

: JOIN THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:

Another World is Possible

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

by the people; for the people; pro people
a right based social welfare organisation

House No. - 19. Rail Gate--9{North}. Dankuni. Hooghly. W.B. - 712311. India.

peoplesparticipation@gmail.com

09339126219

www. peoplesparticipation.org

ANNUAL REPORT for the year of: 2015-2016

SECRETARY'S DESK

Friends,

The annual general meeting of our society held on **27th June; 2016** at the registered office of the society and the members participated in the said meeting and formed a quorum by more than 1/3rd of the total members of the society. In the said meeting, the members have passed the audited accounts and elected the new Executive Committee as previous. During the year **2015- 2016** a number of Community Development Programme viz., Human Rights issue, Women Empowerments, Children education, Sports, youth issue, Aged people, Tobacco control, Cultural programme. Superstations', renewable energy issue etc. We have helped the aged, sick, helpless and indigent people; we have improved the social and cultural life of the people by organizing various social and cultural functions time to time. We have helped the needy students of all communities for their Studies; we have promoted sympathy, fellow feeling and unity among the members of our society.

To conclude, our sincere rest gratitude and warm wishes to all the individual donors, members, volunteers and sympathizers of “**People's Participation**”, whose unstinted support in every possible way has made our task much easier to accomplish. Hope you will co-operate the next committee to do more works in future.

With regards,

Secretary

FROM PP's CORNER: Human Rights is the rights which cannot be given or get but by born s/he earns. To get the food, shelter and cloth are the basic rights of each people apart from many others like freedom of speech, freedom of reside, freedom of choose religion and/or culture etc. Primarily, we are focused on the Rights on Food as per the need and culture. We, People's Participation are concentrated on the beggars whose rights on food are denied. Our relentless struggle against this denial is on till the battle is on. All disadvantaged groups e.g. women, children, aged and others irrespective of their castes, creeds, colours, status etc. have the inherent capacity to take responsibility and make choices about their lives. In fact, they are able to articulate and access their rights and emerge as leaders facilitating positive social change. People's Participation (PP) sees itself as a facilitator enabling this change. It believes that access to information and knowledge about the world and the changing political, social and economic structures contribute to the target groups having greater control over their lives.

A culture of silence prevents the disadvantaged groups from articulating their dreams and aspirations as well as to express the pains of violations they have experienced. People's Participation hopes to create a culture of questioning that strengthens their abilities to challenge and change the structures that keep them silent. A collaborative and collective process that connects individuals and organization with each other enhances learning in a mutually beneficial way. People's Participation aims to draw on this synergy to help reach common goals. **People's Participation** activities spread to several Districts in West Bengal and assistant has come from the local authorities, eminent personnel and citizens. Committed individuals from every lifestyle have chipped in. Since its inception, the goal of the People's Participation team has been to ensure that people gets their rights and is living in a healthy environment.

Over this 11 year period, People's Participation has organized thousands of people in different areas to become human rights facilitators, catalyzing life style changes within their communities. People's Participation has developed a unique model based on Peoples' rights to participation and development wherein they act as agents of change by forming groups and spreading awareness within their localities. As we look back on another year and reflect on achievements and obstacles, let us reiterate the key elements that make **People's Participation** unique—its replicable and strong foundation, a broad vision encompassing an inclusive geographical approach, a complete coverage, coupled with close links and co-operation with the Government.

From PP's office desk: Collaboration has always been a driving force behind **People's Participation** mission to see that all people enjoy their Right to life, right to get information, right to vote, right to speak, right to work & food, rights to health, education, equality, and protection. People's Participation continues to build alliances with Governments, communities, general people & other stakeholders.

VISION of 'People's Participation': Empowerment of the vulnerable section of the disadvantaged section; to provide basic Education, Health, Training, Recreation to the downtrodden people and empowerment of women and adolescent girls of the Society. To secure basic natural rights of **“Food-Shelter-Work”** for all' is our dream.

