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ANNUAL REPORT FOR F.Y. 2023-2024

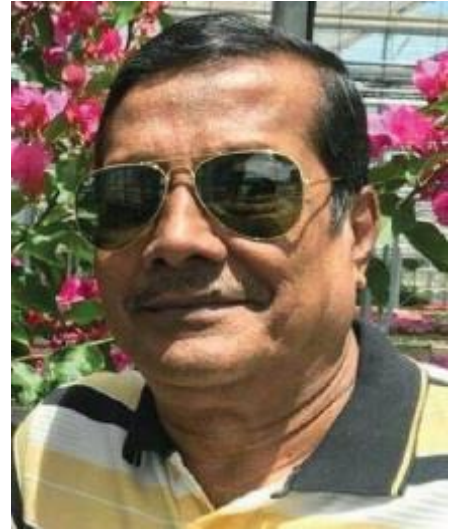
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Message from the President



Behala Bodhayan started its journey in the year 2001 with the untiring endeavor of our Founder President Late Sasanka Sekhar Ghosh with a few special children and an objective to nurture them up in away so that they can sustain a life of their own in the absence of their parents.

In my last message, I mentioned the total activities of our and various events that were performed and attended in this year.

It is needless to mention that Behala Bodhayan has now stood up on its own potential after almost 24 years with the untiring efforts and hard work by our teachers and the staff. We all know that Behala Bodhayan is a parents organization giving all possible training and support to Autistic Children.

There are about 81 students studying in our school, out of which 12 children are living in full time hostel attached to the school situated on the upper floor of the same building. 10 -12 full-time teaching staffs engage in giving vocational training, speech therapy, and physical training. Two male attendant take care of our hostel children for looking after them during the night. Giving regular medicine to the disables children is an uphill task. I salute to our ex President Late Sasankha Ghose for his relentless efforts for the foundation of Behala Bodhayan with the noble idea of giving support and proper training to such autistic children so that they can be to some extent independent in their life when their parents will not be there in their life. Mr Ghosh started this school with limited fund and manpower in 2001. We all always remember his great gesture and his foresight.

Last but not least, I congratulate and appreciate the teachers and others staffs for their sincere efforts, patience, and honest support to these children. We, the parents of such autistic children, are hence free from worries for keeping our children in Bodhayan. I pray for everyone's good health and peaceful life. Thank you.

Regards

Sabyasachi Lahiri (President)

Message from General Secretary



BEHALA BODHAYAN over the last decade has established itself as an organization committed towards welfare of Society for various sectors of general masses and reaching out to help people in case of natural calamities. **BEHALA BODHAYAN** has started its operation on 1980 and later on was Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, in the year 2001.

Work undertaken in conjunction with our Patron, Donors, Corporate Sectors, Individual and other Organizations in 2023-2024 provides a strong platform for our ongoing efforts.

Interns and volunteers have been an important resource at BEHALA BODHAYAN bringing energy, enthusiasm and hard work to the organization.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Executive Committee as well as the persons associated with whose skilled guidance has helped us to come so far. I would also like to acknowledge my gratitude for the hard work put in by the staff as well as the coworkers.

As BEHALA BODHAYAN moves towards forward, we look forward to scaling ever-greater heights.

Regards

Rikta Ghosh (General Secretary)

BEHALA BODHAYAN - Growing with confidence

BEHALA BODHAYAN founded in the year 2001 registered under The West Bengal Societies Registration Act. 1961, by some like-minded people belonging to different age groups and different sections of the society, our organization is working in some devoted issues of women and child development, Health & Nutrition, environment, education, micro enterprise promotion, Cluster Development, protection and promotion of rights of different vulnerable segments of the society and management of natural disasters in the state of West Bengal. Now it gives us immense pleasure to present the annual report for the year 2023-2024. Another eventful year is completed in the history of BEHALA BODHAYAN, which would be ever remembered. The year is meaningful in achieving some milestones in the field of development with our own unique experience and expertise in implementing different development initiatives. This is only possible due to the hard work and commitment of our staffs, volunteers and other individual(s) directly or indirectly associated with our mission. We are very much thankful to them and delighted to present our achievements and thoughts in a systematic manner in this small report. Our organisation believes that participatory approach of development and community participation at grassroots level is one of the keys for success of our activities. We would never forget the felt support and positive attitude of the community towards our programmes, and at this juncture we are also inviting them to come closer and extend their full cooperation in the development process that is meant for them. Financial constraint has always remained as a barrier to shape up our dream. However, due to the support of our partners and members, we are marching towards our vision and mission in a collaborative approach. We wish their support would continue in the days ahead also for supporting the stakeholders to witness a better tomorrow.

