

**(A Forum for Rural Development & Social Upliftment)**



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## *President's Desk:*



Dear All,

*This is a pleasure to present this reflection before all of you regarding the activities undertaken by the organization during the year 2021-2022 by crossing the hurdles and overcoming obstacles, odds and hardship which have made us confident to carry on our activities for the betterment of the people with whom we are working.*

*The activities that have been undertaken by the organization broadly focus on the livelihood development, preservation of Indian culture and heritage and welfare of the deprived. We have been learnt much more from the people for utilizing the indigenous and traditional cultural system and people's wisdom for enhancing livelihood status and utilizing the local resources as yet unrealized.*

*This year also we have tried to extend our support services to benefit the people in need, whom we serve. We tried utmost to be good service provider and to be with the people to overcome their odds, difficulties and their problems that are affecting their day to day life situation.*

*The next few pages will reflect the programme activities that we have performed during the period under review. We have had support from different well-wishers, friends, donors, experts, Govt. departments and officials and every sort of stake holder without whom we could not proceed for our journey during this year.*

*The community members and the people in need are with us and we hope that they will be with us to participate more in our programmes to work together for achieving a meaningful result.*

*Thanks to all.*

*President*



## **GENESIS:**

KULTALI MILON TIRTHA SOCIETY is a secular non-political, non-profitable registered organization having interest on the commitment to serve the poor and marginalized people, irrespectively religions, languages, cast, and creed for a just human society.

Since, its establishment, we are trying to help the poor, small and marginal farmers, artisans to fight against the obstacles to bring a positive change to the socio-economic status of their families.

## **VISION & MISSION:**

### **Vision:**

KMTS visualizes itself as a voluntary development organization to enable the people for fullest possible realization of the manifold human potential leading to self-reliance.

Enhancing awareness and improving the skills and knowledge among the people to create a favorable environment for their own initiatives that they can manage their own programmes for sustainability.

### **Mission:**

KULTALI MILON TIRTHA SOCIETY's mission is to create a meaningful opportunity for the under privileged, distressed, deprived segments of the society with a focus on poor people so that they can attend Socio-economic, sustainable development by providing health, education, vocational training and technical support.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- ⇒ To work for sustainable development practises in the rural areas ensuring women empowerment at all stages.
- ⇒ Making people aware of the rights, duties, and responsibilities as an individual and as a citizen.
- ⇒ Providing preventive, promotive and curative health care services for the people in general and women and children in specific
- ⇒ To motivate the youths for entrepreneurship development with a view to make them self supportive including acquiring skill suited to their needs, priorities and capabilities
- ⇒ Overall improvement of socio-economic conditions of the target community including basic health, education and livelihood enhancement.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

### **SOCIAL PROGRAMME:**

#### **125 TH NETAJI'S BIRTH DAY CELEBRATION:**

Kultali Milon Tirtha Society has decided to celebrate January 23rd as 'Parakram Diwas' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This year is the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Netaji was born on January 23, 1897. The day is celebrated to honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation.

#### **BAG DISTRIBUTION TO POOR STUDENTS:**

We recognize education as the main instrument that empowers individuals to make informed choices, resist subjugation & claim their rights, besides opening new possibilities & opportunities for themselves. The philosophy of our organization is based on the belief that each child deserves an equal opportunity for total development. With this belief we have distributed school bags to the poor students to encourage them for their study.

#### **SOAP DISTRIBUTION TO POOR PEOPLE:**

We have distributed Soap free of cost for the poor people and arranged health and hygiene maintenance awareness camp for them which specially emphasized on preventive measures from different common and communicable diseases.

#### **CLOTH DISTRIBUTION:**

We know that the poor people around us are many who are living in such condition that they sometimes face dire need of clothes which is one of the basic minimum needs for their survival. Cloth is one of the three basic needs of human beings. But the people of these backward sections don't have this essential need of existence. To help them and to meet up their one of the basic needs we have distributed cloth among the poor and vulnerable people.

#### **A SPECIAL CAMP FOR HANDICRAFTS ARTISANS:**

A special camp was organized for the self-reliant handicrafts artisans of the remotest areas of the Sundarbans and to market their products. The camp was organized by Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India through our organization to receive



applications from handicrafts Artisans for Government Identity Cards, and to distribute their Government Identity Cards at the camp. Through which they can participate in the markets of different parts of India and various handicraft fairs of the country at the government's expense and sell their products. In this way our organization encourages them so that they can become self-reliant by taking advantage of the government.