OBJECTIVES of PP:

- a) To promote sympathy, fellow feelings and unity among the followers of different faith so as to evolve a sense of social and religious toleration.
- b) To enlistment the child rights for the poor children, in regard their education, primary health, nutrition and vocational trainings.
- c) To work for the women's various issues- as against dowry custom, domestic violations, education, mental health etc.
- d) Gender sensitization programmes, human rights awareness programmes, programmes against addictions and more awareness programmes as and when required against social evils among the different communities.
- e) Rehabilitation programmes for the beggars/Vagrants.
- f) Rehabilitation programme for the old men and women.
- g) To do all social welfare activities including public health and other development works in the communities.
- h) To promote and encourage advancement of literacy, cultural and education.
- i) To work on a major population health issue (communicable, non-communicable and sexually transmitted diseases) as STD/HIV and AIDS through preventive actions, awareness, early detection, screening and management involving establishment of charitable hospitals, with medical staffs, health workers and volunteers.
- j) To work against human trafficking, to prohibit this trade from the root, create awareness among the community people against this social evil.
- k) To work for the "poorest of the poor" community in our society to establishment their food and work rights.
- l) To do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the forgoing objects.
- m) Awareness building and protection of environment. To built a pollution free society.
- n) To work on communal harmony and peace building among different caste, class and religion.
- o) To work on Yoga therapy to cure diseases and to spread yoga concept through awareness building.
- p) To promote the interest of consumers and their rights through awareness building and other in depth programmes, to link up activities with State and Central Govt when required.
- q) Work with old aged people, their legal rights, mental and physical health issue.
- r) Women are the most vulnerable section of our society; so we will work with the interest of women. There are different issues; as dowry system, education, vocational training, mental and physical health, HIV & AIDS related issue, domestic violence, Domestic Help and other marginalized society in urban and rural areas.
- s) To protect the children rights through providing education, nutrition, sports and other activities and also charitable dispensary.
- t) To work with the youths on their vocational training, life skill education, training, awareness on social and cultural development, education and community library & charitable dispensary.
- u) Sports & Games will be the other important activities to protect our society from social evils.
- v) Celebration of special days, like Independent Day, Rabindranath Tagore Birth Day Celebration Etc.
- w) To work for the interest of different sex people (Lesbians, Eunuch, by sexual & other).
- x) To do all kind of social and economical studies and research.
- y) Offering human Rights Education to the general people and make them aware on human rights issues.

- z) to work on adult education programme to eradication illiteracy among the adult people.
- Z-1) to work for the beggars to bring them under the scanner of the Govt ambit.
- Z-2) to organize Cultural Programme, to protect our culture, to organize seminar, workshop, rallies and meetings.
- Z-3) Work for the betterment on rural development through awareness programmes, training, research, livelihood etc.
- Z-4) Work closely to protect our democracy through awareness building on 'Caste your Vote' programme. Good Governance, Law and civil Society, economic reform and development and International relation.
- Z-5) Work on Urban poverty thematic issue as and when required.
- Z-6) to establishment of Backward Classes people's rights with the co-operation with State & Central Govt.
- Z-7) Work for SC/St/Minority peoples' betterment through vocational training, education, life skills, Awareness building workshops etc.
- Z-8) Organizing workshops, seminars, meetings, rallies for the interest of the poor and marginalized people of the society.
- Z-9) to maintaining libraries and reading rooms.
- Z-10) to open orphanage and family planning centers.
- Z-11) to impart academic and vocational training education.
- Z-12) to encourage the use of scientific and technological advancement while conserving the balance on the natural environment for the good of the people.
- Z-13) to render relief to the sufferings in times of famine, flood, draughts, earth quake and other natural calamities.
- Z-14) to do all social programmes through 'Corporate Social Responsibility's grants.
- Z-15) to do all such social, economical activities for the betterment of Indigenous people.

People's Participation:

People's Participation (PP) has started a worldwide movement of volunteers and professionals standing up for human rights. Independent of any government, ideology, economic interest or religion, we are providing human rights training programme to spreading the human rights among all. Our purpose is to research, campaign and take action to effect change and protect individuals wherever rights, justice, fairness, freedom and truth are deny. With the start of year 2015-2016 '**People's Participation**' entered its **11th Year** of age. The year **2015-2016** was another year to fulfill the dreams of "**People's Participation**" so it was full of activities for 'People's Participation'.

Members of '**People's Participation**' contacted and visited several educational institutions, Governmental institutions, Organizations and eminent personalities of local, state and National levels to present discuss and launch its developmental and other projects for the noble cause of Social Development. In this way '**People's Participation**' motivated people in the light of Cultural-educational- social - environmental –political awareness and launched its various projects and campaigns.