Vision & Values

To usher in a confirming action with the multi-dimensional activities for the protection, care and inclusion of persons with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities within or close to their own communities with the objectives of exploring and developing their maximum potentialities.

Behala Bodhayan pays utmost importance to the values the members believe in. The main objective is to explore and develop the potentials that lie in each individual with special needs to the fullest extent in order to include them in the mainstream of the society.

Mission

- To facilitate opportunities in order to empower and enable persons with disability through education, vocational training care, inclusive education, income generation and social integration.
- To strengthen families so that after the demise of their parents such children can be taken care of by their legal guardians or other eligible persons of registered organizations.

- To enhance parents' co-operation and association for taking care of children with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.
- To develop family support programmed for the children with disabilities which include training of parents and siblings, awareness within the family and relatives in order to keep their environment free from physical and psychological barriers.
- To synergize community people for the need of partnership between governments, persons with disabilities, their families, voluntary organizations, special educators and the main stream of the society.
- To develop comprehensive centers with diagnostics, counseling and therapeutic services, self-help groups, sustainable services, district level information systems and networks and multi-sectoral linkages.

Organisational Setup

Behala Bodhayan is an association of parents of the persons with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy & multiple disabilities, forming a Non-Government Non-profit charitable organization for the welfare of such persons with the said disabilities and functioning for the last 14 years.

Our organization primarily engages in running:

- A residential care center which provides boarding and lodging of students.
- A special school (Day Care Centre) for early intervention and providing basic education.
- Vocational training along with other trainings and developments for improvement in their quality of life, rehabilitation, social integration and in order to make themselves self sufficient.
- Social Service which involves home visits, surveys, need based aids and appliances, therapy, awareness and medical help.
- Social Integration Programs which include cultural and vocational activities, awareness workshops and competitions.

General Objectives

1. A health care unit specially equipped for children with various different abilities.
2. An old age home for elderly persons with disability /parents who are unable to support themselves & their wards/senior citizens who have cultivated interest in the activities of Behala Bodhayan.
3. A seminar hall & auditorium for the various cultural activities conducted by Behala Bodhayan.
4. Recreational centre with a play-ground, therapeutic and training arrangement.
5. Respite care centre with equipments for short stay for the children and their families.

Specific Objectives:

Goal oriented Individual Educational Programme

As our organisation deals with students who are mentally retarded hence we a set up individual educational and development programmes & syllabus that suits compatible for particular student.

The School unit divided into 5 classes according to the functional & chronological age of the child.

1. **Pre-Primary**– Pre-Primary class is the first level of the child in a structured setting with teachers and group of children. The curricular and co-curricular to be in sync with child's social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical abilities. This helps our young children to learn according to their abilities.
2. **Primary** – This class focuses on the socialisation along with functional and pre-vocational skill development. A few students were speechless and language training which enhanced their speaking abilities.
3. **Secondary**- Students of this class participated in different cultural programmes and also participated in different in various School competitions and has been awarded with prizes and certificates.
4. **Prevocational I** – In this class the students are provided with skill-based training to enhance their readiness to work so that they can choose their future job according to their abilities.

5. **Prevocational II** – We perform almost similar activity as in Prevocational I but on a higher level.

6. **Vocational** – In this class we provide various types of vocational training such as
 - a. Junk Jewellery making
 - b. Stitching
 - c. Handicraft of various types
 - d. Greeting Card making
 - e. Food processing

Through these class students are able to learn different vocational skills for future placements.

Apart from the above-mentioned classes we also provide OBE & various Therapies for self-development of the students.

OBE (Open Basic Education)

The Open Basic Education provides opportunities to the children with special needs and helps them to pursue their education with flexibility.

OBE consists of 3 Levels:

- a. Level A - Equivalent to Class – III
- b. Level B - Equivalent to Class –V
- c. Level C - Equivalent to Class –VIII

After successful completion of Level C we inspire and provide support to appear for Madhyamik (Std. X).

