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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:

“Never, never, be afraid to do what’s right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society’s punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are very happy to draw an overview through our Annual Report of our activities done in the year 2017-2018.

Bolpur Manab Jamin is a voluntary organisation working for the betterment of the society, especially those belonging to the marginalized section of the society. During the past few years the organization as a community-based organization tried to contribute its bit for the development of the rural Birbhum, especially in the underdeveloped project area. As an organization we want to lead and address the issues related to different area of interest.

I take this opportunity to thank the people and organizations that were associated with BMJ for undertaking the programmes successfully. I am also to various District and Block-level officials who helped the organization in carrying out its activities. I also thank our donors who reposed their faith on us. Many organizations and people came forward to help the activities of the organization in time of crisis. The organization is thankful to them.

Last, but not the least, the dedicated staff of the organization deserves a special mention for without their active co-operation the organization would not have achieved this result.

We have miles to go and to keep pace with the changing time, we live in the context of new hopes and new prospects and we continue to experiment with new ways of developing the potentials in our beneficiaries.

Secretary

Bolpur Manab Jamin





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INTRODUCTION

Bolpur Manab Jamin (BMJ) project has now completed 8 years of its service in Bolpur-Sriniketan block of Birbhum district of West Bengal. It is located in the arid zone of West Bengal. The soil is Red Laterite along with Vindya-alluvial soil at places. The landscape is undulating. It rained when it was not expected and did not rain when it was expected. The temperature was very high during the summer months. The winter was mild but had severe cold. Occasionally soil erosion is very high.

BMJ is working in 51 villages especially with ST, SC and under privileged section of the community. We are working on the fields of Sustainable Agriculture, Education, Animal Husbandry, Environment, Health, Nutrition, Right Based Approach, etc. in our project area.

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*

Our ongoing projects:

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is known to be one of the most significant economic activities. It is basically the cultivation of plants for the production of food, fuel, fiber, medicines and many other things that have become a necessity for the mankind. The development of agriculture turned to be a boon for the human civilization as it also gave way to their development.

Accordingly, Bolpur Manab Jamin, is very keen and interested to do agricultural works for the needy Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste population at village level. We run some programmes which are elaborated below for better understanding of our field of work.

Paddy Cultivation: This year improved variety paddy cultivation is done under our project area with the support of Chinsurah Rice Research Station the description follows:

100 kg Pratiksha variety of paddy was cultivated by 26 farmer of 14 villages. 100 kg Swarna variety of paddy was cultivated by 22 farmer of 14 villages. 10 kg Swarna Sub 1 variety of paddy was cultivated by 4 farmer of 4 villages.

Case Study: BISNUPADA MONDAL a marginal farmer of Chandanpur, this year cultivated Pratiksha variety paddy in 1 bigha of his land. His production was 6 quintal this year whereas previous year he cultivated local variety paddy and his production was 4.8 quintal which he sold at Rs. 7200. But this year he got Rs. 9000 (approx.) by selling his produce.

Aromatic Paddy Cultivation: This year with the support of Zonal Adaptive Research Station, Nalhati and Chinsurah Rice research Station 32 farmers' cultivated 11 different varieties of aromatic paddy in 14 villages. Details given below:



Sl. No.	Variety	Total Qty. (Kg)	Supported by
1	Badsabhog	10	Zonal Adaptive Research Station, Nalhati
2	Black Joha	3	
3	Lal Sita	5	
4	Khas Dhan	3	
5	Moti Bas	2	
6	Bas Moti	1	
7	Tulai Panji	5	
8	Deradun	1	
9	Randhuni Pagal	3	
10	Dudheswar	3	
11	Gobidhabhog	73	Chinsurah Rice Research Station

Case Study: Manik Bauri resident of Raipur is a Marginal farmer. He cultivated paddy, Gobindabhog variety nearly 2.5 Kg in 2 bigha of land. With the technical help of Bolpur Manab Jamin he have to use very less chemical fertilizer. He produced approx. paddy got 4.8 quintal, and rice 3 quintal price Rs 15000.00

Lentil Cultivation: As like last few years this year also we have supported the tribal farmers of our project area to cultivate lentil especially Subrata variety in their fallow land. This year with the support Berhampore Pulse & oilseed research Station 7 farmers of Akamba cultivated 7 bigha with 28 kg lentil seed which were considered as demonstration plots 28 kg.

