase in Legumes consumption*
- *Combat Malnutrition*
- *Increase soil fertility*

This year Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical support of Visva Bharati Universtiy provided training to the farmers of 32 villages where 76 ha. area covered in 4 blocks in Bolpur-Sriniketan Block, Illambazar Block, Dubrajpur Block & Nanoor Block under Birbhum regarding Lentil cultivation before harvesting of paddy. 553 farmers participated in this programme. 2280 kg of special Variety certified seeds had been distributed. Each farmer got special variety of Foundation and Certified Seeds of

Lentil (Subrata, Moitree, Ranjan) to demonstrate this programme. Average Yield Record of this year is 1039 kg/ha

Activities done by Bolpur Manab Jamin in the year 2016-17 includes both men and women farmers who are enriched by the programme. There are 5 nos. of training programme where 143 beneficiaries participated, 5 nos. of Farmers Field Day where 70 farmers participated and 6 Awareness Programme which includes 172 beneficiaries.

This year we have distributed 3 Bori Making kit to 3 different SHG's to prepare value added product. The kit will help them prepare Bori in a very short time. These SHG members have packed the product in 2 different weight i.e. 100 gm and 200 gm and selling it door to door, to other SHG's and in different fairs.

SRI method paddy cultivation

The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is a methodology aimed at increasing the yield of rice produced in farming. SRI makes large savings on seeds and water requirements, and reacts better to organic manure than to inorganic fertilizers. The significance of the method gives such striking results that it has become difficult for scientists to disregard it.

This year, Bolpur Manab Jamin has benefited 3 Schedule Caste farmers who have covered 2.5 bigha of land following the method. The inspiring result encouraged the farmers to adopt and continue the technology in Rabi Season.

Aromatic Rice (Gobindabhog) cultivation

This year, BMJ distributed 10 kg of Gobindabhog variety of paddy for cultivation to 8 farmers from 4 different villages. The result was remarkable and the farmer are very happy. They have kept the seed for next year's cultivation. The farmers from neighborhood villages are also demanding the same.

Sesame cultivation programme

Sesame seed is one of the oldest oilseed crops known, domesticated well over 3000 years ago. Sesame has many species, most being wild and native to sub-Saharan Africa. *Sesame indicum*, the cultivated type, originated in India and is tolerant to drought-like conditions, growing where other crops fail. Sesame seeds are extremely beneficial for health, but are often overlooked, and they include the ability to prevent many kinds of diseases.

This year we distributed 6 kg sesame Breeder seed collected from Berhampore Pulse & Oilseed Research Station to 6 farmers of 2 villages. The variety were Sabitri & Rama. Additionally we have also distributed 25 kg of Certified Sesame seeds to 19 farmers of 4 villages. The variety was Rama.

Black Gram Cultivation programme

Black gram is a type of Indian bean that has a surprising number of health benefits, including the ability to boost energy, protect cardiovascular health, reduce pain and inflammation, improve immunity, aid in maintaining skin health, prevent diabetes, build strong bones, strengthen the nervous system, and optimize digestion.

This year we distributed 4 kg Sulata variety Black gram Breeder seed which was collected from Berhampore Pulse & Oilseed Research Station to 2 farmers of 2 villages.

Moreover we also distributed 10 kg Kalindi variety Black Gram to 1 farmer Raipur village.

Green Gram Cultivation Programme

Green gram, also known as mung bean, has been cultivated exclusively for the seeds that are contained in the plant's pod. Used since ancient times in Indian and Chinese cuisine, mung beans have migrated throughout the Far East and Southeast Asia. Nutritious and mild in flavor, green gram takes on the flavor of the spices and other ingredients added to it. When mung beans are dried and halved, they go by various names, including green gram dal.

This year we distributed 4 kg Sonali variety Green gram Breeder seed from Berhampore Pulse & Oilseed Research Station to 3 farmers of 2 villages.

Besides we also distributed 7 kg Samrat variety Green gram to 4 farmers of 3 villages.

Commercial Vegetable & Spice cultivation programme

The next decade is a decade of agri business, as food shortages are being observed due to neglectance of the agricultural production. Year after year the number working on agri projects is decreasing worldwide. The profitability is affected due to the absence of qualified/educated farmers. The scene is very slowly changing due to the support of agriculture projects.

We have taken keen interest on commercial vegetable and spice cultivation in our projected villages. This year we have distributed:

80 kg Turmeric to 6 farmers of 4 villages

16 kg Ginger to 3 farmers of 2 villages

46 kg Arum to 5 farmers of 3 villages

And 2 kg 300 gms vegetable seed which includes Ridge Gourd, Amaranth, Ladies finger, Wild Jute, Chichinga, Gourd, Bitter Gourd etc. to 13 farmers of 7 villages

Fruit Trees Distribution

This programme is implemented keeping in mind the concept of increasing green area coverage and also the nutritional status of the family. This year, BMJ have distributed 180 nos. of plants to 85 beneficiaries. The beneficiaries got different type of sapling like Mango, Guava, Lemon etc.

