

# ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

## 1. DISTRICT DISABLED REHABILITATION CENTRE (DDRC), BIRBHUM

### A. Introduction

District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) is an initiative by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, to facilitate comprehensive services to Persons with Disabilities in respective District. We, as the Implementing Agency have setup the DDRC, Birbhum at Ratanpally, Santiniketan, Birbhum on March 2009 and from this time it is functioning under our care and under the supervision of District Management Team headed by the District Magistrate, Birbhum with firmly adopted objectives to serve the entire disabled population of Birbhum district. The main objectives of this centre is to provide all kind of rehabilitative supports to the Persons With Disabilities of any category under all ages which comprises various facilities such as, different therapeutic treatments like physiotherapy, speech therapy, psychotherapy, counseling service etc., assessment of needs and provision of Aids & Appliances to the Person With Disabilities, arrangement of surgical correction if needed, providing disability certificate through camp approach. In addition, the promotion of barrier free environment and awareness generation on prevention of Disabilities are the other main objectives of this centre.

### B. Identification Camps for the Persons With Disabilities

During the year 2011-2012 two Identification Camps were organised for the disabled persons of all category at Birbhum for providing them with necessary Aids & Appliances. The main objective of such camp is to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard Aids & Appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation, by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhance their economic potential.



Registration & Identification of the for PWD is going on at the Identification Camp at Birbhum District Rice Mills Association's Hall, Kachharipatty, Bolpur, on 25.08.2011.



The DSWO, Birbhum have addressing the beneficiaries of the Identification Camp at the Conference Hall of Rice Mills' Association, Bolpur, Birbhum on 25.08.2011.



Identification Camp for the Persons With Disabilities under all categories at Lohapur Heera Pry. School, Lohapur, Birbhum on 15.09.11.



### C. Aids & Appliances Distribution Camps for the Persons With Disabilities

In this year, few Aids & Appliances Distribution Programmes are organised at Bolpur on 22.05.2011 and at Sainthia, Birbhum on 26.06.11 for the beneficiaries of the previous year's Identification Camp.



Sri Chandranath Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State, Panchayat and Rural Development, Govt. of W.B. and Sri Anubrata Mondal, Hon'ble Chairman, SRDA (GB), Govt. of WB, presenting Tricycle to the Orthopaedic Handicapped Persons at the Aids & Appliances Distribution Programme at Geetanjali, Bolpur on 22.05.11.



Hon'ble Guests at the Aids & Appliances Distribution Programme for the Persons With Disabilities at the community Hall of Marwari Seva Samity, Sainthia, Birbhum on 26.06.2011.



A Wheel Chair is being presented both by the Hon'ble Chairman, SRDA, Govt. of W.B. & Hon'ble Minister, P&RD, Govt. of WB to an Orthopaedically Handicapped Person at Sainthia on 26.06.2011.

**DETAILS OF THE ASSESSED PWDs OF THE IDENTIFICATION CAMPS  
ORGANISED BY DDRC, BIRBHUM**

Sl. No.	Date & Time	Venue	No. of Assessed PWD				Total
			OH	HI	VI	MR/CP	
1.	25.08.2011 9.00 am–5.00 pm	Birbhum Dist. Rice Mills' Association Kachharipatty, Bolpur, Birbhum	317	165	25	0	507
2.	15.09.2011 9.00 am–5.00 pm	Heera Primary School Lohapur, Nalhati, Birbhum	099	022	19	5	145
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>416</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>652</b>

**DETAILS OF THE IDENTIFIED PWDs OF THE IDENTIFICATION CAMPS  
ORGANISED BY DDRC, BIRBHUM**

Sl. No.	Date & Time	Venue	No. of Identified PWD				Total
			OH	HI	VI	MR/CP	
1.	25.08.2011 9.00 am–5.00 pm	Birbhum Dist. Rice Mills' Association Kachharipatty, Bolpur, Birbhum	213	91	25	0	329
2.	15.09.2011 9.00 am–5.00 pm	Lohapur Heera Primary School Lohapur, Birbhum	033	22	12	5	072
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>246</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>401</b>

**DETAILS OF THE AIDS & APPLIANCES PROVIDED  
TO IDENTIFIED BENEFICIARIES\* IN 2011-2012**

Sl. No.	Aids & Appliances	Total No. of Aids & Appliances provided to the PWD
1.	Tricycle	035
2.	Wheel Chair	021
3.	Auxiliary Crutch	011
4.	Prosthesis & Orthosis Aids	009
5.	Hearing Aids	028
6.	Blind Stick	004
<b>Total</b>		<b>108</b>

\* Identification Camp at Sainthia, Birbhum (2010-2011).