During the year **2015- 2016**, a number of Community Development Programme viz., Human Right Education Course, Human Right Awareness Programme, Right to Information Camp, Empowerment programme of Women, Awareness on Environment- water- sanitation Issue & Conservation of Biodiversity,

Aged People programme, Children labour & Education, Vocational Training for Youth; Career & Academic Counseling, Vote for Democracy. Domestic Violence Issue, Awareness on consumer right, Awareness on Communal Harmony & Peace building, Women Domestic Workers Programme, Adult Education for Women, Cultural programme on ‘Advance Bengali: Bengali Culture-Literature & the Great Personalities’, ‘Beggars Rehabilitation’ etc. We have helped the aged, sick, helpless and indigent people; we have improved the social and cultural life of the people by organizing various social and cultural functions time to time. We have helped the needy students of all communities for their Studies; we have promoted sympathy, fellow feeling and unity among the members of our society.

During the year **People’s Participation**’ created liaisons with Government and non Government agencies to success those programmes to protect the poor people.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES for the calendar year of 2015-16:

Cultural programmes
Birth Day Celebration of Swami Vivekananda: PP observed 12 th January as Swami Vivekananda birth day celebration in Dankuni with drawing competition; leaflets and small picture of Swami has been distributed among the children.
Celebration of 23rd and 26th January: Indian Flag hosting by the local children and oath taking for ‘National Integration’ was the activity here along with distributed Biscuits and toffees’ among the children and youths.
Tagore Birth Day Celebration: PP observed the 8 th May-2016 with a small cultural function locally with the poor and deprived class children and families who never stood on stage and never performed any.
Celebration of 15th August: People’s Participation has found very importance to celebrate remarkable days of the year to attract the monotonous people for their recreation in their bright response of direct participation. This year People’s Participation has celebrated Independence Day with different program where 500 people participated in the recreation.
Organising local cultural function: People’s Participation has arranged of various programmes for the peoples, Village people and the students had celebrated various functions. Cultural programmers like songs follow this. Role – play recitations etc. to upkeep the spirit of cultural life of the villages, People’s Participation celebrated Netaji Birthday, Rabindra Jayanti, Independence Day, Foundation Day, and X-Mass Day, EDD etc throughout the year by the help of local youths and clubs.

Environment and water Issue

Earth Day Celebration-2015; supported by MoES: Conducted drawing competition, debate, slogan writing, essay writing, oath taking from students to celebrate the Earth Day-2015 within Chanditala Block in Hooghly District. 8 High and 7 Primary School participated in the programme with success. Ambik Guin, student of Class VIII stood second position in drawing competition in all India level from Begampur High School this year and collected his National Level Prize from Ministry of Earth at New Delhi on 22nd July-2015.

Open defecation issue: Nearly half of India — 595 million people — defecate in the open, according to Unicef. The country accounts for 59 per cent of the world's population that does not use toilets. Little wonder then that the country loses 1.88 lakh of its under-five children to diarrhea every year. It is enough to make people see where the problem lies, and what open defecation can cause in terms of sickness and disease. However, PP rues that this approach has been largely ignored, even at a time when the current government has “put the greatest emphasis ever on ending open defecation in India”. The success of the approach depends on identifying natural leaders in the community. Children can prove to be the best agents for change, and are hence an important part of the programme. Once the entire community realises that they are actually “eating each other's shit” owing to the practice of open defecation, a collective decision immediately follows to end the practice and build toilets.

Community meeting, awareness programme and advocacy with Panchayatas and Municipality are the activity here to change the slums and villages to stop open defecation.

Advocacy with local Administration on water issue : Clean water is one of the world's most precious resources. People use water every day for a variety of reasons, such as drinking, bathing, recreation, agriculture, cooling, industry, and medical uses. Although water plays an essential role in every person's life, many individuals are not aware that much of their water comes from the ground. **People's Participation** organised rallies to create awareness on the importance of consuming safe drinking water and the need to test water quality as part of the National Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Awareness Week observance. PP also distributed handbills that highlighted the need to protect and maintain water supply infrastructure, teaching students to wash hands before having food, segregating and processing waste and importance of personal hygiene.

Social Movement on Electric Burning and wetland protection issue: We know that we need minimum 320 Kgs of wood to burn a dead body. But the burning wood spread pollutions in larger society. As well as every day Hindu people need lot of wood/timber for this purposes and also destroying trees in this regards. So, the societies are suffering from pollutions due to destroying trees and producing poisoning gases from the Hindu crematorium/Samshan Ghats by burning woods.

