

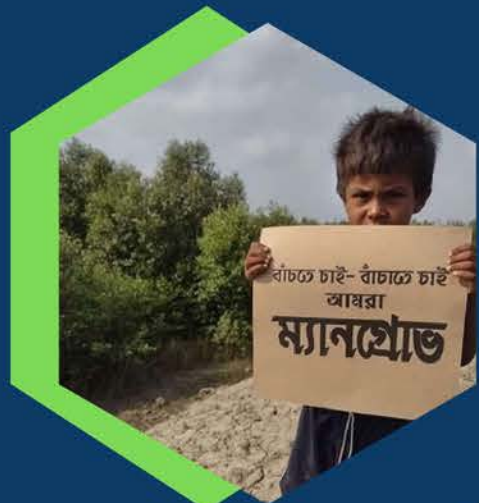
40+ YEARS IN SERVICE
TO THE NATION



BTS

Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha

Transforming Lives:
Changing Destinies



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About Us

Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS) is a community-based organization located in the remote village of Baikunthapur in the Sunderban Delta, strategically positioned near the Bay of Bengal and distant from Kolkata. Recognized by UNESCO as both a Biosphere Reserve and a World Heritage Site, the Sunderban region presents both challenges and opportunities for sustainable development. Despite its remote location, BTS actively engages with marginalized communities in areas adjacent to the Tiger Reserve Forest, focusing on vulnerable forest dwellers, fishing communities, and migrating populations. The organization's commitment is evident through its tailored development services, with a special emphasis on the well-being and empowerment of women and children. As a beacon of hope, BTS extends care, concern, and unwavering support to the most disadvantaged in one of the world's most unique and cherished landscapes.



Our Outreach

- District Covered : 2 Districts (S. 24Pgs. & Alipurduar
- Community Development Block covered : 7 blocks
- Gram Panchayat: 20 Gram Panchayats
- Village coverage : 54 Villages
- Kultali Block:- 4 GPs/PRI areas covering 19 villages.
- Patharpratima Block:- 8 GP/PRI , total covering 15 villages.
- Block: Basanti-2 GP/PRI Areas covering 7 villages.
- Block: Canning-I -2 GP/PRI Covering 7 villages.
- Block: Mathurapur-II-1 GP/PRI covering 2 Villages
- Block Namkhana -1 GP/PRI covering 2 Villages
- Block: Alipurduar-II-2 GP/PRI covering 2 Villages

Journey So Far

In 1978, a group of young enthusiasts founded Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS) as a leisure and camaraderie club, but their mission shifted profoundly in 1982 when they actively responded to severe floods in Kultali island, realizing the urgent need for improved healthcare and nutritional support in isolated communities. Transitioning from casual activities, BTS officially registered under various acts, including the West Bengal Society Registration Act, 1961, and obtained certifications under the Income Tax Act and the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.



Secretary's Journey to Elevate Change

Susanta Giri, initially drawn to Kolkata for advanced studies, found profound inspiration in the altruistic work of Mother Teresa and the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. Influenced by Rabindranath Tagore's model of Rural Reconstruction, he returned to his hometown after the sudden demise of his mother. Confronted with the harsh realities of rural life, Susanta chose to stay and dedicated himself to community welfare. Implementing initiatives in education, healthcare, livelihood, and environmental conservation, he addressed pressing issues and curbed the migration of locals to urban areas. Mobilizing the community, he amplified their collective voice, compelling the local administration to prioritize the well-being of the often-overlooked residents. Susanta's transformative efforts underscored the importance of community inclusivity and well-being, leaving a lasting impact on his homeland.

Our Programme

Quality Education

- BTS-Pathbhavan
- Digital Education
- Pre-School Programme
- Child Sponsorship Programme
- Talent Sponsorship Programme

Livelihood

- Climate Adaptive Natural Farming (CANF)
- Natural Resource Management (NRM)
- Skill Development programme

Women Empowerment

- Empowering self-help groups
- Women Entrepreneurship programme

Health & Nutrition

- Adolescents' Reproductive Health Support
- Mother & Child Care
- Nutrition support
- Community Hospital

Care and Protection

- Old Age Support programme
- Residential Hostel facility for destitute Children

Community Led Development Process



Our Thimatic areas

- Climate Change Adaptations/Resilience Building(Ecological Restoration)
- Mother-Child Healthand Nutrition+(MCHN+)
- Sustainable livelihoods and Women Empowerment
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- WaSH & Safe Adolescence
- Child Protection and Quality Educationto disadvantaged children.
- Community Based DisasterRisk Reduction(CBDRR)
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Programs(REEP)
- Care of Older People & Safe SightsProgram
- Convergence with Government Line Departments



VISION

BTS dreams of an enriched society where each and every individual lives respectfully with equal rights to information, socio-cultural observances, proper education, and healthcare, thus promoting gender empowerment and childhood liberties at large.