**D. Special Medical Boards for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs)**

The DDRC, Birbhum has organised two Special Medical Boards for providing Disability Certificate to the Persons With Disabilities of Rampurhat-I Block & Municipality area at Rampurhat Sub-Divisional Hospital on 06.01.12 and PWDs of Rampurhat-II Block at the BDO's office, Lohapur, Birbhum on 09.01.12 in support of District Health Department and Sarva Siksha Mission, Birbhum. The Identified PWDs were provided with Disability Certificates through CLRCs of the respective Blocks.

**DETAILS OF THE BENEFICIARIES SELECTED THROUGH THE SPECIAL MEDICAL  
BOARDS HELD IN BIRBHUM IN 2011-2012**

Sl. No.	Date & Time	Venue	Beneficiaries of Disability Certificate					Total
			OH	HI	VI	MR/CP	LD	
1.	06.01.12 10.00 am – 5.00 pm	Rampurhat Sub-Divisional Hospital, Rampurhat	29	28	16	49	01	123
2.	09.01.12 10.00 am – 5.00 pm	Rampurhat-II BDO Office Lohapur, Birbhum	07	29	00	20	01	057
<b>Total</b>			<b>36</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>180</b>





Special Medical Board for the Persons With Disabilities of Rampurhat-I Block & Rampurhat Mun. at Rampurhat Sub-Divisional Hospital on 06.01.12.



The Orthopaedic Doctor assessing the Persons With Disabilities at the Special Medical Board at Rampurhat Sub-Divisional Hospital on 06.01.12.



Special Medical Board for the Persons With Disabilities of Rampurhat-II Block at Rampurhat-II BDO Office, Margram, Birbhum on 09.01.12.



The Audiologist have assessing the Hearing Impaired Persons at the Special Medical Board at Rampurhat-II BDO Office, Margram, Birbhum on 09.01.12.

## E. Observation of World Disabled Day 2011

Among many global problems the problem of the children who need special help is a burning one and it has appealed all human souls that something has to be done for these helpless children. Apart from the Children, a special attention is also needed for the entire disabled population in social context. In fact, There are many aspects of problems which caused disability and affected the life people in many ways especially in the rural areas, such as, Child birth with disabilities are occurred due to low level of nutrition and healthcare provided to the pregnant mothers, which also caused by the lack of proper education and health consciousness etc. There is no doubt that large number of cases of disability is highly preventable and that can be prevented through providing information and by creating awareness among general people. By keeping this in mind, we have observed the World Disabled Day on 3rd December 2011 by undertaking different activities like Mass Awareness Rally, Sit & Draw and Poetry Recitation Competition for Disabled Children and Cultural Programme. The observation programme was inaugurated by Sri Chandranath Sinha, Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development, Govt. of W.B. in presence of Smt. Nishkriya Konra, Pradhan, Ruppur Gram Panchayat, Dr. Chapal Kumar Chatterjee, Rotarian and eminent Social Worker, Sri Arijit Roy, eminent Social Worker, Sri Debabrata Chakrabarty, Vice President, SEVAKS and Sri Ratanlal Surana, Member, SEVAKS.





Reception of Hon'ble Guests Sri Chandranath Sinha, Panchayat Minister, Govt. of W.B. & Smt. Nishkrity Konra, Pradhan, Ruppur Gram Panchayat, by a Mentally Retarded Child in the World Disabled Day 2011 observation programme at DDRC, Birbhum on 03.12.2011.



A Mass Awareness Rally with a multitude of disabled persons, children, and guardians moved along the areas of Bolpur & Santiniketan with decorative tableau and placards with written messages on Prevention of Disabilities & Inclusive Education creating many enquiries among the common people. Next, the Disabled Children have participated in poetry recitation, Sit & Draw competition, solo & group dance along with Normal Children as a part of this programme's objective to Create Inclusion.