WE DEMAND

Build Electric burning/ Electric Chulli/ Electric Cremator to cremate dead bodies of their relatives within their locality to reduce environmental pollution in Dankuni town and Chanditala Block and other parts of West Bengal.

People's Participation has filed RTIs to Irrigation Department, Chanditala BDO, W.B Pollution Control Board, W.B Environment Minister, W.B Municipal Affairs Deptt and others departments to get information on those issues.

We also deputed Memorandum to different Govtt Deptt along with 409 signatures of general people to **Build Electric burning/ Electric Chulli/ Electric Cremator** in Every Municipal areas. And one **Electric burning/ Electric Chulli/ Electric Cremator** has been sanctioned in Kalipur Hindu Samshan Ghat this year.

Make functional of Saraswati River and Dankuni Canal:

We have also lodged complain to Green Bench Tribunal at Delhi and they suggested us to file up that complain at their Kolkata office. And we met and discussed the issue to lodge the case at Green Tribunal. But we need some money to deposit at that Institution against lodging the case. But, as a small NGO we might not be able to continue the social movement due to small financial problem.

Awareness Campaign in Schools on Biodiversity: We have conducted 08 programmes in 08 schools on Biodiversity Protection issue and submitted letters to Dankuni Municipality and Chanditala BDO to form a ***"Biodiversity Management committee- BMC"*** to work for the cause; letter submitted by 'West Bengal Biodiversity Board' but those Govt bodies never replied a nor respond any till date; but we continue our advocacy activities.

Awareness programme on New and Renewable energy: The State of West Bengal is blessed with abundant sources of Renewable Energy in the form of Solar, Wind, Biomass, Biogas, Hydro, Tidal etc. This perennial an eternal sources of energy has a vital role in socio-economic development of not only West Bengal but also the country as a whole. Renewable Energy holds the key to the future of energy, food and economic security. All efforts should, therefore, be directed to harness alternate sources of energy to supplement our energy needs for domestic, institutional, commercial and industrial purposes. The New and Renewable Energy Sources is closely linked with Energy Efficiency, Energy Conservation and Climate Change issues like Global Warming etc.

As part of its initiative to disseminate information, PP organizes awareness, demonstration, training programmes etc. for general Public, women groups etc. Create awareness and demonstrate effective and innovative use of SPV systems for individual/ community/ institutional applications and to save diesel for power generation in institutions and other commercial organizations. IEC materials prepared and distributed among the general people and school children along with youth groups.

Building Smokeless Chulla: The project entitled '***Safeguard Women' Health by Smokeless Chullah***' is proposed keeping in view to safeguard the women's health and to aware them with the root causes of the diseases especially those are caused due to consumption of smoke from the oven therefore construction of smokeless chulhas for the rural household supported with organizing awareness camps has been proposed under the project. The project has been implemented within four villages in Chanditala Block under Sreerampore Sub Division of Hooghly District; West Bengal. In total 40

nos of ***Smokeless Chullah'*** has been constructed.

Plantation of trees: Global warming is the result of excess greenhouse gases, created by burning fossil fuels and destroying tropical rainforests. Heat from the sun, reflected back from the earth, is trapped in this thickening layer of gases, causing global temperatures to rise. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a major greenhouse gas. Trees absorb CO₂, removing and storing the carbon while releasing the oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of CO₂ produced when you drive your car 26,000 miles. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark. **PP planted 321 saplings in different parts of Hooghly District and railway track side throughout the year.**

Human Right Education: The certificate course in Human Rights Education targets the students and professional groups such as medical doctors, engineers, IT professionals, trade unions, school teachers, NGOs, media people and functionaries of rural and urban local bodies (both administrative and political). It is a correspondence but very practical course for general people at a minimal cost of 2500/-. There are two theoretical as well as two Practical parts (total 16 theory and two large practical part) included in this important course; after completion of this course those computer literate graduate students can get involved with International human Rights Courses so far. Six months human rights practical training program' organizes and conducts by PP; it is a correspondence certificate course so far but very authentic and practical. After completion of the said course PP offering Certificates to those successful students. **This year more than 22 students admitted in this course through our volunteers and well wishers and 19 students successfully completed this course.**

Human Right Awareness: This programme is concerned with methodologies for human rights training which are tied to various educational goals and objectives. Some educational goals bearing on human rights can be derived directly from the international human rights instruments. Some goals are driven by a framework of social needs (such as empowerment) and long term projects (such as development and democracy programs).