The details are given below:

Sl. No.	Village	Lentil/ Bigha	Delivered Seed in Kg
1	Amradanga	11	55
2	Paruldanga	2	10
3	Kalitala	8	40
4	Darpashila	4	20
5	Ampukurdanga	5	35
6	Uttar Sehalai	8	40
7	Kuthipara	2	10
8	Banspukur	2	10
9	Mahisdhal	5	25
10	Sarpukur	4	25
11	Bidhyadharpur	4	20
12	Koyetpukur	4	20
13	Hatrasulgunj 2	3	15
14	Hatrasulgunj 1	7	35
15	Hetedanga	10	50
16	Borodanga	5	25
17	Mitradanga	6	30

18	Konrapara	10	45
19	Kankutia 2	10	50
20	Kantabagan	5	25
21	Borobagan	8	40
22	Itedanga	1	10
23	Ramchandrapur	23	100
24	Ramlaxmandanga	7	45
25	Hedodanga	1	5
26	Binodpur	10	50
27	Cannelpar	2	10
28	Raipur	15	75
29	Chandanpur	15	75
30	Supur	5	40
31	Akamba	90	370
32	Kendua	15	75
33	Kankutia	5	20
Total		312	1500

Case Study: Sri Aditya Das, residence of Raipur is a Scheduled Caste, marginal farmer and share cropper. He cultivated 2 bigha of land last year and got a substantial yield. So this year he leased in more 3 bigha of land from his neighbor only for Rabi season which was fallow. This year he have sold 620 kg of seed to middleman @ Rs. 60/- per kg amounting to Rs. 37200 and the rest he kept for own consumption. He is too much happy with the yield and is very eager to expand his area next year also.

Black Gram Cultivation: This year with we have distributed Black Gram in 24 villages where 50.85 bigha of land was cultivated. The farmers got 2 varieties of black gram which are IR8 and Kartika. Both the varieties were distributed in same quantity i.e. 100 kg each.

Case Study: Sita Hemram resident of Muluk Kalitala. She is a housewife but took active participation under this programme by preparing kitchen garden in their household area of 1 katha. She was able to grow 10 types of vegetables from her kitchen garden in this season which was sufficient for her 4 members' family. She also prepared varmicompost & farm yard manure for the same. She also transplanted fruit trees which was distributed under this programme. On the other side with the help of her husband Debilal Burman, who is a marginal farmer, they cultivated black gram in 0.5 bigha area in rainy season. In a total they got 72 kg of production. They retained 2 kg as seed for next year and kept 20 kg for own consumption. They got a pretty income of Rs. 4000 from selling 50 kg of black gram.

Green Gram Cultivation: This year 50 kg of Moong seed Samrat variety were also distributed in 24 villages under our project area.



Case Study: This crop helped many farmers but we need to tell the story of Sri Aditya Das a marginal farmer of Raipur village. He got 20 kg of Samrat variety of green gram to cultivate is 2 bigha of land. He cultivated his land in pre-khariff season before paddy. He got a very good production of 2 quintal where he kept 20 kg as seed for the next year and 80 kg for own consumption. He sold the rest 100 kg of green gram at the rate Rs. 70/- in the local market had got a decent income of Rs. 7000/-.

Chickpea Cultivation: This year 14 bigha lentil were cultivated with the support of Berhampore Pulse & Oilseed Research Station. The demonstration was done at Nurpur village under Nanoor Block. Seven (7) farmers participated in the programme where 88 kg of Anuradha variety seed were dispersed.

Khesari Cultivation: This year 6 bigha Khesari (Nirmal variety) seed was cultivated with the support Berhampore Pulse & Oilseed Research Station. The demonstration was done at Raipur village. Six (6) farmers participated where 50 kg seed was distributed.

Oilseed Cultivation

Sesame Cultivation: This year Rama variety sesame was cultivated in 26 villages under our project area. The farmers got 100 kg of sesame which covered 100 bigha of land.

Mustard Cultivation: This year mustard was cultivated in 266 bighas of land in 34 different villages. The farmers cultivated B9, Paira B and B 54 variety of mustard in their selected plots. B9 was cultivated in an area of 154 bighas, Paria B was cultivated in an area of 20 bighas and B54 was cultivated in an area of 79 bigha.

