

PUTKHALI-

An Initiative from

AMADER ARPAN

A Brief Report

About Us

Amader Arpan is a philanthropic organization set up in June 2008 with volunteers mostly from fields such as engineering, consultancy, research, IT etc and it's registered office at Kolkata. Since then we have tried our level best to reach out to the students who are not fortunate enough to pursue their dreams of both elementary and higher level studies.

We consider ourselves fortunate enough to serve almost 250 students all over West Bengal and Jharkhand.

Although our main focus is on the upliftment of the standard of education of the underprivileged students, yet we try not to limit ourselves only to this periphery. We also try our level best to serve people who are in need.

Among our varied activities going on at present, the most important one to mention is the all-round development of the Bamanpukur village, situated in North 24 Parganas of W.B. We have expanded the Coaching Centre at Bamanpukur Ramakrishna Sevashrama, facilitating education for nearly 100 students, including arrangement for their daily tiffin along with special training on extra-curricular activities like singing, dancing, painting etc. A Charitable Homeo Dispensary, an Allopathic dispensary and a Library have been constructed at Bamanpukur Ramakrishna Sevashrama for the villagers. We also organize spiritual and motivational retreat programs among ourselves as well as among the residents of Bamanpukur.

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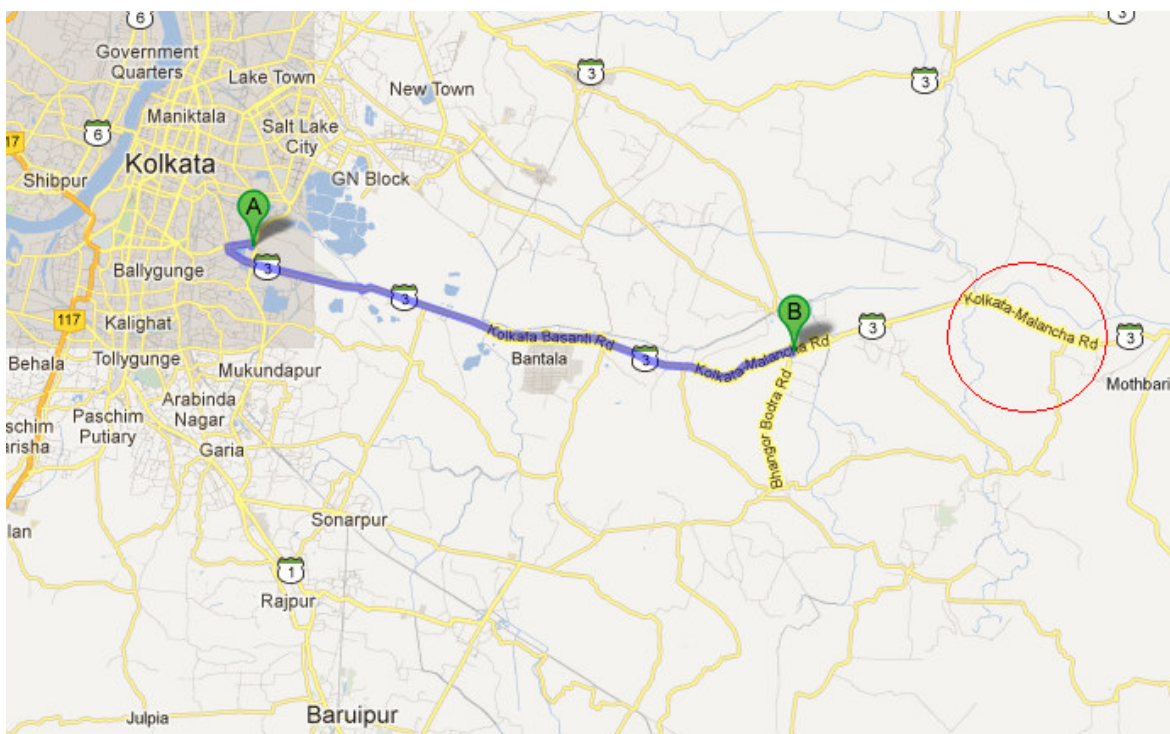
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The village and its people

Putkhali, a small village, is a couple of kilometres away from Bamanpukur. North 24 Parganas. It is a small hamlet of tribal families. Most of the people are daily wage earners in the nearby brick kilns. Although places in and around Putkhali have started developing, the village is still somewhat in its infancy. It suffers from some basic problems – poverty, illiteracy, lack of family planning. They dwell in houses built with mud, stones.