Human rights awareness encompasses:

- (a) Knowledge and skills—learning about human rights and mechanisms, as well as acquiring skills to apply them in a practical way in daily life;
- (b) Values, attitudes and behaviour—developing values and reinforcing attitudes and behaviour which uphold human rights;
- (c) Action—taking action to defend and promote human rights.

In total 08 awareness programmes has been conducted in Kolkata, Hooghly, North 24 Pgs, Howrah, Purulia, Midnapore districts by the support of our volunteers.

Right to Information Camps: In the space of less than a decade, the burgeoning movement for the right to information in India has significantly sought to expand democratic space, and empower the ordinary citizen to exercise far greater control over the corrupt and arbitrary exercise of state power.

Our promise here is that people who are victims of corrupt, arbitrary or unaccountable exercise of state power would be better equipped to ensure accountability, probity and performance of public authorities if they are equipped with the necessary information. **08 RTI camps on streets has been organised and around 700 people empowered along with 17 RTI application filed from the camps this year in Kolkata and Hooghly Districts.**

Anti Superstition Campaign: Superstition in India is considered a widespread social problem. Superstition refers to any belief or practice which is explained by supernatural causality, and is in contradiction to modern science. Some beliefs and practices, which are considered superstitious by some, may not be considered so by others. The gap, between what is superstitious and what is not widens even more when considering the opinions of the general public and scientists. PP is working for last five years on the issue in West Bengal. Various complaints and petitions have been submitted to the concerned departments and religious groups to motivate on the issue last year. We also networked with other existing networks who are working from long time on this issue. PP has developed different IEC Materials and distributed among the superstitious people in and around Kolkata, Hooghly, Howrah, North 24 Pgs.

Development of Textiles & handloom people: 06 Meeting organised with Textiles & handloom people in Dhaniakhali and Begampur village to inform of Govt Schemes, loans and market issue. Networking 'Khadi and Grmodyog Department' was also a part of the programme. Networking with MSME was helped those people and their next generation youth for other training and business programmes.

Empowerment of Women

Domestic Violence Issue: PP has conducted D.V Act-2005 {The protection of women from domestic violence Act, 2005} program's activities among 320 poor people (most of them were women). Regular meetings with direct stakeholders and direct beneficiaries were our success. In 2015-16, around 200 women became empowered through these initiatives. Number of Community catalyst also prepared to fight against the Domestic Violence.

Adult Education for Women: Adult Education aims at extending educational options to those adults, who have lost the opportunity and have crossed the age of formal education, but now feel a need for learning of any type, including literacy, basic education, skill development (Vocational Education) and equivalency. With the objective of promoting adult education, to impart functional literacy to non-literates in the age group of 15-35 years in a time bound manner. This year PP conducted 6 months course in 9 pockets of Hooghly, North 24 Pgs and Howrah; and most of them passed successfully in the examination conducted by us.

Women Leadership program: Although women may be victims of any of the crimes such as 'Murder', 'Robbery', 'Cheating' etc, the crimes, which are directed specifically against women, are characterized as 'Crime against Women'. These are broadly classified under two categories.

(1) ***The Crimes Identified Under the Indian Penal Code (IPC):*** Rape (Sec. 376 IPC) ; Kidnapping & Abduction for different purposes (Sec. 363-373); Homicide for Dowry, Dowry Deaths or their attempts (Sec. 302/304-B IPC); Torture, both mental and physical (Sec. 498-A IPC); Molestation (Sec. 354 IPC); Sexual Harassment (Sec. 509 IPC); Importation of girls (up to 21 years of age)

(2) ***The Crimes identified under the Special Laws (SLL) :*** Although all laws are not gender specific, the provisions of law affecting women significantly have been reviewed periodically and amendments carried out to keep pace with the emerging requirements. Some acts which have special provisions to safeguard women and their interests are:

The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948; The Plantation Labour Act, 1951; The Family Courts Act, 1954; The Special Marriage Act, 1954; The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955; The Hindu Succession Act, 1956 with amendment in 2005; Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956; The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 (Amended in 1995); Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971; The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1976; The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976; The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006; The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1983; The Factories (Amendment) Act, 1986; Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986; Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987; The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

PP has conducted 10 meetings in different communities and youth at Hooghly, Howrah, Kolkata, North 24 Pgs, South 24 Pgs, Purulia, Tripura, Bihar and Haridwar on the above mentioned issue.