Our Partners

Government of India

- FCRA registered under Ministry of Home Affairs
- Niti-Aayog- NGO Darpan
- Ministry of Women & Child Development
- Ministry of Environment & Forests (NEAC)

Government of West Bengal

- Dept. of Health & Family Welfare
- Dept. of Youth & Sports
- Dept. of Agriculture
- Department of Sundarban Affairs,

Institutional Partners

- Asha for Education, USA
- Association for India's Development(AID)-USA
- Oak Foundation, Switzerland
- Praxis, New Delhi
- Smile Foundation, New Delhi
- Ananta Akash
- SAVE-UK & India
- SEEDS India
- Bengali Association of Indiana
- L & PND Memorial Trust, Kolkata
- Giveindia, (Give.Do) Mumbai
- Rotary Club of Kolkata Galaxy
- North Virginia Bengali Association
- India Donates
- Vibha(Help Them Grow Inc.)-USA
- Monoj Mody Foundation, Kolkata
- World Wide Fund(WWF)-India
- Charities Aid Foundation, New Delhi
- Americares India Foundation-Mumbai
- Bread for the World (BftW),Germany
- Embassy of Ireland, Development Cooperation Ireland
- American Jewish World Service(AJWS)-USA
- Kolkata Gives
- ImpactGuru Crowd Funding
- American Services To India, USA
- Sakhya-UK
- TERI-New Delhi
- Dev Research Communication & Services Center(DRCSC), Kolkata
- Bhalobasa ONlus, Italy
- Her Rights Inc.
- MIVA, The Netherlands(Holland)Indians for Collective Action(ICA)-USA
- Water For People India Trust, Kolkata
- Charities Aid Foundation, New Delhi
- Embassy of France, New Delhi
- SETU Sverige Foundation, Sweden

Corporate Partners

- Small Industries Development Bank of India(SIDBI)-CSR
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers IndiaFoundation(PwCIF)-CSR
- Linde Global Support Services (BOP)-CSR
- Discovery Communications India(DCI)-CSR through WWF-India
- Indian Oil corpn. (IOC LTD.-CSR
- Peerless Fin. & Investment Co. Ltd.-CSR
- Tech Mahindra Foundation-CSR
- Motovolt Mobility-CSR
- HAL(Hindustan Aeronetics Ltd.)-CSR
- TIPL-CSR

MISSION

BTS aims to provide equal opportunities to all sections of people for comprehensive development and self-reliance through a sustainable and participatory approach, protecting and caring for the environment, and supporting underserved women, children, and families.



OUR APPEAL

Your support fuels the journey of transforming lives and changing destinies for those who deserve assistance. One act of your kindness can ignite this journey



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATIONS/RESILIENCE BUILDING (ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION)

BTS is committed to environmental sustainability and climate resilience through ecological restoration efforts. This includes initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and protect natural resources.

Sustainable Livelihoods and Women Empowerment

BTS promotes sustainable livelihoods, especially among women, empowering them economically and socially. This includes skill development and income-generating activities.

Mother-Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN+)

BTS works towards improving maternal and child health, emphasizing nutrition and healthcare for mothers and children. This is essential for achieving better overall well-being.

Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR)

BTS is actively engaged in reducing community vulnerabilities to disasters, enhancing preparedness, and responding effectively when disasters strike.

Climate adapting & Natural Farming and Food Security

BTS strives to enhance agricultural practices, ensuring food security for communities and promoting sustainable farming methods.

WASH & Safe Adolescence

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) initiatives are vital for community well-being. BTS also addresses issues related to safe adolescence, including reproductive health and education.

Child Protection and Quality Education for Disadvantaged Children

Ensuring the safety and education of disadvantaged children is a priority for BTS. This includes efforts to eliminate child marriage and provide quality education.



Quality Education Programme

BTS-Pathbhavan, a primary Bengali medium school established in 1983, provides enhanced learning resources and facilities to rural students hailing from families with fewer economic means. This institution prioritizes both curricular and co-curricular activities, aiming to bolster holistic learning and furnish crucial foundational support for the students.

Digital education is also integrated into school education to promote and nurture 21st-century skills among students living in the remotest places in the country and coping with modern technology to enhance their learning experience.

The Pre-School Program serves as the foundational step for local rural children before they embark on their formal schooling journey. Typically catering to children aged three to five, preschools emphasize a balance between structured activities and play-based learning.