Disabled & Normal Children are participating in Sit & Draw Competition organised on the occasion of World Disabled Day 2011 at DDRC, Birbhum on 03.12.11.



Group Dance performing by the Disabled & Normal Children on the occasion of World Disabled Day 2011 at DDRC, Birbhum on 03.12.11.



Disabled & Normal Children both are participating in the Poetry Recitation at DDRC, Birbhum on 03.12.11.



The World Disabled Day 2011 observation program came to the end with prize giving ceremony in the afternoon. The Hon'ble Guests gave away the prizes to the Children With Special Needs (CWSN) and Normal Children and also made an earnest request to the audiences to stretch their helping hands to this unprivileged Disabled Children and care them as our own brothers and sisters or sons and daughters.



Mass Awareness Rally with decorative tableaue on Disabilities on the occasion of World Disabled Day 2011 observation programme at Bolpur-Santiniketan.



Wheel Chair is being presented by the Hon'ble Minister of State, P&RD, Sri Chandranath Sinha in World Disabled Day 11 observation programme at DDRC, Birbhum.



Prize giving ceremony for the Children participators of Sit & Draw, Poetry Recitation and Cultural programmes organised at DDRC, Birbhum on the occasion of World Disabled Day 2011 on 03.12.11.

## 2. NAVODYAM SIKSHANIKETAN (A Special School for Disabled)

It is for the information of the people at large that this society is running a special school named Navodyam Sikshaniketan at it's premises at Ratanpally, Santiniketan. 24 disabled students coming from the fields of M.R, H.I, and V.I. are reading in this school. Four (4) special teachers are constantly imparting lessons to them for 3 hours and thrice in a week on Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday. It is more important to note that these disabled students are given vocational training here and rightly it may be expected that these disabled children will be able to earn their bread by themselves. An attempt has been taken to enrol many other disabled students here and to provide a scope of their prosecuting studies here.



### 3. NATIONAL CHILD LABOUR PROJECT (NCLP), BIRBHUM

It is beyond doubt that the child labours that belong to socio-economically backward family are prevailed in almost every part of rural, urban and semi-urban areas of our country as well as in Birbhum district. Due to poverty they are not in position to get formal education and other normal daily requirements. Therefore, in order to improve their worst condition, the Government of India launched the National Child Labour Project in all over the country including Birbhum district since 2006. Through this programme certain number (50) of child labours are provided with free primary level education up to class IV within the time span of 3 years under a non-formal school setup. After the completion of their study the child labours are mainstreamed in local formal schools to proceed with further study to upper level of education.



Students are getting education at different Child Labour Schools at different Child Labour Schools under Nalhati-I & Nalhati-II Block of Birbhum

Our Society is involved with this programme since 2006 by running several Child Labour Schools in Birbhum district in support of the Birbhum District Child Labour Rehabilitation-Cum-Welfare Society under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Suri, Birbhum. At this 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Project (2009-10 to 2011-12), 5 Child Labour Schools were running under our care at Maheshpur (Nalhati-I Block), Hazarpur (Nalhati-II Block), Mostafadanga (Nalhati-II Block), Atkula (Nalhati-II Block) and Sukbazar (Bolpur Block). Like previous years, total 25 staffs comprising 15 teaching and 10 non-teaching staff were engaged in this project and total 250 Child Labour Students have learned in these Schools. The school starts at the convenient time of the Pupils and classes continues for three and half hours. Besides imparting education several other facilities like Vocational Training, Monthly stipends to the students in favour of their Bank Account as supplementary income, and Nutrition was provided to them. From this session the Mid Day Meal Programme has been initiated like other formal schools, where the arrangement of Mid Day Meal is made by the respective BDOs and local SHG(s). Our organisation's responsibilities in this regard were to supervise the whole arrangement and ensure that the students can get proper and healthy meal along with their study.

At the end of December 2011, all the students of these schools were admitted in the upper classes of local formal schools after the successful completion of their study. Thus, SEVAKS has achieved a remarkable success in bringing those unprivileged children under the mainstream of our education system. It is expected that from the next session of 2012-2013 our organisation will get the opportunity to serve the Child Labours in different areas of our district through conducting Child Labour Schools under National Child Labour Project, Birbhum.