Program for Elderly People: People's Participation has started to work for the betterment of the 60+ year's people. Monthly meeting or get together in People's Participation office premises is the primary activity of this program; regular discussion on different social, political, National as well as International issue are the other focused area of this program. Yearly one time picnic is another program for the aged people. Mainly we use to conduct recreation activities for the old aged people under this program.

Children Educational rights

Support educational materials: PP Non Formal Education Centre is providing slum and street children primary education, study materials , life skill education, art, games, sports as well as recreational facilities. Children here are taught in a joyful environment and special effort is made to change their mental setup and behavioural pattern. Thus effort is made to upgrade the emotional and intellectual capacity of the children, improve their knowledge, general awareness, etiquettes, manners and thus mainstreaming them into public schools. Besides providing basic education, the project also aims at ensuring a literate community by creating a strong awareness among the people to solve their local problems through local resource mobilization. For the purpose, various art and cultural programmes are organised for community involvement. The study centres are located at Titagarh, Khardah. Children up to the age of 14 living in urban slums, shanties, railway platforms and pavements, children of SC/ST and other socio-economically weaker

communities. About 65 children are getting directly benefited from the project, of which, 50 per cent are girl child from poor families.

Moreover, so many poor children did not drop outs from their schools lack of buying capacity for schoolbooks and other supporting educational materials to continue their further education.

Excursion tour to Indian Museum: Field trip has a long history in PP education programme. For last four years, children have to visits a variety of cultural institutions, including art, natural history, and science museums, as well as theaters, zoos, and historical sites. PP gladly endured the expense and disruption of providing field trips because we saw these experiences as central to their educational mission to produce civilized young men and women who would appreciate the arts and culture. More-advantaged families may take their children to these cultural institutions outside of school hours, but less-advantaged students are less likely to have these experiences if we do not provide them. With field trips, poor community children viewed themselves as the great equalizer in terms of access to our cultural heritage. 22 children from Titagarh- Khardah Municipal area visited Indian Museum this year with community support.

Awareness programme against Child Marriage; Child Education; Substance uses; health & hygiene issue etc: In India, child rights, protection from abuse and exploitation (street children, child labour, trafficking etc.) are intimately linked to poor socioeconomic conditions in a large population base. Whose responsibility is it to ensure the safe, protective and caring environment that every child deserves? The UN CRC does not absolve either family or community or society at large. But it firmly puts the onus on the State.

The project work discusses two community intervention efforts for protection of vulnerable children at urban & village levels, the key public health approach should be to prevent child maltreatment and to ensure that all children and families have access to school, basic health care, nutrition, besides supportive social welfare and juvenile justice systems. The families and the community must be educated, informed and empowered so that they can provide care and protection to their children. Awareness of their rights and information about governmental assistance would ensure proper utilization of various “schemes.” These child protection systems, community ownership and participation can contribute to break down cycle of inter generational poverty & exploitation.

Regular meeting and community sensitisation programme like drawing, debate, discussion session, storytelling session, and football games are the activities along with theater training, talking doll show programmes do supports the project itself to reach towards the goal of the programme within Hooghly-Kolkata- Howrah- North 24 Pgs this year.

Child Labour programme; supported by ActionAid Association: ‘Anti Child Labour Campaign’ is the programme here to decrease the number of the children labour in Titagarh, Khardah, Barrackpore and Bhatpara Brick Kiln areas. Advocacy with those Municipalities, Police, Schools, Labour Deptt etc were the activities here, other hand Market committees, Labour Unions, SCPCR, General people were the activities under the project. Sports, Drawing, Theater as their own performed well on streets; a Research Books was published by a researcher with active support of PP. Project started from August-2015 to December-2015. It was basically on the situational analysis of those home based child labours issue where India Govt supports and amend the Right to Education’ issue and supports of ‘Home Based Child Labourers’.

Community Library: People's Participation has linkage with some Libraries who do support the poor students by offering required books and referral books. People's Participation working through its referral & network support mode. PP has collected many old books from its volunteers force and offered to those libraries and directly to those needy students. General Students, Poor middle class students and other young people became help full through these initiatives. Small group meeting with the readers of libraries is another initiative of PP to strengthen those libraries.