Therapy – The main objective of this Unit is to identify the problems of the child through proper intervention and to make them self-sufficient.

Following are the types of therapies:

- a. Speech & Language Therapy
- b. Physiotherapy
- c. Occupational Therapy
- d. Sensory Therapy

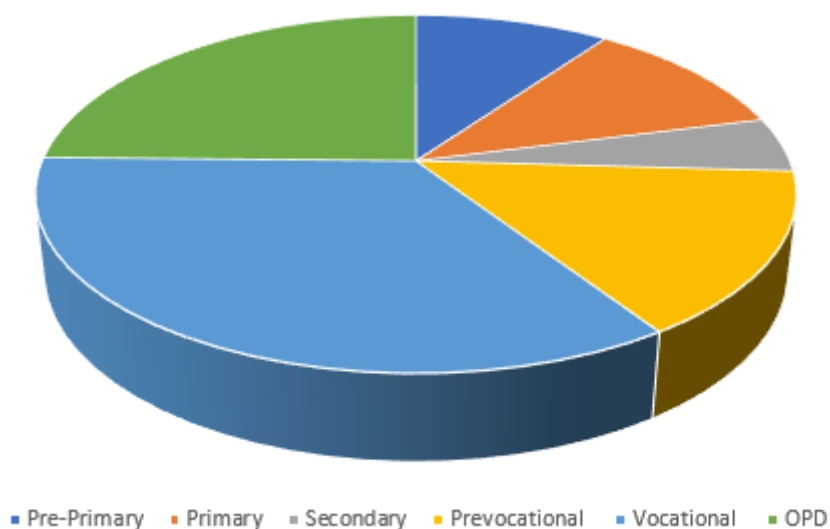
Apart from the Therapies we also provide Art & Craft, Music, Dance, Psychological Counselling with individual attention.

Currently there are 80 students in our organization for F.Y. 2023-2024.

We provide financial and non-financial assistance to the students on demand.

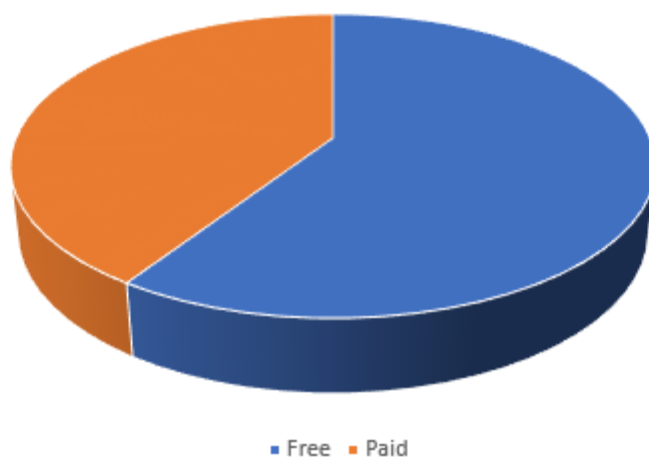
Following are the break-up of the same.

Class	Students
Pre-Primary	8
Primary	9
Secondary	4
Prevocational	12
Vocational	28
OPD	20
Total:	81



Among our 81 students we accept Consultation fees from 33 students and we provide free consultation to 48 students. Following is the break-up of the same.

Free & Paid Consultation



At Behala Bodhayan, our impact goes beyond our 81 students, reaching over **thousands** of individuals every year through home visits, rallies, and community events. We work tirelessly to educate parents, families, and communities about the unique needs of their children, fostering a deep sense of understanding and acceptance. Our commitment to empowerment also extends to women, providing them with opportunities to thrive within our organization. Behala Bodhayan is more than just a support center; it is a source of hope and transformation, touching countless lives with love and compassion each day. Join us in continuing this journey of making a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