Case Study: A marginal farmer from Amradanga named Rabindranath Marddi cultivated mustard in his 1 bigha of land in Rabi season after paddy. He cultivated 1kg seed of B9 variety mustard. He got production of 1.87 quintal from where he kept 6 kg seed for the next year and for own consumption 131 kg. Rest of the produce i.e. 50 kg he sold at the rate Rs. 30/- per kg where he got Rs. 1500/- added income.

Kitchen Garden Programme

Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical and financial support of Bani Jagtiani Trust, New Delhi in 32 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 staffs allotted for the reason at different villages.

Kitchen Garden in Kharif: 833 units

Kitchen Garden in Rabi: 709 units

Kitchen Garden in Pre-Kharif: 434 units

Arum distributed: 129 beneficiary

Vermicompost: 77 units

Liquid Manure: 192 unit

Case Study: Choto Besra son of Late Bhora Besra resident of village Borodanga in the Ruppur Gram Panchayat. He is a literate person living in a kaccha house.





His family consists of his wife, 3 sons and 4 daughters. He had produced 35 kg pumpkin, 15 kg sponge gourd, 50 kg gourd, 10 kg amaranth, 10 kg ladies finger and 13 kg radish in his kitchen garden of 2 katha land. The total value of his produce is Rs. 1800/- (approx.). From there he has also distributed 20 kg gourd to his neighbours. He prepared farm yard manure and liquid manure for maintaining the garden organically.

CASE STUDY: *Babulal Hansda, a village shopkeeper and marginal farmer of Hatrasulgunj 2. After taking training he prepared a kitchen garden in 3 katha area in his household area. He was able to grow 6 types of vegetables in Rainy season and 8 types of vegetables in Rabi season which was sufficient for his family. So he sold his extra production in Rs. 4200.00 (approx.) through his own shop. He also prepared a vermicompost unit for his kitchen garden. He cultivated turmeric & ginger as spice at his kitchen garden and transplanted fruit trees too. He has a traditional jujube tree in his kitchen garden area which was transformed into improved jujube variety by grafting under jujube upgradation programme from where he got a good amount of jujube this year.*

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 543 nos. Mango, 341 nos. of Guava, 323 nos. of Lemon, 108 nos. Coconut, 32 nos. of Jujube, 53 nos. of Papaya, 70 nos. of Banana and 24 nos. of Jackfruit were distributed in 31 villages.

Case Study: *Sundari Murmu wife of Bijon Murmu, resident of Paruldanga, Kankalitala Gram Panchayat lives with her husband and only son in a 'kaccha' house. They are marginal farmers and work as agricultural labourers. Her land holding is 3 bighas. Her kitchen garden covers 2 kathas where she grew pumpkin, gourd, amaranth, sponge gourd and ladies' finger. The monetary value comes to approx. Rs. 1650/- in savings since her family consumed these vegetables instead of buying them in the Kharif season. She distributed Pumpkins & Gourds to her neighbor worth Rs. 200/- (approx.). She has a vermicompost unit for maintaining her kitchen garden organically. She has retained her seed for further replication. Her homestead garden consists of fruit trees such as mango, guava, jujube, jackfruit and banana. She had already harvested 3 kg jujube for her family's own consumption and she sold 3 kandi (large bunches) of bananas @ Rs. 350 per kandi totaling Rs. 1050/-.*

Agricultural Technology Transfer through Demonstration

SRI Method Paddy Cultivation

We organize different agricultural training for the skill upgradation of farmers along with technology transfer. The trainings are provided mainly to the members of Farmers' Club, youth leader and lead farmers. This year training and demonstration was done through SRI Method of paddy cultivation at 6 villages. The





demo includes 12 farmers. These farmers cultivated 7 kinds of aromatic variety of paddy at their demonstration area.

SMI Method in Mustard Cultivation

We provide advice to the farmers for betterment of their agricultural products. The farmers get better yield and also eager to continue these technologies in their field for better cultivation. This year we tried System of Mustard Intensification with 14 farmers of 13 villages. The farmers demonstrated with Divya and NRCHD-101 variety of mustard in their field.

Jujube Upgradation Programme

This is one of the programmes for poverty alleviation. Sour jujube plants are upgraded into sweet one by this programme.