Vocational Training & Career Guidance for Youth: In today's time "**Employability**" is the major issue in young generation. Right now we are observing to parallel situation. One side industries looking for skilled manpower, second side young generation are not getting job due to employability gap.

PP has trained of Tailoring Training for 6 months to train youth from the underprivileged communities has been started from June-2015 to December-2015. 16 trainees have been trained to cut, stitch and make various cloth products.

Through community mobilization we have started the admission for the poor youths in North 24 Pgs on Mobile training course. We aspire to assist marginalized youth by developing skills which will be of assistance in securing a better future

Vote for Democracy Camp : Celebration National Voter Day: Assist 38 people to apply for their EPIC through form 6 and advised them to submit with all the required documents along with Form 8 for rectification of names and address of the EPIC card holders.

Celebrate National Voter Day on January-2015 in Hooghly, Kolkata, Howrah and North 24 Pgs by the assist of our unpaid volunteers. Sun Caps and leaflets have been distributed among the age group of 10 to 18 years of youth.

Football tournament for youth: Every year in winter, we do organize one day or two days' football tournament in different areas and locations as per community demand. Generally, we choose the area where we are getting the necessary community supports. In Dankuni, Titagarh and Khardah areas those football tournaments hold with the local club supports. A minimum entry fees were collected from the clubs. Every footballer wins prizes and 'Certificate of Participation'.

Consumer Rights issue: Every person in one way or another is a consumer of various products and services. As citizens of India, we are protected against all forms of exploitation by the service providers. Through the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 all consumers have the right to safety, information, choose, be heard, redressal and consumer education.

The Awareness campaign on Consumer Rights has raised awareness amongst the people of the localities where the programmes were organized. Through the interaction with the people and schools students at the end of the programme, it was known that the programme benefited the people and the students as they were able to know and learn about Consumer Rights Act and how to avail the right, which they have never heard or learnt before.

It is important that as consumers each one of us should be aware of our rights, and make use of the privileges that the government has given us so that we, get what we deserve as consumers and for what we have paid and spent for.

As responsible citizen and consumers of goods and services it is important that we do not allow any kind of injustice, but our right if we see that there is injustice in order to protect oneself and our fellow citizens from any kind of injustice. As consumers, we should insist that legal provision work.

Peace building and rights of Minorities: There is a general consensus that human rights violations are both symptoms and causes of violent conflict; however, the emphasis on one of these understandings may lead to different approaches and outputs. There is a general consensus that human rights violations are both symptoms and causes of violent conflict. Violent and destructive conflict can lead to gross human rights violations, but can also result from a sustained denial of rights over a period of time. In today's world, multi-ethnic states are the norm. The traditional nation-state, where a distinct national group corresponds to a territorial unit, has become an endangered species. Globalization and the increasing movement of people across borders threaten to kill off the nation state once and for all. However, some myths resist reality, and majority or dominant cultures in countries around the world still seek to impose their identity on other groups with whom they share a territory.

Attempts to impose unculturalism in multi-ethnic environments often come at the expense of minority rights. To avoid marginalization, minorities often intensify their efforts to preserve and protect their identity. The hardening of opposing forces -assimilation on the one hand and preservation of minority identity on the other -- can cause increased intolerance and, in the worst case, armed ethnic conflict. In such cases and in order to prevent escalation, the protection and promotion of minority rights becomes essential. PP is working on Communal and Peace Building' activities in schools and communities through street theater, talking doll shows, Banners, leaflets, debate, deputation of memorandums, and anti superstitions and blind beliefs' activities to stop violence in all forms.

We have conducted 06 Yoga workshops among school students and slums to let them know about the utilities in of Yoga in our daily life.

Beggars' rehabilitation: PP distributed 360 'Help Me' Cards to the beggars in Dakshineswar and Bhutnath Temple areas as their own identities. 22 Beggars rehabilitated in Bagbazar Canal side Shelter Homes' in free of cost. 09 children received Vocational trainings. 21 Begging children or comes from begging family enrolled in local Govt Schools. Community awareness programme and meeting with 'each one' at guardian level conducted to update their daily social and economical lives and to make a better future for their children.

Secretary of 'People's Participation' was invited for a in house training programme on 'Social Defense Issues: Beggary prevention: Overview, Strategy & rehabilitation of beggars and vagrants' to the Officers of the rank of Dy.SP & Inspector from different units of West Bengal Police & Kolkata Police will attend this training programme.