Affiliations

- a) West Bengal Societies Registration Act vide No. S/1L/05204 dt. 22/05/2003.
- b) Commissioner for the Persons with Disabilities, Government of West Bengal vide No. 36-COM 2003-04) dated 23/05/2003
- c) Academic recognition by Mass Education Extension Department, Government of West Bengal Vide No. 308/MEE/Sectt/EM 3 S-86-05 dated 23/03/2306.
- d) Sponsored by Mass Education and Library Science Department, Govt. of W.B vide No. 1080- MEE/Sectt/ EM / O / 3' S' – 131 / 08 dated 16th November, 2010
- e) Enlisted Parents Association with National Institute for Mentally Handicapped (NIMH), Secunderabad.
- f) Affiliated member of Parivaar- National confederation of Parents Organisation and also Parivaar, Bengal Region.
- g) National Trust of Government of India vide Registration No. 2536/MR/2004 dated 28th January, 2004
- h) We are registered under 80(G) and 12(A) of Income Tax Act vide no.147110837 and DIT(E)/T- 83/BE/168/2002-03 respectively
- j) Our unique identification no issued by Niti Aayog is WB/2017/0152408 dated 12th May, 2017
- k) We are registered under department of family and health care, Govt. of West Bengal.
- l) We are registered under Corporation of Kolkata vide Trade License No. 568914 dated 2nd August, 2018 to carry out manufacturing and sale of handicrafts items

DONORS & PATRONS

Behala Bodhayan extends its sincere and deep gratitude to the Patrons and Donors – whose spontaneous contributions have supported the organization to pass another year of success in the service of its inmates – the under privileged with multiple disability and autism.

GOVERNMENTS & CORPORATE SECTOR

Contingency & Other Grants from Mass Education Extension, Govt of W. B.

ORGANISATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

RKG Seva Foundation
Inner Wheel Club of South Kolkata, Sarodia
S.J. F. Philanthropic Organization
Barisha K K Roy Choudhury Road, Sri Sri Chandi Puja Samity
Linde Global Support Services Pvt Ltd.
Kalighat Nepal Bhattacharjee Street Club
Rotary Club of Calcutta, New Alipore

INDIVIDUALS

Mrs. Bratati Mukherjee, IRS
Mr. Suvojit Chakraborty
Mr. Ujaan Ganguly
Mrs. Jayashree Gupta
Mrs. Sudipa Bardhan Mazumder
Dr. Abhijit Biswas
Mrs. Shukla Ganguly
Mr. Bappaditya Roy Choudhury
Mrs. Sreemoyee Roy Choudhury
Smt. Sharmistha Chatterjee
Mr. Santosh Dhand
Mrs. Dipti Ranjan Prasad
Mrs. Purnima Singh
Sri Shymal Kar

Overview of the Year-2023-2024

World Autism Day (01/04/2023):

There is no better way to celebrate this day than by becoming aware of the characteristics of people with this condition and how all of us can do better to increase our own understanding and promote kindness. The day has been celebrated by organising a medical camp in association with Rotary Club of New Alipore.

Bengali New Year (Poila Boisakh)

Bengali New Year has been celebrated on 15/04/2023 in concurrence with the foundation day of School. Students of the School and various Social Worker has taken participation on the programme.

Akshay Tritiya

Akshay Tritiya has been celebrated on 23/04/2023 which is the 22nd foundation day of our Vocational Unit. Students performed songs, dance, recitation and the day ended with cake cutting ceremony which has been prepared by the students.

Dance Movement Therapy

A workshop has been conducted on Dance Movement Therapy with 14 students of Pre Primary Group and their mothers on dt: 03/05/2023.

Rabindra Jayanti Celebration (09/05/2023) :

Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary was observed on 09/05/2023 at premises of Mialn Tirtho Club with much enthusiasm. The event conducted successfully to commemorate the birth anniversary of our great novelist.

Integrated program

An integrated program has been organized by "UNMISH" titled as Ek Muskan Ke Liye at Sighania Palace where 15 students of our school has been participated.

A cultural progamme has been organized at Loknath Mandir where 50 students has been participated.

Summer Camp

Summer camp has been conducted on 05-06/05/23 which is a special camp for students to come together and have fun. They try new adventures and learn new things in a safe

environment away from home and thus develop a sense of independence. Magic show, puppet show, fun activity, food & cold drinks is an added interest for students.

Rath Yatra

Rath Yatra has been celebrated on dt: 20/06/2023 by the inmates of the School.

Felicitation & Awards:

On 09/07/2023 on the occasion of 25th Anniversary celebration of “Modern Glory Integrated School” the Secretary of our organisation (Mrs. Rikta Ghosh” has been felicitated and 6 students has been participated in the cultural programme.