### **Super Cyclone YAAS Relief Services in Sundarbans:**

Sundarbans and its people SC/ST have seriously been affected due the impact of Super Cyclone 'Yaas', mainly by huge surge of sea water entered into the residential areas, toppling the river bundhs and became stagnant days together, resulting “No Communication”, even after 4-6 days of the devastating incident. This has also resulted huge loss of houses, plantations, agricultural crops, vegetables and fish farming.

Ours organisation, is an NGO (based at South Sundarban) with its limited resources, has been working (helping) for the cause of these affected peoples by proving tarpaulin and food units (rice, Mustered oil, vegetables, sugar, Dal, Soyabean etc.), in some cases prepared food etc. since the onset of lock down (Corona pandemic) and happenings of the Yaas in and around villages / areas under Gosaba Block. Maharatna Companies ONGC and IOCL was financial supported in this relief works.

### **Fish Fingerling, Floating Fish Feed & Lime Distribution:**

Sundarbans and its people are the worst sufferer under the impact of Super Cyclone 'YAAS', which has resulted huge loss of house, plantations, agricultural crops, vegetables and fish farming. You may be aware that in most of the houses in Sundarbans, there remains a small ponds (fresh water), which is used for household purposes as well as for fish farming, which add some additional income to the poors at the same time provide protein supplement to them. But the Yaas has resulted most of these ponds affected by ingress of saline water, fallen leaves (causing pollution) which has resulted death of all fish stock in the ponds.

At this point these poor people need to be provided some means of livelihood at local level and towards this Fish Farming may be one of the best alternatives. And towards this our earnest appeal to ICAR-CIFRI to kindly come forward for extending assistance to such YAAS affected people, such 1000 affected fish farmers / pond owners. This will help them starting their livelihood in some way and also supported by ICAR-CIFRI.

### **EDUCATION PROGRAMME (SSVA):**

Superstitions have become the root of their all hurdles. And this has only been due to illiteracy. Like adults children are also







deprived of what they rightly should have and that is Education. It is surprising to see that when in INDIA we regards children as the future building block of a Great Nation and in that very sense we see that this children in the rural area are deprived of it, though they are very much willing to have a proper education.



KMTS only tried to provide upper primary education to those children who could not afford to have an education by providing upper Primary School education where along with proper education we provide them with Books, Free book distribution to meritorious students, knowledge base education through excursion, extracurricular activities for the ultimate aim to build a healthy nation from the grass root level of our own rural villages.

### **Awarded to the Front-Line Covid Warrior :**

Since the announcement of the lockdown for the pandemic situation of Covid-19, when the lives of ordinary people were completely paralyzed, our organization distributed masks and sanitizers with the provision of minimal dry food for some needy people. The doctors, nurses, police, administration are the ones who have fought in the front row at the last moment, risking their lives. No one thought about them. We helped everywhere on behalf of Kultali Milon Tirtha Society - such as the Fooding & Lodging of the nurses at our society building. A grant reception was held for the COVID Warriors. We were given to them of Sal, memento, bouquet of flowers and some sweets, they are pleased and everyone applauded our initiative.

### **BLOOD DONATION CAMP:**

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, we have organized a blood donation camp to encourage young professionals and community members in the area to participate in this worthy cause.

A team of Doctors, paramedics and volunteers were positioned all over the camp to ensure a safe and hygienic camp. While all the professionals followed stringent screening procedures and good laboratory practices for testing, processing and collecting blood, donors' details were documented carefully by the volunteers. The initiative witnessed wide participation from the community. Donor card was given to all the successful donors by the Society.

### **SUNDARBAN KRISTI MELA O LOKO SANSKRITI UTSAB**

Every year we organize Sundarban Krishi Mela O Loko Sanskriti Utsab and this year we have also organized this festival with the help of different govt. department, corporate funding agencies, resource institutions and the beneficiaries.



This programme was held for 10 days, farmers and artists from rural villages of Sundarban areas and south 24 parganas district took part in this event. Day by day this festival is becoming popular in the District.