Sl. No.	Village name	Total grafting	Successful	Productive	Damaged
1	Hetedanga	1	1	1	
2	Hatrasulgunj 1	1	1		
3	Hatrasulgunj 2	3	2	2	1
4	Nurpur 2	2			2
5	Paruldanga	1	1	1	
6	Amradanga	4	2	2	2
7	Itedanga	1	1		
8	Binodpur	5	4	4	1
9	Konrapara	2	2	2	
10	Hedodanga	2	1	1	1
11	Mitradanga	1	1	1	
12	Borodanga	3	2	2	1
Total		26	18	16	8

Education Support Programme

Bolpur Manab Jamin is committed to fundamentally improve the education level of 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 37 students studying at Class XI (24 nos.) and XII (12 nos.) got the support.

Special Training Center for Child Labour

Child labour cannot be totally eradicated unless it is supplemented by comprehensive socio-economic programmes and educational uplift of the under privileged sections of the society and by a change in the attitude of the society towards child labour. 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.





We are running smoothly the two Special Training Centers; one at Bilati village (50 students) and the other one at Koyra village (45 students) at Illambazar Block under Birbhum District Child Labour Rehabilitation Welfare Society with the support of Ministry of Labour and Employment.

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 4 Consumer Awareness Programme those are at Ramlakhandanga (49 nos. participants and 2 Resource Person), Bidyadharpur (48 nos. participants and 2 Resource Person), Bododanga (56 nos. participants and 2 Resource Person) and Darpashila (50 nos. participants and 2 Resource Person).

Poush Mela as platform for Consumer Awareness Campaign

Pous 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 3000 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 Pous Mela from 23rd to 28th December 2017 so that they can get in touch with more and more consumers.

The stall was inaugurated by Sri Bikash Roy Choudhury, Sabhadipati, Birbhum Zila Parishad. Along with him Sri Naresh Chandra Bauri, MLA Dubrajpur also visited our stall and spent some time with us.

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.

Observation National Consumers Rights Day

National Consumer Rights Day is observed every year in India on December 24, since the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 has been enacted on the same day in 1986 with the objective of providing better protection of consumer's interest. Bolpur Manab Jamin also celebrated the day at Supur with 54 participants. The meeting elaborated on effective safeguards which are provided to the consumer, against various types of exploitations and unfair dealings, relying mainly on compensatory rather than a disciplinary or preventive approach under the Act.

Consumer Awareness programme at State Livestock Fair

State livestock fair was organized from 13.11.17 to 15.11.17 at Duckbanglow Maidan of Bolpur, where with the support of Regional Office, CA&FBP we organized a stall for the awareness of consumers. Projection of Cartoon Documentary Films regarding different examples of buying day to day commodities





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Programmes under Central Board for Workers Education, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India

a) Quality of Life Training for Unorganized Sector Labour

The term Quality of Life is used to evaluate the general well-being of individuals and societies in a wide range of contexts, including the fields of development, healthcare, policies and schemes. Quality of life should not be confused with the concept of standard of living, which is based primarily on income. Instead, standard indicators of the quality of life include not only wealth and employment, but also the built environment, physical and mental health, education, recreation and leisure time, and social belonging. For that reason, 1 training on Quality of Life for 4 days were organized for unorganized sector labour at Supur Debdut Club. There were 20 couples to participate in the trainings. Every participants got a stipend at the end of the session.

b) Sensitization programme for parents of Child Labour under Special Training Center

This year 3 sensitization programme had been organized for the parents of child labour for the parents of Child Labour under National Child Labour Programme at Supur Special Training Center, Bilati Special Training Center and Pachiara Special Training Center. There had been discussion on the availability and accessibility of different Schemes and Programme for unorganized sector labour.

c) Special Awareness programme for Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste Unorganised Sector Labour

Special programme for Scheduled Tribe and Scheldule Caste had been organised at different villages of Bolpur Sriniketan Block. The objectives of this programme was to make a bridge between the under privilege section of the community and Government offices. Inspector BCW, Health Supervisor, Immunisation and Family Planning, Social Welfare Officer, Panel lawyer, State Legal Service Authority spoke on different schemes; there had been also discussion on the availability and accessibility of different Schemes and programme for unorganized sector labour. ST special awareness programme covered 320 tribal people of 8 villages, SC special awareness programme covered 120 SC participants in 3 villages and SC & ST special awareness 5 villages which covered 200 villagers.

d) Awareness Programme on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

One (1) awareness programmes on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act have been organized where 40 villagers of 1 village under Bolpur Manab Jamin Project area participated in this training programme. The key speakers were Inspector BCW, Health Supervisor, Immunisation and Family Planning, Social Welfare Officer, Panel lawyer, State Legal Service Authority who gave a clear idea about the act of MGNREGA's programme and its implementation.