The Child Sponsorship Program (CSP) is a means to offer financial aid to students, especially those from underprivileged or developing areas, who are studying between grades V-XII. This support targets critical aspects of their well-being, including education, healthcare, and nutrition.

The Talent Sponsorship Program (TSP) is a merit-based financial assistance program aimed at supporting exceptionally talented students pursuing advanced education.



Livelihood

Climate Adaptive Natural Farming (CANF), which focuses on sustainable agriculture to cope with environmental conditioning and promotes an agro-based economy within the community.

Natural Resource Management (NRM) Program works to align the preservation of natural assets with the well-being of the local communities. Through NRM, BTS aims to fuse their efforts with local insights, promoting practices that conserve resources and maintain harmony with the mangroves.

The Skill Development program works on providing vocational training and livestock management support to marginalized beneficiaries to create employment opportunities and restore migration in the community.



Health and Nutrition

Adolescents' Reproductive Health Support Program directly connects youth to ensure they are educated about their physiological changes, reproductive rights, and the importance of hygiene. BTS organizes dedicated workshops, offers face-to-face counselling, and hosts interactive sessions that cater to the specific needs and questions of adolescents.

Mother And Child Care is one of the forefront activities of the BTS to advocate safe motherhood and child health care in the remote island regions of the Sundarbans. Recognizing this importance, BTS has proactively cultivated a team of trained community health workers (CHWs), supervisors, and other essential staff to cater to the health needs of these marginalized communities.

Nutrition support provides to our school and residential hostel children to address the low BMI levels among these students, it became evident that appropriate nutritional supplements were required to ensure their health and to enhance their concentration in academic pursuits.

Community Hospital is established to address the urgent need for safe childbirth practices in rural regions and the importance of reducing maternal and child mortality rates, BTS established a Community Delivery Centre (CDC).



Women Empowerment



Empowering self-help groups is an important factor in facilitating women's economic independence and growth. The key achievement is the creation of the "Kultali Mahila Bikash Co-operative Credit Society," which extends micro-credit support in the Kultali Community Development Block.

Women Entrepreneurship programme offers a wide range of livelihood development training such as Joriwork, Tailoring, Bio-Farming, fish vending, vegetable selling, operating local stalls, and managing rice-processing units. Through such training support, women are creating employment opportunities rather than seeking jobs outside.'

Care and Protection

The Old Age Support program acknowledges the challenges faced by beggars, single men and women, and other marginalized members of the community. A dedicated assistance program such as dry ration distribution has been initiated. By assuaging their daily concerns about sustenance, the program aims to offer some respite and a sense of belonging to those who, despite their circumstances, remain an integral part of the community fabric.

Residential Hostel facility for destitute Children caters support to a significant number of orphaned and semi-orphaned children, a consequence of various socio-economic factors. Addressing the pressing need for intervention, BTS established AAKASH BHAVAN, a hostel facility crafted as a haven for these vulnerable children. The primary aim of AAKASH BHAVAN is to integrate these children into society, offering them a platform from which they can contribute positively to the nation's progress.



Community-Led Development Process



At BTS, we strongly believe in the transformative power of community voices. We understand that true development is only possible when it is driven by the people it directly impacts. That's why we actively create platforms and opportunities for community members to engage in decision-making processes. By amplifying their voices and involving them in shaping their own futures, we ensure that development efforts align with their needs and priorities, ultimately leading to more sustainable progress for all.

Environment & Disaster Response

BTS is committed to minimizing the vulnerability of communities to natural disasters. Through proactive measures, education, and community engagement, we aim to reduce the impact of disasters, safeguarding lives, property, and livelihoods.

Nature Based Solution provides support for the restoration of ecosystems through natural resources. Our efforts involve reforestation, habitat preservation, and sustainable land use to safeguard biodiversity and strengthen the natural environment.

In times of natural catastrophes, **BTS** swiftly mobilizes disaster response teams to provide immediate relief to affected communities. Our efforts include food, shelter, medical assistance, and emotional support, aiding in recovery and rebuilding after disasters strike.



Our Impact



239

SHG groups formed and empowered



1.5 L

Total Beneficiaries impacted every year



22179

Farmers nurtured for natural farming



6

blocks are reached out for welfare projects



14

live welfare projects: enabling grassroots



10139

Male Farmers



12040

Women Farmers



239

Mahila Mandals

BAIKUNTHAPUR TARUN SANGHA - BTS

Established on January 29, 1983

Registered Office

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Kamdebpur, Pathar Pratima

Dist: South 24 paraganas

West Bengal, PIN-743371

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