#### **4. MASS AWARENESS & INFORMATION STALL AT SANTINIKETAN POUSH MELA; Abolishment of Child Labour and Ensuring Education for every Child**

Poush Utsava of Santiniketan is 117 years old. Rabindranath Tagore's father Devendranath Tagore who was known as the Maharshi started the festival to mark the foundation of the Santiniketan Ashrama. The Poush Festival is internationally famous and near about 7-8 lakhs people come from different parts of our country as well as outside the country to enjoy the grand occasion of Poush Festival here at this renowned place of Santiniketan, which is coated with the memory of the World-Poet as well as Noble laureate Rabindranath Tagore. Aptly this is the most convenient place for spreading any kind of knowledge and information through sketches, pictures, data and cultural function.

In the Poush Mela of 2011 a Mass Awareness and Information Stall on the abolishment of Child Labour and ensuring education for every Child was organised from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in support of NCLP, Birbhum. The stall was inaugurated jointly by Sri Naresh Chandra Bauri, Vice Chairman of Bolpur Municipality and Sri Bikash Roy Choudhury, President, INTIUC, Birbhum in presence of Sri Naren Chatterjee, former Minister, Govt. of W.B., Sri Nantu Paul, Chairman, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Sri Sushil Kr. Choudhury, President, SEVAKS, Sri Nirupam Sinha, Secretary, SEVAKS, Sri Ratanlal Surana, Member, SEVAKS and many other eminent personalities from various walks of life of Bolpur-Santiniketan.



Sri Naresh Chandra Bauri, Vice Chairman, Bolpur Municipality and Sri Bikash Roy Choudhury, President, INTIUC, Birbhum have jointly inaugurating the Mass Awareness Stall on Child Labour at Santiniketan Poush Mela 2011 on 23.12.2011.

Beside them, many dignitaries like Dr. Dilip Kr. Dutta, Dy. CMOH-II, Birbhum, Dr. Jayanta Kr. Sukul, ACMOH, Bolpur Sub-Division, Sri Soumyanil Sarkar, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Suri & Project Director, NCLP, Birbhum, Sri Tuhin Subhra Majumdar, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Bolpur Sub-Division, Sri Vidyadhar Shaw, Field Officer, NCLP, Birbhum, Sri Sushanta Dutta Gupta, Assistant Secretary, PSC, Govt. of W.B., Sri Sujoy Acharya, Sub-Divisional Officer, Suri spent their valuable time in the stall and many of them established friendly rapport with those who expressed their eagerness to know something about the child labour, their prospect of education, their ways of livelihood, and many others enquires about them.





Mass Awareness Stall on the abolishment of Child Labour & ensuring education for every Child at Santiniketan Poush Mela 2011 from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 to 26<sup>th</sup> December 2011.



Sri Sushil Kr. Choudhury, President, SEVAKS have addressing the Hon'ble Guests & Mela visitors at the Inauguration Programme of Mass Awareness Stall on Child Labour at Poush Mela on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011.



Sri Soumyanil Sarkar, ALC, Suri & the PD, NCLP, Birbhum and Sri Tuhin Subhra Majumdar, ALC, Bolpur SD at the Mass Awareness Stall on Child Labour.



Dr. Jayanta Kr. Sukul, ACMOH, Bolpur Sub-Division at the Mass Awareness Stall on Child Labour at Santiniketan Poush Mela 2011.



General Visitors at the Mass Awareness Stall on Child Labour at Santiniketan Poush Mela 2011



The interior decoration of the stall was made with various colourful posters, banners, written messages on the abolishment of Child Labour, Child Education, and Child Rights. A large number of Booklets containing the information regarding the reasons behind the origination of Child Labour, Child Rights, Child Labour Prohibition & Regulation Act, Child Protection Act etc. under Indian Constitution and the facilities and supports provided to the Child Labours under

National Child Labour Project etc. were also distributed from this stall to aware and educate the general people from urban and rural areas on the above issues.

A Cultural programme of local folk song (Boul) on Child Labour was also organised at the awareness stall. These types of programme always have a special appeal to the common people especially at the rural areas. Therefore, it can be expected that through Boul songs we have been able to remove the obstacle of ignorance from the general mind in large extent.