One of our educator Mrs: Santana Adhikary has been awarded Philanthropic Award of Teacher excellence for Students with Special needs.

Our Dance Teacher has been awarded by SHE group on Sept 2023.

Cultural Programme:

We have been cordially invited by “Behala Sishudarpan” to participate in the cultural programme. 10 students from our School have been participated in the programme. The programme was held in the auditorium of “Behala Blind School”.

5 students from our School has participated in a cultural programme which has been organised by “Alpana” which is a Delhi based NGO in the last week on Nov 2023.

Loreto College of Psychology has organised a cultural programme where 10 of our students has been participated.

On the programme of Commisisoner of Persons with Disabilities, Govt of WB, we have exhibited the products of the vocational unit and also 10 students from our school has participated in their cultural programme. Additionally we have participated in a exhibition on Rotary club on 02/12/2023.

We have also participated at EZCC organised by Ineerwheel Saltlake Downtown where 7 participants from our School has perfomed.

10 students from our School has performed in a cultural programme organised by “Sakher Bazar Sarbojonin” on 28/12/2023.

Awareness Programme:

An awareness programme on Therapeutic Intervention for ASD on dt: 29/07/2023. The main speakers were:

Mr: Asit Jana – Play therapist

Mrs: Dola Majumder - Phychologist

Mrs: Archita Panda – Speech therapist

In association with “Parivar Bengal”, DAF & Autism Society an awareness programme have been conducted at Rashbehari Avenue. The objective of the programme is to create awareness towards the physical and mental torture to the needy childs.

Vocational Exhibition:

In association with “Innerwheel Club Southwest” an exhibition on vocational products has been conducted at Priceton Club.

Independence Day Celebration:

The day of 15th August in 1947 has been embossed in the golden history of India. It is the day when India got its freedom from the 200 years of British rule. It was a hard and a long high stakes struggle in which many freedom fighters and great men sacrificed their lives for our beloved motherland.

Independence Day has been celebrated by students & teachers of the organization.

Condolence

Condolence to our Late Founder President Mr. Sasanka Sekhar Ghosh on dt: 29/08/2023. Like every year we have conducted a sapling plantation programme followed by Rakhi celebration.

Teachers Day Celebration (05/09/2023) :

We have celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September the birth anniversary of Dr. Radhakrishnan to honor the contribution made by teachers to society. Every student celebrates this day virtually to acknowledge and support the contribution of his or her teacher.

Biswakarma Puja (18/09/2023) :

Biswakarma Puja has been celebrated at the vocational unit of Office.

Blood Donation Camp:

Sarsuna Police Station has organized a blood donation camp which has been inaugurated by our students.

World Disability Day (03/12/2023):

The programme has been conducted virtually by the teachers all the students has been participated in the programme.

The main objective of the programme is to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects.

Annual Picnic (06/01/2024):

The annual picnic of the School was organised at a picnic spot named “Teen Bigha Dus Haat”. Approximately 150 participants attended the picnic including teachers & parents. Fun games, Quiz and other activities was a part of the programme.



Swami Vivekananda's Birthday (12/01/2024) :

National Youth Day or Swami Vivekananda Birthday is celebrated online with the great joy and enthusiasm on 12th of January. It is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, maker of the modern India. It was first declared by the Government of India in the year 1984 to celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda as the National Youth Day.

Netaji's Birthday Celebration (23/01/2024) :

We cannot forget the contribution of a great leader Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was celebrated by paying floral tributes.

Republic day Celebration (26/01/2024) :

Happy Republic Day 2024: The 73rd Republic Day is being celebrated on January 26 following the COVID-19 safety rules. The virtual celebration in all the classes commenced with the address to the students by the Secretary. She dedicated the celebration to the undying human spirit to triumph in the face of adversity and touched upon the measures being taken by the nation to help the citizens tide over the economic crises. She stressed the fact, that we have used the crisis as an opportunity to build on our strengths.

Saraswati Puja (07/02/2024) :

We celebrated Saraswati Puja on the 7th February 2024 at office premises. Students participated in the occasion virtually. All the teachers & Non Teaching staffs this festival with a lot of joy. It started with the morning puja followed by prasad distribution. Moreover it was a day of joy and happiness. Thus we concluded the day with a lot of prayers .