Medicinal Plant Garden Programme

This year we organized 4 nos. of workshop on use of herbal medicine with the tribal practitioner at 4 villages of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block. In the workshop detailed discussion and practical demonstration on way of use of medicinal plants in different situation. At the end of the workshop few herbal medicine were prepared which could be used for primary treatment or as first aid at home level.

One exposure visit to Choupahari Forest was organised to identify several types of medicinal plants which are still collected and used by our tribal community.

Kitchen Garden Programme

Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical and financial support of Shining Eyes e. V.; Rotary Club of Weisbaden; Rotary Club of Bolpur-Santiniketan have introduced Kitchen Garden Program in 21 villages.

There are very simple guideline to prepare kitchen garden at the home stead area. The beneficiary had to select an area, fence it with local available materials, prepare the land, sow the plants as per instruction and water them regularly.

All the villages are doing well under the supervision of Rotary Club of Bolpur – Santiniketan and the staffs allotted for the reason at different villages.

Kitchen Garden seed distribution details:

Vegetable seed (Ridge Gourd, Amaranth, Ladies finger, Wild Jute, Chichinga, Gourd, Bitter Gourd etc.) projected villages

Turmeric 64 kg, Ginger 70 kg, Arum 90 kg

Crop Diversification seed distribution details:

60 kg Rama variety Sesame seed to 76 farmers

10 kg Kalindi variety Black Gram seed to 6 farmers

598 kg Subrata variety Lentil seed to 227 farmers

Exposure Visit for the farmers

This year, BMJ arranged 2 exposure visit for the farmers under our project area.

First: A team of 30 farmers along with BMJ staff members visited Chinsurah Rice Research Station, Hooghly on 3rd November 2016. The farmers got a chance to see different demonstration/experimental plots, different variety of rice at the Research Station. The farmers are very much enriched through the visit and enthusiastic to work on some variety in their own fields.

Second: A team of 50 farmers and 10 BMJ staff members went to Berhampore Pulse and Oilseed Research Station on 16th January 2017. There they were benefitted through visiting different experimental plots of Lentil, Oilseed other pulses. The farmers got a new horizon from these exposures and are very enthusiastic to visit more and more to this kind of places for increasing their knowledge.

Village Health Checkup Camp

With the help and technical support of Dr. Monika Golembiewski member of Shining Eyes e. V. and a team of doctors we are looking after the health development of the children and their mothers. The vitamin, Iron tablets, folic acid tablets are provided by the Health Care centre for the health development of the children and protect mothers from anemia. This is very important for the healthy development of the child and prevention of anemia.

In a time period of every 3 months St. Mary's Child and Mother Care Centre, Paruldanga. team of Doctors from Germany and India goes to the remote villages with several instrument and gadget such as weight, height, MUAC, Hb measurements for spot checking up of the children and mothers of the respective village. The programme covers 380 children and 120 pregnant/lactating women in 21 tribal villages of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block.

Distribution of free medicine is done if and when required by the villagers. After the check up, if required or in a case of emergency the representatives of the Health Care Centre sends the patient to Hospital with the help of their Ambulance. If needed they also refer them to outstation Hospitals of Suri, Durgapur, Burdwan, Kolkata where the patients get subsidized rate for their treatment.

National Child Labour Programme School

Bolpur Manab Jamin is running smoothly the NCLP Special School at Hansra (Illambazar) under National Child Labour Programme of Birbhum. The objective of the programme is kept in focus to combat child labour as well as to rehabilitate them in different trade which would make his/her world better.

The children 9 to 14 years especially used to become child labour working in brick field or as a maid servant or working in a tea stall are the pupil of this special school. Each student is getting regular mid-day meal and the allotted stipend of Rs.150 per month. Lessons on vocational training also given to them along with the regular course of study.

This year we also observed the Day Against Child Labour 2016 through meeting with the guardians of the child labour, few shop owners and villagers. The children along with the teachers and BMJ staff members arranged a rally for combating child labour.

Consumer Awareness Campaign on Consumer Rights

Bolpur Manab Jamin collaboratively with Dept. of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices, Govt. of West Bengal organise several awareness camps in the District of Birbhum.

As per our proposal to CA&FBP, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri we organized 6 Consumer Awareness Programme that is at Itedanga (27 nos. participants), Borodanga (30 nos. participants), Binodpur (26 nos. participants), Ruppur Konrapara (22 nos. participants), Ramlakhandanga (30 nos. participants) and Hedodanga (25 nos. participants) under Ruppur Gram Panchayat.