But, most importantly, as a ray of hope, the inhabitants are very eager to send their kids to school. They understand that education alone could draw them out of this miserable plight.



Route Map (Location marked in Red)

Here are some statistics: -

- Total family : about 230
- Only Tribal Family: 190 (83% of the total population of the village)
- Average no of members per family: 6
- Average no of children per family: 3
- Occupation: Daily wage earners in the nearby brick kilns, fishery
- Avg. monthly income per family: Rs.2500.00
- Health Care Unit: **None**
- Any private Doctor: **None**



Education

The main hindrance towards the upliftment of these people is lack of awareness for education. The guardians, who are mainly daily wage earners, find it very difficult to help their wards continue with the preliminary education that they receive. Educations, on most of the occasions take a back seat when it becomes a choice with a square meal. That is the very reason why there are a considerable number of school dropouts from both genders.

Putkhali has one primary school up to fourth standard. The nearest high school is ***Bamanpukur, Kulti Johore Memorial*** which is 2 km away from the village. But the main problem is that the condition of the road worsens during the rainy season. It compels many eager students to stay back home.



The school building

Infact, Bamanpukur Ramkrishna Sevashram, a nearby Ashram, has started ***Pathachakra*** for these students, but they are unable to attend owing to the problem they face in walking down to the venue. Most of the students leave school after 6th or 7th standard. Only 5 students have passed Higher Secondary and 15 students have passed Secondary examination.

Here are some statistics: -

- School up to Class-IV: One (1)
- H.S. School: None
- Madhyamik(Secondary)Examination Passed: 5
- Higher Secondary Examination Passed: 2
- Graduate: 1

Initiatives

In order to bring about a change in the lives of these people, initially Bamanpukur Ramkrishna Sevashram, led by Revered Swami Gurukripanandaji Maharaj reached out to them. Since then he has been able to instigate in them the feeling that, education and self belief only can save them from the condition they live in.

We, the members of Amader Arpan consider ourselves highly privileged, that we have got an opportunity to work for the betterment of these people.

We have as a first step, tried to become friendly with them and get ourselves accustomed to their needs and feelings. “Emphasis to quality education” – is something that we have been doing right from day one.

On 1st April 2012, **a new coaching centre** was inaugurated at this village with about **70 students**. 2 local men have been appointed as teachers, whose primary responsibility would be to impart quality education. Volunteers from our organization have started visiting this village every week to closely monitor the developments.

The students here are served with tiffin everyday and are provided with books and stationeries.

The residents are also encouraged to visit the Medical camp at Bamanpukur Ashram arranged by us.

Future planning and Proposed Budget

1. One More Coaching Center for 50 Students:

Tiffin Expenses:

***Rs.150 per day, i.e Rs.4,000 per month
i.e Rs 48,000 per year***

Teachers's Salary – Based on 3 teachers:

***Rs. 1000 x 3 = Rs.3000 per month
i.e Rs.36000 per year***

Study materials like Khata, Book, Pen, pencil etc:

Rs 4000 per year

Uniform (2 sets) and Shoe:

Uniform- Rs 500 x 50, i.e Rs 25000 per year

Shoes- Rs 200 x 50, i.e Rs 10,000 per year

Total Expenses: Rs 1,23,000 per year

2. One Charitable Medical Dispensary on every alternative Sunday:

- Building a room for treatment of patient:

Rs.1,50,000

- Emergency Medicine Expenses:

Rs.24,000 per year

- Furnitures, Fans, lights, weight machine, pressure machine etc: Rs.20,000

- Doctor's conveyance from Kolkata:

Rs.2000 per month i.e Rs.24,000 per year

- Salary of doctor's assistant:

Rs.1000 per month, i.e Rs.12,000 per year

**Total Capital Expenses (one time): Rs 1,70,000
and Yearly expenses: Rs 62,000**

3. Purchase of One (1) Ambulance:

Rs 4,00000 (One time)

4. Repairing 20 Nos. Dilapidated Houses:

***Rs 30,000 per house, i.e Total expense of
Rs.6,00000 (One time)***

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