



Bargach
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MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER



RAHUL JOHRI, MANAGING TRUSTEE

"We have taken strong strides in Financial Year 23-24 in our stated objective of bettering the quality of weaker section households in semi-urban and rural India. The support of our partners (Govt. of West Bengal-Utkarsh Bangla, Jana SFB, West Bengal Police, banglanatak.com being a few) has allowed us to progress on a host of activities. The prominent initiatives have been skill empowerment sessions for the youth, health camp for sex workers and health awareness drives."

ANISHA JOHRI, TRUSTEE

"We have touched the lives of over 20,000 weaker section households in West Bengal in the areas of skill empowerment, sanitation and clean water. I am delighted that we have successfully imparted classroom trainings to youth in the villages who have then been placed with corporates such as Aditya Birla group, Reliance and Pantaloons."





ABOUT US

Bargach Foundation was set up in July 2020 as a non-profit entity with the objective of bettering the lives of individuals from the weaker sections of society in semi-urban and rural locations in India. In its efforts to achieve the objective, the Foundation identified and commenced focusing on three critical areas – Drinking water, Sanitation and Skill Upliftment of youth. It has partnered with like-minded entities / organizations and acts as an implementation force for socially-conscious organizations.

**OUR WATER,
SANITISATION AND
SKILL DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES ARE
ALIGNED WITH
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



OUR PARTNERS



We have connected over 13000 households through various activities in FY 2023-24

01 Skill Crash Course Training

On June 27, 2023, Bargach Foundation had conducted a community based skill development crash course training and placement program at Pandua Branch of Bargach Finance. Based on its success, the same was replicated at Hiralal Memorial College in collaboration with Kamarhati Municipality and in Ward Number 48, Kolkata on July 10, 2023, and August 23, 2023, respectively. A total of 120 candidates had participated in the program of which 70 candidates got placement in various reputed companies like SBI Credit Card, Bajaj Capital, Aditya Birla Group, Flipkart, Sodexo, Reliance, S&IB, Pantaloons, Bargach Finance, Vector Finance etc. to name a few.



02 Activity with banglanatak.com

On July 11, 2023, we signed a MoU between banglanatak.com and Bargach Foundation towards "Football for Development" and "Non-formal Child Education" projects in West Bengal. The Foundation also supports 200 underprivileged and economically backward children from Dariyapur (Dhokra hub in East Burdwan), Agortor (Kantha Hub in Nanoor in Birbhum District), Bikna (Dhokra hub in Bankura District) through a "Non-formal Child Education" project. The class room sessions are facilitated with the provision of teaching learning materials(TLM).



03 Activity with Adhigam Bhoomi (A Unit of "Help Us Help Them")

Adhigam Bhoomi follows a Gurukul process of learning. Gurukul is a traditional method of teaching that has been practiced in India for centuries. The word "Gurukul" literally means "home of the Guru," (Guru in Hindi language means Teacher) and it refers to a type of school where students live and study with their teacher in a residential setting at Pailan, 24 Paraganas (South), West Bengal. They study as well as participate in the running of the School. The educational method is based on the ideals of Rabindranath Tagore's Tapoban concept i.e. 'school amidst nature' which would follow the traditional educational system of ancient India.

Adhigam Bhoomi fosters a natural learning by creating a stimulating environment free from rigid rules. They believe in nurturing a child's curiosity and love of learning to enable



acquiring knowledge naturally. They also integrate village development into its curriculum. Students embark on annual village projects, living alongside community members. Guided by teachers and staff, they design and execute action plans to address local needs, fostering practical learning and community engagement.

Bargach Foundation is proud to support this innovative approach.

04 Water and Sanitation Survey

Bargach Foundation conducted awareness-cum-education program regarding the importance of safe drinking water and sanitation through water sanitation surveys under the various areas of West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

We have covered 8666 households for sanitation related project and 3330 households under water related project survey.

05 Community IT Centre

Bargach Foundation had introduced Community IT Centers in 20 of our Branch locations across 10 districts (West and East Midnapore, West and East Burdwan, Jhargram, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, Darjeeling, Nadia, Hooghly) of West Bengal in association with and support of Jana Small Finance Bank. The main objectives of Community IT Centers were to provide equal access to computers for the underprivileged section with a special emphasis on women. Through this, the Foundation ensured an effective basic computer training for all school going students – especially for the economically backward section of our society – to enhance their basic computer skills as per practical requirements. Through these centres, we have covered 3000 children on these initiatives.



06 Free Health Checkup Camp for sex workers

Bargach Foundation, in association with the Ward Number 48 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Shiv Chowk Club, had organized a Free Health Checkup Camp for the sex workers of Bowbazar red light area. The Health Checkup Camp was organized on the death anniversary of our Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The sex workers turned out in big numbers from various localities to avail this free opportunity for their health check-up. The camp was successfully organized with local stakeholders. Approximately 200 people visited the camp to make use of the free health check-up. They were advised by the Doctors in the camp on the importance of preserving their health and hygiene from time to time.



07 Inauguration of Utkarsh Bangla Kendra at Bansberia, Hooghly

The Hooghly Rural Police and Bargach Foundation had set up a Skill Development and a Computer Training Centre at Bansberia, Hooghly on March 7, 2024, for the unemployed youth. This center is named as "Utkarsh Bangla Kendra". The Kendra had introduced two courses namely "Microfinance Operation Associate (MOA)" and "Basic Computer Course". The MOA course would be of 390 hours duration while the Basic Computer Course would be for a period of two months. After successful completion of the course and a qualifying examination thereafter, the candidates will get certificates issued by the Government of West Bengal. Thereafter, the candidates will be considered for employment in our parent microfinance companies – Vector Finance and Bargach Finance.

The course will be conducted by a certified and experienced trainer in the field of Microfinance. For Skill Development Training, 32 candidates have successfully registered themselves in the first batch of the course which has already commenced. 40 additional candidates have registered successfully for the second batch. Around 150 candidates have so far registered themselves for the computer training course. The Skill Development and Computer Training Centre at Bansberia, Hooghly was inaugurated in the august presence of various distinguished guests: Shri Kamanasish Sen, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Hooghly Rural Police, Shri Rahul Johri, Chairman, Bargach Finance Private Limited, Shri Sumit Hans, CEO and CO-Founder of Bargach Finance Private Limited, Shri Avijit Sinha, Deputy Superintendent of Police etc. amongst many other distinguished guests from various fields.



PRESS COVERAGE

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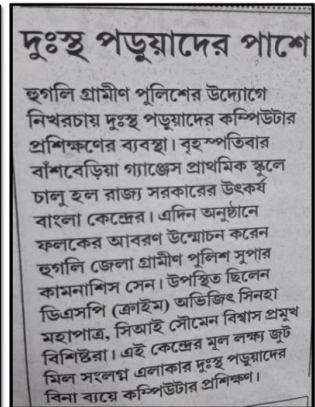
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A GLIMPSE OF SOME OF THE CANDIDATES WHO GOT PLACEMENTS THROUGH OUR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAM



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