Poush Mela as platform for Consumer Awareness Campaign

Poush Mela (Fair) is one of the important festivals in the district of Birbhum of West Bengal. The festival is celebrated at Santiniketan in Birbhum with great splendor and magnificence and its diversity spreads worldwide. More than 3200 stalls are organised in this gigantic fair by State Govt., Central Govt., Banks, Industries, Post Office, Private Sectors, Non-Government Organizations and individuals.

Bolpur Manab Jamin took the opportunity to organize stall for Consumer Awareness at Poush Mela from 23rd to 25th December 2016 so that they can get in touch with more and more consumers.

The stall was inaugurated by Sri Bijoy Krishna Choudhury, Assistant Director, CA&FBP, Birbhum R.O., Suri elaborate the value of money of rural consumers specially neglected ST, SC and economically

weaker section people and role of NGO workers in the field of extension of this above mentioned subject in the inauguration session.

Sri Bikash Roy Choudhury, Sabhadipati, Birbhum Zila Parishad spent few times with us in the stall.

Projection of Cartoon Documentary Films regarding different examples of buying day to day commodities from market was shown constantly. The stall was decorated attractively with posters, banners and flex keeping in mind the requirement of the consumers. All the dignitaries watched the documentation film on Food Adulteration attentively.

The Awareness Camp Stall got in touch with thousands of consumers who are unspecific of their Rights. They moreover learnt the signs, symbols and the procedures of checking things before buying. Moreover lot of deceived consumers visited the stall for taking suggestions for proper justice. The consumers were very happy which is clearly visible through their remarks stated in the register.

Education Support Programme: For Immaculate Tomorrow

Textbook Support is committed to rural students, of SC, ST and economically weaker sections to become effective users of ideas and information by providing them the text books which enlighten their vision. Bolpur Manab Jamin is committed fundamentally to improve the education level of these economically weaker students who are meritorious and have strong desire of learning.

This year also textbooks are given to meritorious and economically weaker students. This year 32 students studying at Class XI (20 nos.) and XII (12 nos.) got the support.

Farmers Club

As agriculture is one of the important sources of our National Income and the farmers are the dominators in this sector it is very important to generate a collective effort to strengthen their position. The Farmers' Club program is one of the major institutional development initiatives of NABARD aiming at strengthening the grass root level Rural Financial Institutions.

Taking this on account Bolpur Manab Jamin approached NABARD to get support for promoting Farmers' Club. Till date Bolpur Manab Jamin is nurturing 16 Farmers' Clubs in 16 villages within the project area with the support of NABARD.

Awareness camps on Legal Aid Services

Legal Aid implies giving free legal services to the poor and needy who cannot afford the services of a lawyer for the conduct of a case or a legal proceeding in any court, tribunal or before an authority.

This year 1 nos. of awareness camps were held on Legal Aid Services at Borobagan Mitradanga village which are being provided for the legal relief and to give easy access to the backward sections of our society. Mr. Debabrata Mukherjee, Additional District Judge, First Track Sub Divisional Judge of Bolpur Court, Anand Chattopadhyay, Judge, Suri Court and Advocated of related issue of Bolpur Court delivered their valuable speech in the context.

Screening camp for differently abled persons

On 1st December 2016, BMJ with the support of Pratibandi Kalyan Kendra, Hooghly organized a daylong screening camp for differently abled persons. More than 30 persons visited our office for the purpose. Some of them have been helped through physiotherapy, some with guidance and so on. The guardians of the differently abled persons are very happy regarding the efforts taken and wish to participate in this kind of programme more and more in near future.

Pradhan Mantri Koushal Vikash Yojana (PMKVY)

It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. The objective is to develop minimum employable skill to enhance the employability of youth preferably school drop outs from rural background. With the support of Centre for Career in Professional Studies this year we have selected 34 participants for training on 23rd & 24th August 2016 at our BMJ Office premises. Prof. Abhijit Gangopadhyay and Sri K. Palit were the key resource person at the programme.

Cloth for Work an initiative of Goonj...

With the partnership of Goonj... Kolkata, we this year distributed cloths to Schedule Tribe inhabitants of 5 villages namely Borodanga, Amradanga, Ramlakhandanga, Hedodanga and Paruldanga where 6 programmes were initiated. The idea behind the programme was that the villagers will work for a day for their own village's goodness like, cleaning of drain, make water channels, preparing kitchen gardens, etc. in lieu of that they will be provided cloths. The programme was initiated in the first week of December so that the beneficiaries could get the cloths in time before shivering cold.

Consumer Outreach Programme by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

The entry of private service providers brought with it the inevitable need for independent regulation. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was, thus, established called the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997, to regulate telecom services, including fixation/revision of tariffs for telecom services.