The Cultural Programme of Boul Songs at Mass Awareness Stall on Child Labour at Santiniketan Poush Mela 11

## 5. SELF HELP GROUPS

SHGs are currently seen as an essential and integral part not only of financial services delivery, but also as a channel for the delivery of non-financial services within larger objectives of livelihoods promotion, community development and women's empowerment. It has been realized in many parts of the world as well as in our country that an effective way to tackle poverty and to enable communities to improve the quality of life is the social mobilization of disadvantaged people, especially into Self Help Groups (SHGs). By the initiation of SEVAKS, many spouses of rural farmers by forming groups have been able to earn money creating an instance that woman also can earn money by running cottage industries in their homes. Presently, 15 SHG(s) are functioning under our care in the rural and tribal areas of Bolpur Block. The group members are trained on vocational planes like, food processing, kitchen garden, needle works, bamboo works.

## 6. PROMOTION OF VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

### A. Voluntary Blood Donation Camp Organisation

Every conscious person knows that there is always a dearth of blood bottles in Blood Bank. The main reason of it is that most people are still in superstition or fear in donating blood. SEVAKS is working in this area because it motivates people about blood donation. It is crystal clear to the medical men that there is an acute crisis of blood in 3 Sub-Divisional Govt. Blood Banks and SEVAKS has come forward to solve this problem through motivation and organizing voluntary blood donation camps even in the remotest corner of our district. In the year 2011-2012, SEVAKS has been able to procure 1840 units of blood from the motivated blood donors by organising 48 Voluntary Blood Donation Camps.



## B. Seminar-cum-Workshops on Voluntary Blood Donation

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day 2011, a Seminar-cum-Workshop on the motivation of Voluntary Blood Donor for the members of local voluntary organisations, students and health workers of this field was organised with the theme “More Blood. More Life”, in each Sub-Division of Birbhum District in support of State Blood Transfusion Council (SBTC) of West Bengal. These Seminar-cum-Workshops were organised on 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2011 at Suri District Hospital, Rampurhat SD Hospital and at Birbhum District Rice Mills’ Association’s conference hall for Bolpur SD respectively. Again, on the occasion of National Blood Donation Day 2011, we have organised a Workshop on Voluntary Blood Donor Motivation with the members of local Voluntary Organisation, Red Ribbon Clubs including the students of different colleges at Bolpur on 05.11.2011 in support of State Blood Transfusion Council of West Bengal.



Seminar-cum-Workshop on Voluntary Blood Donation on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day 2011 at Suri District Hospital on 18.08.2011.



Presentation on Blood Donation by Dr. Tapan Kr. Ghosh, Director, RBTC, Burdwan at Birbhum Dist. Rice Mills’ Association, Bolpur, Birbhum on 05.11.11

## 7. AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ON HIV/AIDS

### A. Folk Media Campaign against HIV/AIDS

AIDS has come to be the most pressing public health problem of this century. Despite of this fact that AIDS is a preventable disease, it is spreading rapidly all over the World in a speed which never witnessed before in case of any other public health disease. Unlike other public health disease, there is no cure for AIDS. The most important and effective strategy for controlling the spread of infection at present is through public education to bring about positive behaviour changes that emphasize safer sex and awareness of High-risk behaviour.

Communication is an important key to social and cultural development of a nation and the role of folk media in it cannot be overlooked. We need to make use of the folk media to educate the ignorant, illiterate superstitious segment of rural people and equally use interpersonal communication skill to sensitize and mobilize people to participate voluntarily and bring end to HIV/AIDS in India. In this year, the West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society has initiated a vast Mass Awareness campaign programme against HIV/AIDS by the help of different Folk Medias like Baul Songs, Magic Shows and Street Drama through out the State.