### Objectives of this programme:

- ♦ To disseminate the technological advances and encourage the farmers to adopt new technologies in agriculture and allied areas for boosting agricultural production and their export.
- ♦ To enlighten the farmers on the availability of technical, financial and other supports offered by various agencies.
- ♦ Encourage the farmers by exhibit their agri products and awarding best crop producer.
- ♦ To promote, protect and preserve the history of Sundarban's folk culture like Dakshin Ray and Banbibi through cultural programme.
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### EXHIBITION OF AGRI PRODUCTS:

Exhibition of Agri products was held at this Festival to encourage the farmers for their better cultivation where their products are exhibited and prizes are given to the respective best farmers for their exemplified product. This exhibition also provides information and technical knowhow about better farming with organic method of cultivation.

### FOLK CULTURE:

In this festival cultural programme was held where local folk artists were took part. They performed folk song, folk dance, yatra, kirtan etc. It also aims to bring people together from different sections of the society, with their unique cultures, irrespective of caste, creed or socio-economic situation. It provides a common platform to foster friendship and brotherhood.





## OPINION SHARING:

An opinion sharing platform was organized to provide an ideal occasion to share the experiences of farmers with the resource persons on agriculture. During the opinion sharing, the farmers took part in various sessions and interacted with the resource persons. They found this sharing highly beneficial as they informed about new technology and resources to upgrade their cultivation.

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Cropping systems, watershed management, precision farming, bio-fertilizer, climate change.

## D.C. HANDICRAFTS PAVILION:

With the financial help of Development Commissioner of Handicrafts a pavilion was created at the Sundarban Krishi Mela O Loko Sanskriti Utsab to exhibit the local artisans' handicraft products. This pavilion Exhibit the handicrafts products of the rural artisans.

This was a combination of both presentation of folk media and the products of the local artisans with their creativity and to provide opportunity for marketing of their products. Folk art materials exhibited are Nakshi Kantha, Terrakotta, Matir Putul, Dokra, Mukhosh, Batik, Kaansa Shilpa, Kaastha Shilpa, Baansher Kaaj, Sholar Kaaj, Jarir Kaaj etc.

## HEALTH PROGRAMME:

Children who are born with cleft lip or cleft palate are faced with challenges many of us cannot ever imagine. Many have difficulty eating, speaking or even smiling and in some cases, they are hidden away, kept from socializing, attending school or playing an active role in their community.

Under Operation Smile programme we have provided free medical treatment to the children belonging to poor families who suffer from cleft lip or cleft palate to make smile in their face.

A free eye examination camp and glasses distribution program has been organized every year to the poor and destitute people of the Sundarbans under the leadership of the SHIS in collaboration with our Society.

## TRAINING PROGRAMME :

Programme /Activity	No. of Beneficiaries	Duration
Training on Agricultural (Crop)	100	7 Days
Training on development of Fish Fingerling and Ornamental fish	200	3 days
Training on Digital India	50	1 Days

We have undertaken skill development training for the unemployed women and youth members on Training on Agricultural Training, Training on Fish Fingerling and Training on Digital India with the help of qualified trainer. Along with each training programme we have conducted leadership development training with communication skills leading towards capacity building for their empowerment that





### **Ornamental Fishery:**

We organized an ornamental fish training programme supported by CIFRI, Govt. of India. In order to improve the socio-economic status of the Sundarbanbasi, training was given to 55 Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe women in colorful fish farming projects. At the end of the training, the equipment required for cultivating color fish is provided completely free of cost by CIFRI. And the mothers have started fish farming with sincere initiative and have been supported by selling the produced saplings.

### **SEMINAR & WORKSHOP:**

We are trying to provide a platform to the students, teachers, farmers and local group members so that they can get information on new technologies and share their problems with Resource Persons. To build a network among them we have conducted following seminars in Kultali for their benefits.

Workshop on Awareness Rally on Ek Bharat Sresta Bharat

Awareness Camp Power Consumption

### **WORKSHOP & AWARENESS RALLY ON ROAD SAFETY & SECURITY (SAFE DIVE SAVE LIFE):**

Our Organization, Kultali Milon Tirtha Society with the help of local Police Station took steps on Traffic Law and Warning drivers. The drivers, youths and common people took part in the various quiz competition for the same. Besides, a rally with 200 bike riders is about 15km long. Participants were given safety jackets, helmets, hand gloves, during the question and answer session, everyone was given a Memento and a Certificate from our end.

### **WOMEN SPORTS PROGRAMME:**

Sports and games develop activity and smartness - qualities that are necessary for success in every sphere in practical life. Sports play an important part in giving us complete education. This year KMTS organizes annual sports for the women. At the end of the day the wining players and best scorers were awarded.

Thank you for helping us in all respects.

Secretary