Vasha Dibas was celebrated on 21.02.2024 where the students performed an inhouse cultural programme.



Basanta Utsav (17/03/2024) :

Behala Bodhyan had organised Basanto Utsav in presence of many Hon'ble social workers, School Teachers, Members of the organisation along with co-workers involvement in this programme.

The events was a day-long programme included music, recitation, dance, story-telling, extempore speech, pantomime, and chorus. The chief guest distributed prizes among the participants who performed well in the function.



World Environment day (05/06/2023):

The global green cover has been rapidly decreasing over the past decade. India itself has lost tree cover of 16lakh hectare in the last 17 years. We need to collectively make up for the lost green cover. We are striving towards a greener planet with our large –scale regular tree plantation drives. Also we have taken initiatives to promote environment conservatism and preservation of flora and fauna .We have spread awareness about the usage of certain materials that have adverse effect on the environment
On 05/06/2021 we have World Environment day. The students have celebrated the day by planting saplings at their homes and adjacent areas of the locality.

Despite of pandemic we have organized a condolence meeting like every year in the presence of all Board Members, Teaching & Non-Teaching Staffs. We have commemorate the by planting saplings at our Ram Road premises.

Birthday Celebration of Vidyasagar (26/09/2023) :

September 26 marked birth anniversary of educator and social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar who contributed to the growth of education and advocated empowerment of women in India. The event has been conducted virtually to acknowledge and support the contribution of him.

Children's Day Celebration (14/11/2023) :

Children's Day is observed in our schools virtually. Teachers put up programmes and entertaining performances for the children. This year due to the pandemic, the Children's Day celebrations took place through online platforms like Zoom.

Christmas Day Celebration:

Christmas is celebrated on 25th December every year. This festival commemorates the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ – the Messiah of God. The programme has been conducted virtually and the students celebrated it with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Down Syndrome Day (21/03/2024) :

The theme of World Down Syndrome Day this year is "Inclusion Means". It calls for making efforts to include people with down syndrome in all matters of life and not discriminate against them.

Students Activities (10/12/2023) :

A programme of dance competition has been conducted by Alpona of Delhi. Competitors from different part of the country participated in the programme like Isreal, Sri Lanka etc. 8 students of Behala Bodhyan has participated in the programmed as a representative from Kolkata. The performance of our students has been appreciated by many.

Other Misc. Activities:

Rally





Health Camp



Anandamela



Our Team:

In F.Y. 2023-2024, **BEHALA BODHAYAN** was structure by a team of 11 members, who were experienced social workers and dedicated professionals. They are truly the life blood of the organization. The team members served as the back bone of all the projects being implemented by it in partnership with other organization. Our team is balanced and it is ensured that no one is discriminated on the basis of caste, colour, religion or gender.

Board Member 'of the Behala Bodhayan:

i)	SABYASACHI LAHIRI	President
ii)	SOUMEN UPADHYAY	Working President
iii)	RIKTA GHOSH	General Secretary
iv)	RUMA CHAKRABORTY	Asst. Secretary
v)	JOYDEV BARUI	Treasurer
vi)	BIPASA DUTTA ROY	Member
vii)	VASWATI GHOSH	Member
viii)	SOUMITRA NANDI	Member
ix)	REENA LAHIRI	Member
x)	DEBARATI GHOSH	Member
xi)	KARUNA BARUI	Member

Appeal for Donation

Disability activists across the country are required to work constantly to secure a proper and right place for the persons with disabilities in the society. The ever growing response to our program is the indicator of our success. Your support will help us to achieve even greater heights in reaching out to more and more children in need of our intervention. You may like to offer your invaluable support cum donation to help the children to lead a normal and healthy life. You can donate in the form of a cheque/demand draft drawn in favor of "BEHALA BODHAYAN" marked "Account payee only" payable at Kolkata. You can also opt for Item Based Sponsorship.

Donation to Behala Bodhayan is exempted under section 80G of Income Tax (India) 1961.

Should you like to know more about the activities of Behala Bodhayan you may kindly write or email us providing your name, mobile/phone no. and e-mail address.

Our thanks to all our donors and well-wishers across India and overseas for their support and goodwill throughout the years. Without this generosity, we could not have touched the lives of these special children, their families and the society at large.

BEHALA BODHAYAN

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