The troupes of these medias had earlier been imparted a training by NACO and SACS officials along with experts in the field of creative and performing arts. In our district, we were given the responsibility to conduct the pre-publicity campaign and supervise the entire Folk Media Campaign on HIV/AIDS through proper coordination with the campaign troupes and concerned health department of the district. The Folk Media Campaign on HIV/AIDS was launched in Birbhum on 14.02.2012 at Dubrajpur Municipality and ended on 21.02.2012 at Nanoor covering total 45 different places in rural and municipal areas of the following Blocks of Bolpur, Nanoor, Illambazar, Nalhati-I, Nalhati-II, Dubrajpur, Mahammad Bazar, Labpur in Birbhum District. Through this Folk Media Campaign, thousands of people in rural and urban people of respective Blocks were educated and aware on HIV/AIDS, and consequently, we have also got encouraging responses from them at every venue and on every performance.



Campaign against HIV/AIDS is going on through Magic show at Madrik Sangha, Dubrajpur on 14.02.2012.



Folk Media Campaign against HIV/AIDS through Boul Songs at Santiniketan, Birbhum on 17.02.2012.

## B. Red Ribbon Clubs in Birbhum

Three years back a unique programme was launched by the West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society to boost up the fighting spirit against HIV/AIDS by involving the young generation in the awareness campaign against HIV/AIDS. Under this programme an action plan was made to form Red Ribbon Clubs at the Educational Institutions of our country. At that time, we were given the responsibility to form Red Ribbon Clubs at different Educational Institutions of our district in support of West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society.

During the previous 3 years, we have formed Red Ribbon Clubs with 50 student members at the several colleges of Birbhum like Purnidevi Choudhury Girls College, Bolpur, Kabi Joydev Mahavidyalaya, Illamabazar, Kabi Chandidas Mahavidyalaya, Khujutipara, Hiralal Bhakat College, Nalhati, Bengal Institute of Technology & Manangement, Bolpur, Dept. of Social Work, Visva Bharati, Rampurhat College, Rampurhat, Birbhum Mahavidyalaya, Suri, Sree Ramkrishna Silpa Vidyapith (Govt. Polytechnic College), Suri, Kabi Nazrul College, Murarai and Turku Hansda Lapsa Hembram Mahavidyalaya, Madian, Mollarpur. The student members of Red Ribbon Clubs have participating in every awareness campaign against HIV/AIDS in our district.

During this year, a Seminar-cum-Workshop on HIV/AIDS and Voluntary Blood Donation was organised for the College students at Bolpur Purnidevi Choudhury Girls College on 09.11.11 and at Turku Hansda Lapsa Hembram College at Mollarpur on 12.01.12.





Seminar-cum-Workshop on HIV/AIDS & Voluntary Blood Donation at Purnidevi Choudhury Girls College, Bolpur on 09.11.2011.



Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at Turku Hansda Lepsa Hemram College, Mollarpur on 25.01.2012.

Through these seminar-cum-workshops, we have provided the RRC Member participators along with the general students of each college with the true knowledge of preventing the dreadful disease of HIV/AIDS including the way of making changes the behavioural attitude in an individual towards leading good quality of life. Beside that an initiation is taken to motivate the youth members of RRC for donating their blood voluntarily by removing their baseless fear and ignorance on blood donation and with proper information on blood components and blood transfusion. All those efforts were properly made with the help of IEC materials, books and slide show presentation by the representatives from our organisation.

### C. Observation of World AIDS Day 2011; “GETTING TO ZERO”

With a clear & firm objective of ensuring AIDS free world, we, Santiniketan Ratanpalli Vivekananda Adibasi Kalyan Samity (SEVAKS) have observed the World AIDS Day 2011 through conducting a series of programmes comprising Mass Awareness Stall, Mass Awareness Rally, including Seminars and Quiz programmes on the same issue in Birbhum District.

A Mass Awareness Stall on HIV/AIDS was setup at the crowded place of Tourist Lodge More of Bolpur town on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011, which was inaugurated by Dr. Jayanta Sukul, ACOH, Bolpur Sub-Division in presence of Sri Debabrata Chakrabarty, Vice-President, SEVAKS and other social activists of this field. The Stall was decorated with colourful posters containing several meaningful and attractive messages on HIV/AIDS and highlighting this year's World AIDS Day theme “**Getting To Zero**”. Through this stall continuous effort was made to aware and educating general public as well as the Bus passengers of different occupational groups on the right way to prevent HIV/AIDS. A good number of leaflets bearing all the information on HIV/AIDS were distributed to the general public.

