



SWAPNOKATHA

Official Newsletter of Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society

Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society has been continuing its activities with the children and their families in Hingalganj. The major activities include Education, Child Protection, promotion of basic Health & Hygiene and sensitization on use of appropriate nutritional food for the children.

Prevention of Human Trafficking & Child Marriage, sensitization on Menstrual Hygiene along with some intervention for the adults on Literacy and Women Empowerment are some of the other activities of the organization.



*Don't limit a child to your own learning,
for he was born in another time*

Rabindranath Tagore

Saving Lives in Sunderbans: COVID-19 Relief Programme

The crisis situation amid the COVID-19 virus has resulted in sudden lock down across the country. The people living in Hinglaganj and adjoining areas were not at all ready for such situation. Majority of them could not manage to arrange enough ration to run their family. Since majority of these families are daily wage earners, that became another problem for them to procure daily needs.

At the same time quite a lot of migrant labourers have come back to their houses with limited resources to run their families. The worst affected are the elderly people who have no means to arrange for their food.

At this juncture of crisis, KSWS prepared list of all these families who are worst affected out of the lock down situation and had approached several donors and individuals to support by providing dry ration like rice, daal, potatoes, edible oil, salt, biscuit and soap.

As of now KSWS has been able to reach out to **more than 2000 families** with these support and intends to extend the support to another 1000 families. This support would certainly help several other families to survive from starvation.





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Life Stories amid Relief Work...



Hayat Ali Gazi, a visually disabled person lives at Mahispukur area in Hingalganj. He moves with help of a walking stick. He stays with his only son and wife. The only source of income for this family is Bidi rolling. But owing to this lock down, the main source of livelihood is at stake. The Swapnopuron team reached his house with relief items and he was overwhelmed. He has not received

any support from the Govt. during this lock down period and thus was crying after receiving this support. He blessed the Swapnopuron School and its team members.

She resides on the roadside of Keorakhali in Hingalganj. The relief distribution team met Smt. Bhabani Bar on the way and found that she has not eaten properly for last two days. Due to physical paralysis she cannot move properly and there are no one to take care of her at the family. The neighbours try to provide her with food but during this lock down situation, the neighbours are also struggling to survive. Similarly she has also suffered with inadequate food. This photographs itself says her situation and it can easily be understood about her suffering.



She praised Swapnopuron team for providing her with the dry ration. This support would enable her to get food for next few days through the support of her neighbours.



Aleya Bibi stays with her one son and one daughter. Her husband got married to another woman and left her with the two children quite long back. She hardly manages to run the family. Her son works in Mumbai and has been able to come back just at the beginning of the lock down. At the moment of crisis, the family is surviving in a difficult circumstances. The relief support has brought about fresh air for them to survive and Aleya Bibi blessed the entire team.



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Promoting Online Classes in Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan

Overcoming several crisis, **Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan** has continued its work tirelessly for over the years. Swapnopuron immediately did a little ground work soon after the school were asked to close as how many students could avail online classes. Surprisingly it was found that almost 70% of the children have android phone at home. Parents being mostly daily wage earners have updated themselves with the technological growth. This led to initiate the process of conducting online classes and finally the online classes started from 5th April 2020. The participation of the teachers and guardians created the momentum organizing online classes.

Initially Class and Subject wise social networking platform groups have been created and the teachers started conducting classes. Audio, video and images have been



used for communication with the children. Document uploads, audio transcripts and conference calls are the learning mediums.

Teachers are extremely enthusiastic in conducting the online classes. There have been overwhelming responses from the guardians along with their children. 80 per cent of children are attending and those who are unable to attend are given out worksheets and taught one to one basis over phone. Along with academics activities it has been possible

to start co-curricular activities as "Art n Craft", storytelling sessions, power brain yoga, yoga and dance.



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The COVID-19 Relief Programme



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An Appeal to Support the Relief Programme

Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society (KSWs) has been working in Hingalgaon and Hasnabad area of Sunderbans in North 24 Parganas. The unprecedented crisis situation amid the COVID-19 virus and subsequent lock down has affected a large number of populations living in Hingalgaon and adjoining areas of Sunderbans. Majority of them could not manage to arrange enough ration to run their family and are facing severe crisis to survive.

KSWs has taken initiative to support these families and has been able to reach out to **more than 2000 families** with individual & group support and intends to extend the support to **another 2000 families**.

Kindly Support the Cause...Become a Changemaker

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