Financial Education Workshop with SEBI

This year we have organized Financial Education Workshop with the support of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) 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 300 participants of 6 villages. Sri Angshuman Bhattacharya,





certified financial education Resource Person of SEBI was the key speaker of the programme. Details given below:

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 2 nos. of awareness camps were held on Legal Aid Services at Borodanga (48 participants) and Supur (65 participants) 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, Aninda Bannerjee, CJSD, and Advocats of related issue of Bolpur Court delivered their valuable speech in the context.

LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ASSET BUILDING PROJECT

Animal Husbandry Health Camp

Sixteen (16) animal husbandry health camp was organised at 16 different villages under 4 Gram Panchayats where animal were provided vaccines, medicines, fodder seed and nutrients. Nearly 6000 livestock were benefitted by this programme. The programme was supported by Block Livestock Development Officer, Bolpur- Sriniketan Block.

Livestock Insurance

Insurance of 8 milking cow was done with the help of Block Livestock Development Officer, Bolpur-Sriniketan Block for betterment of animal health, animal property and farmers.

Livestock Distribution

The livestock are declining in the rural area because of high price and less availability of fodder. To mitigate this scenario we under Asset building project distributed 15 cows, 42 goats and 150 ducks in different villages. These livestock will increase their income and treated as asset which will help them to sustain for a long time. This alternative income will help them to counter many needs in their household. The idea of replication will help increase animal population in rural area. It will also provide organic manure which will help to maintain the kitchen garden in better way.

Sl. No	Village	Cow	Goat	Duck
1	Taltore	1	2	10
2	Darpashila	1	3	10
3	Banspukur	1	2	10
4	Natundanga	1	2	10
5	Uttar Sehalai	1	2	10
6	Koyetpukur	1	2	10
7	Bidyadharpur	1	2	10
8	Amradanga	1	2	10
9	Hetedanga	1	3	10
10	Ramchandrapur	1	3	10
11	Kantabagan	1	3	10



12	Ramlaxmandanga	1	2	10
13	Paruldanga	1	3	10
14	Borodanga	1	2	10
15	Hedodanga	1	2	10
16	Konrapara		1	
17	Kuthipara		1	
18	Mohisdhal		1	
19	Sarpukur		1	
20	Dighipara		1	
21	Ampukurdanga		1	
22	Mitradanga		1	
Total		15	42	150

MUNI MURMU w/o Budi Murmu, resident of Kantabagan, a village in Raipur/Supur GP. She is a housewife and her husband is a small farmer. She lives with her husband, 1 son and 1 daughter. She have studied up to Class VIII.

She had 2 bulls and has received a goat from the project. The goat was pregnant at the time when it was given to the family and delivered its first kid after 3 months. Both mother goat and the baby goat are in good health.

Muni was overjoyed when asked about her experience regarding the programme. She said, **“I love Puntti (name given to the goat) very much. She is like my daughter and her baby is very cute. The way which this programme works has showed me the benefits that are a boon to me and I shall be able to increase the number of goats to get more income.”**

BAIDYANATH DAS s/o Late Pasupati Das, a marginal farmer also works as daily labourer and resides in the village of Madhusudanpur (Taltore) in the Ruppur GP. He is illiterate and owns with 6 bighas of land. He has distributed 4.5 bighas to his 3 sons equally and kept for himself 1.5 bighas of land. He lives in a kaccha house with his wife who is ill and has been bed-ridden for a long time.

He owns 1 Female calf but due to his economic condition he has also received support from BMJ in the form of kitchen garden seeds, and fruit trees. He also received 1 healthy Jersey cow. As there is a subabul tree in his garden, there are no further fodder expenses. He takes good care of the cow. According to him **“I am expecting a good income from the Jersey cow as it gives more milk than the traditional cows in the village. Also I am saving on fuel costs, since as I get cow dung as a byproduct. ”** He also added, **“I am very happy and pray to God that organizations like yours may flourish even more so that they can help more and more underprivileged people.”** His moist eyes could be seen by our field worker.



OBSERVATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

Observance of World Health Day

“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity” – World Health Organization, 1948.