On this occasion, a big Mass Awareness Rally on HIV/AIDS was organised in Bolpur town with decorative tableau. Many club members, students with colourful posters and placards in hand depicted with meaningful messages on it including common people joined the rally. Many social activists and the experts of this field took part in this rally with greater heartiness and responsibility.



Formal inauguration of Mass Awareness Stall on HIV/AIDS by Dr. Jayanta Sukul, ACMOH, Bolpur, Birbhum on the occasion of World AIDS Day 2011 at Tourist Lodge more, Bolpur, Birbhum on 01.12.2011.



Activities going on at the Mass Awareness Stall on HIV/AIDS on the occasion of World AIDS Day at Tourist Lodge more at Bolpur, Birbhum on 01.12.2011



Seminar-cum-Quiz on Prevention of HIV/AIDS at Social Work Dept., Visva Bharati, Santiniketan on 10.12.11



Prize distribution of the Quiz competition on Prevention of HIV/AIDS at Social Work Dept., Visva Bharati, Santiniketan on 10.12.11.

On this occasion, two Seminars on HIV/AIDS were organised at Kabi Joydev College, Illambazar on 07.12.11 and Purnidevi Choudhury Girls College, Bolpur on 08.12.11 with total 137 students. Through this seminar & discussion we have provided the students with the knowledge on the cause of infecting HIV, the present scenario of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in our state. In addition, an effort was made through this seminar to provide necessary training to the students to aware the general people in individual & mass level for preventing HIV/AIDS.

In addition, a Seminar-cum-Quiz Programme was organised at two colleges of our district, Kabi Nazrul College Murarai on 02.12.11 and at the Social Work Dept., Visva Bharati, Santiniketan on 10.12.11. Through this quiz competition we have assessed the knowledge level of the students on HIV/AIDS and on the other hand, we had provided them with the true knowledge on the said issue. The questions of quiz competition was covered a vast areas of knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS, HIV-TB Co-ordinations, ICTC and Safe Voluntary Blood Donation etc.



## 8. CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY 2012; Stop Child Labour & Ensure education for every Child

It was on 26th January 1950 that India became a nation in the true sense, with a constitution and elected representatives of the people. The Republic Day of India is celebrated to mark the adoption of the Constitution of India and the transition of India from a British Dominion to a republic on January 26, 1950, when regional identity takes a backseat and what matters most is the universal appeal of unity and brotherhood projected by all Indians. On this day India also realize the dream of all those freedom fighters who, fought for and sacrificed their lives for freedom. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Great Republic Day of India was celebrated with most pomp and grandeur at Bolpur Sub-Division of Birbhum on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. SEVAKS was formally requested by Mr. Prabal Kanti Maity, Sub-Divisional Officer of Bolpur Sub-Division to participate with Tableau in the March Past of 63<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day of India at Bolpur Duk Bunglow Maidan. All the Govt. Departments of Bolpur Sub-Division including several Voluntary Organisations of this region were participated in the March Past with different themes and massages. Mr. Prabal Kanti Maity, the Sub-Divisional Officer of Bolpur Sub-Division took the salutation of the entire March Past.

In the Republic Day 2012 March Past we have selected the theme of our tableau as Child Labour; one of the most burning problems of a developing country like India and the Child Education as found in Tagore's vision, in view of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, the greatest pioneer in Child Education. On this most auspicious occasion



Tableau on Child Labour and Child Education at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Great Republic Day 2012 March Past at Dukbunglow Maidan, Bolpur, Birbhum on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012

of great National importance, we brought forward the Child Labour issue through our tableau by decorating it with meaningful attractive messages on the elimination of Child Labour and Child Education. Further, a small drama was performed at the tableau by an Instructor and students of Child Labour Schools through which we try to aware the general mass including the parents of Child Labour on the necessity of education for their children for achieving success in future life. We also highlighted Tagore's view through a marvellous quote from Gitanjali (1912), which also outlines Tagore's vision for an innovative approach to education. We can gladly conclude that our tableau demonstration on the problems of the issues with Child Labour has become most successful, as it draws a special attraction of all the viewers and participators of 63rd Republic Day March 2012 Past at Duk Bunglow Maidan.

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