Unorganized Workers' Rights

Constriction Workers Rights: 'Building worker' means a person who is employed to do any skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled manual, supervisory, technical or clerical work for hire or reward, whether the terms of employment be expressed or implied, in connection with any building or other

construction Work. We helped 22 construction workers to receive their social security card this year. Most of them from Murshidabad.

Domestic Workers Rights: To provide adequate social assistance to the excluded majority, the Government of West Bengal has framed the West Bengal Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Act, 2007 and the Government of India has enacted the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008. We met more than 45 domestic help women in Chanditala Block and trained them 'how to deliver the quality service' to their customers. Many of them engaged Social security **SASPFUW** by our supports.

Transport Workers Right: West Bengal Transport Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2010: It applies to all unorganised workers engaged in automobiles used for commercial purposes, namely, cars, taxies, luxury taxis, light commercial vehicles, vans, auto-rickshaws, tempos, lorries, trucks, bus, etc. or by whatever name called, other than those solely owned by an individual for his personal or family use. 'Transport Worker' means an unorganised worker who has completed 18 years of age but has not completed 60 years of age and to whom this scheme applies. 'Family' relating to a beneficiary shall be deemed to consist of the beneficiary, his/her spouse, son up to 21 years of age, unmarried daughter, widow daughter, if residing with the beneficiary, dependent parents, the widow and children of a deceased son. **PP has engaged more than 88 transport workers with the existing Govtt run scheme this year in around Kolkata.**

Anti Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco issue: The main emphasis was on prevention of drugs and alcohol problems in the communities. This was done through Street theater, Talking doll shows, Magic shows. There is growing work on the extent, patterns and problems associated with drug and alcohol use in India. It is an attempt to capture the spirit of the community and workplace programs and the need for partnerships to address the complex problems of drugs and alcohol in our society. It describes programs formulation and the process of setting up of comprehensive community based interventions and workplace programs.

-----**XXXXXXXXXX**-----

Tobacco use is the single greatest cause of preventable death worldwide – a risk factor not only for lung diseases, such as emphysema and lung cancer, but also for a host of other diseases. More than 5 million people die each year due to tobacco-related illnesses, the vast majority of them in low- and middle-income countries”--- People's Participation organised road campaign by Street Theatre to aware the general people against tobacco related addictions. Except this activity People's Participation prepared some leaflets to distribute among the 'smoking and chewing tobacco' people at the shops/centres. **We are trying to be involved with an existing network who is working for the cause.**

Rural Development: We have conducted so many awareness programmes in Chanditala Block-II (Baksa , Barijhatty , Begampur , Chanditala , Dankuni , Garalgacha , Janai , Kapasaria , Monoharpur , Mrigala , Naity and Panchghora) among the Elected Panchayata Representatives and general women on their rights as mentioned below:

Role of Women in the Panchayati Raj System

- Bringing women into the mainstream of development is a major concern
- The Constitutional (73rd) Amendment Act, 1992 provides for reservation of selective posts for women.

- Women members and Chairpersons of Panchayats, who are new entrants in Panchayats, have to gain the required skill which is imparted by training institutions for which the financial assistance is provided by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Except those awareness programmes we have trained more than 120 villagers on Mushroom Cultivation and Poultry training. And let them engage with local Govt organs to start their small business.

We have formed and nurtured 20 women SHGs in Vill- Mandra, P.O- Mandra, Block- Dhaniyakhali, Dist:- Hooghly and trained them on women leadership, Poultry farming, Spice business, Mushroom training for their livelihood issue.

Road Safety for people: PP is working on Road Safety and Sustainable Transportation. We are also working to increase knowledge level of new road users through easy-to-understand road safety manuals, by conducting reason based awareness campaigns on key risk factors like Drunken Driving and Speeding etc. IEC Materials prepared in Hindi, English and Bengali which distributed among the drivers initially.

Internships: in 2015-2016, 02 M.S.W interns from IGNOU have completed successfully their internship from People's Participation.

Human Rights Membership: In 2015-16, 03 volunteer members have been engaged with People's Participation to work with us and new membership cards prepared for them.

Networking: People's Participation networked with Amnesty International, Youth for Human Rights, PUCL, School of Fundamental Research, District Consumer Department, ICPS- Hooghly District; District Cultural Department and others.