On 30th August 2016, Bolpur Manab Jamin with the help of TRAI organised Customer Outreach Programme in Gitanjali (Shantideb Kaksha) Bolpur, West Bengal. This programme primarily intended to outreach to the customers, industry bodies, State Govt. and various government bodies directly associating the CAGs and TSPs. More than 200 customers participated in the programme.

Financial Education Workshop with SEBI

This year we have organized Financial Education Workshop with the support of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on 3rd and 4th September 2016 at Borobagan Mitradanga, Ruppur GP and Kankutia, Raipur Supur GP under Bolpur Sriniketan Block. This workshop is intended to spread basic financial awareness among people, so that they can make sound financial decision. The workshop was very interactive in nature. Study material in Bengali for the participants was also been distributed to the participants. This programme have covered 103 participants. Sri Angshuman Bhattacharya, certified financial education Resource Person of SEBI was the key speaker of the programme.

Internship of MSW students

To enable students to develop and deepen the capacity to relate theory to practical approach and also to relate experience to theory students require skills through active participation in the field work and purposeful learning of field based study. For this reason Vidyasagar School of Social Work under Vidyasagar University sent 4 MSW students (2nd Year) as Interims to Bolpur Manab Jamin. They got a month's field based training for serving the purpose.

Observed World Consumer Rights Day

This year we observed World Consumer Rights Day at Borodanga village under Ruppur GP where 55 nos. of participants participated. The then Acting Assistant Director, CA&FBP, Birbhum RO with Consumer Welfare Officer delivered their valuable speech to enrich the participants.

Celebration of World Water Day

World Water Day is celebrated every year on 22nd of March by the people all across the world. This year we observed the day at Amradanga with the villagers and BMJ staff members. This campaign is specially done this year for involving and encouraging the people to listen and understand about the water issues and the problem arising around the world.

Celebration of Earth Day

We observed Earth Day at Ramlakhandanga, one of our project villages on 22nd April 2016. The villagers actively participated in the same. Smt. Supriya Mondal, Sri Srikanta Mondal and Sri Debashis Mitra spoke on the occasion. 46 nos. of villagers participated in the programme.

Observance of Mother's Day

As like last year this year also BMJ observed Mother's Day at Supur with the help of Supur Debdut Club on 8th May 2016. An Art Mela was organized where the children drew pictures for their mother. As per the mother's this is the best gift from a son/daughter to mother. Next a Quiz Competition was organized with the mothers where they enjoyed a lot leaving behind their day to day work under same circumstances.

Team Members	
Basanti Mondal	Rakhi Sarkar
Debashis Mitra	Saunak Kar
Helaram Das	Shankar Mahapatra
Jayanta Bain	Srikanta Mondal
Monoyara Begum	Supriya Mondal
Paban Murmu	Tarulata Mete

Details of Working Committee Members of Bolpur Manab Jamin (for 2016-19)

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Designation	Occupation
1.	Pijush Mukhopadyay South Jambuni; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	President	Retired Principal
2.	Dr. Madhushree Ghosh 4/25 Fern Road Kolkata : 700019	Vice President	Retired Professor
3.	Supriya Mondal South Jambuni; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Secretary	Teacher
4.	Debashis Mitra Kankutia, P.O.: Raipur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Asst. Secretary	Social Service

5.	Saunak Kar Natunpally, Rabindra Sarani 2 nd lane; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN:731204	Treasurer	Social Service
6.	Santosh Paul Trishulapatty, P.O. : Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Member	Service
7.	Srikanta Mondal South Jambuni , P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum, PIN : 731204	Member	Farmer

CONCLUSION

This report illustrates, Bolpur Manab Jamin continues to play an important role in ensuring the optimal effectiveness on sustainable agriculture, education, children & mother health and other such thing important to the society.

We had set different plan which are ambitious development goals and defines how BMJ can best contribute to fight the poverty. It focuses on empowering people, income generation, combating malnutrition so that they can participate in the decisions that affect them positively and search for new opportunities.

We are very optimistic in nature and we know with the help of different individual, Govt. Foreign Donor we can achieve the goals that we have set for the well-being and development of the down trodden communities.

*Your generosity will make a difference
in our community by allowing us to
continue our work.*

*Remember that every donation makes
a difference, regardless of size.*

BANK DETAILS BOLPUR MANAB JAMIN:

For Indian Contribution

Bank: UCO Bank,
Branch: Raipur Branch
SB A/c No.: 17100110006832
Branch Code: 1710
IFSC: UCBA0001710

For Foreign Contribution

Bank: Oriental Bank of Commerce
Branch: Bolpur Branch
SB A/c No.: 18402191003478
Branch Code: 1840
IFSC: ORBC0101840