World Health Day was celebrated on 7 April which aims to mobilize action on depression. This condition affects people of all ages, from all walks of life. The programme was organized at Hatrasulgunj Santal Primary School with 65 villagers. Representatives from St Mary’s Mother and Child Care Hospital were present in the programme to enrich the participants. Awareness on sanitation and hygiene was also given in this day.

Observance of Earth Day

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better” – Albert Einstein

Earth Day is a day that is supposed to inspire more awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. We observe each year on April 22 at different villages. This year we celebrated the day at Hedodanga Cannelpar with 25 participants and BMJ members.

Mother’s Day Celebration

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers” – Rudyard Kipling

Mother’s Day was celebrated at Supur village with the collaboration of Supur Debdut Club on 14th May. This year 54 children and their mothers participated in the celebration.

Observance of World Environment Day

Pleasure is Nature's test, her sign of approval. When man is happy, he is in harmony with himself and his environment” – Oscar Wilde

This Day was observed in our Special Training Centres located at Koyra and Bilati on 5th June. Students, parents, teachers, staff members of Training Centre and BMJ were present to observe the day.

Celebration of Late Sunandadi’s Birthday

As Sunandadi is unforgettable it always makes us happy to remember her. To celebrate this occasion we organized a sit and draw competition on 18th July at Paruldanga. 16 students participated in the programme at Paruldanga club. The students were distributed school bags, tiffin boxes and chocolates at the end of the programme as a token of affection.

Sunandadi Memorial Day

We the staff members of BMJ and villagers of Ram laxmandanga observed Sunanda Di Memorial Day on her death anniversary on 2nd January by remembering her works and the services she have given to our society to up bring it.



World Consumer Rights Day

The day was organized on 15th March at Bidyadharpur village. Around 120 villagers and 2 Legal Representative gathered at Bidyadharpur Mancha to participate in the programme.

Observance of World Water Day

“There must be a reason why some people can afford to live well. They must have worked for it. I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use” – Mother Teresa

This year on 22nd March we organized an awareness meeting at Taltore village with 52 villagers. The participants were wastage of water and use of water judiciously. They were also said to replicate the idea in their community so that everybody in the village becomes aware about the matter.

Training / Meeting / Workshop

Date	Participants	Participated at
10.04.17	2 BMJ members	Annual Partner's Meet, Goonj, Kolkata
10.05.17	2 BMJ members	Sekampur BCKV farm
18.05.17	2 BMJ members	Zonal Adaptive Research Station, Nalhati
23.05.17	4 BMJ members and 1 PF	Chinsurah Rice Research Station
03.07.17	3 BMJ members	Annual Partner's Meeting, ICARDA, New Delhi
20.07.17	1 BMJ member	District level workshop on promotion of farmers producer organization, NABARD, Suri
24.08.17	1 BMJ member	GGF Meeting, Gumla, Ranchi
16.09.17	1 BMJ member	Sramik Diwas & Hindi Bhasa Diwas, Central Board for Worker's Education, Asansol
13.11.17 15.11.17	10 BMJ members and 25 participants	Training on Livestock, State Livestock Fair, Bolpur
10.12.17	1 BMJ member	GGF Meeting, Betla, Ranchi
05.02.18	5 BMJ members, 15 SHG members and villagers	Indo-American Workshop on Kantha-stitch, Lohagarh
07.02.18	13 BMJ members and 30 farmers	Fodder Research Station & National Dairy Research Station Visit, Berhampore
10.02.18	5 BMJ members	SEBI workshop, Kolkata
16.02.18	18 farmers	Agricultural Training, Bolpur Manab Jamin Office
26.02.18	1 BMJ member	Workshop on SHG, JLG, Bankers Institute for Rural Development, Bolpur
13.03.18	23 Visitors & 1 BIRD representative	Trainee visited Borodanga village

Team Members	
Anuradha Mondal	Priyanka Sarkar
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Gupin Kisku	Srikanta Mondal
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Sl. No.	Name & Address	Designation	Occupation
1.	Dr. Madhushree Ghosh 4/25 Fern Road Kolkata : 700019	President	Retired Professor
2.	Ishani Roy Chowdhury 54A, Sashtitala Road, P.O – Talpukur Barrackpore, Kolkata: 700123	Vice President	Retired Bank Official
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 the
community by allowing us to continue our work.
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