

BEHALA BODHAYAN



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President's Message

Behala Bodhayan started with humble beginnings in the year 2001. It progressed thereafter due to the ceaseless perseverance of our Founder President Late Sasanka Sekhar Ghosh. Initially it began its journey with a few differently abled special children. They nurtured and cared for them with the objective of leading them towards greater independence so that these children could sustain themselves especially in the absence of their parents.

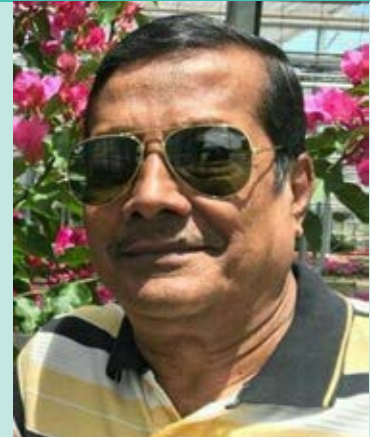
The organization grew rapidly each year mainly due their in-house innovative training programmes developed specially for the students through hard work, dedication and experience. Today we have around 130 students attending the morning and day school and 24 students who reside in our Residential Care Unit. With the advent of technology, the method of teaching became more professional, refined as well as realistic. This resulted in a plethora of therapies like physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, early intervention therapy, sensory therapy, psychological counselling, music, and dance therapy. Several daily activities including vocational training, sports, excursions, social awareness programmes like rallies, cultural programmes, integration programmes, Durga Puja Parikrama and dance drama concerts along with children from the mainstream schools.

Medical check-ups and medical camps are organized at regular intervals throughout the year. We are in the midst of a Pandemic and facing extraordinary and uncertain times. However at all times the Covid Protocol has been maintained and we have ensured proper sanitation, clean toilets and a hygienic kitchen in the Residential care unit. Our housekeeping maintains proper standards of cleanliness and hygiene.

In conclusion, I would like to affirm that Behala Bodhayan has made steady progress in all its endeavours. I am indeed very grateful to all the Teachers and Staff members for their dedicated, diligent and untiring contribution towards achieving their goal. I also take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt sincere gratitude to all the parents, patrons, well-wishers and support staff who have contributed as a team to help Behala bodhayan move successfully forward. I wish Behala Bodhayan more success and growth in the year ahead as well.

Thank you.

Sabyasachi Lahiri
President



General Secretary's Message

At the outset, I congratulate Behala Bodhayan for its continuous and unending efforts in uplifting the lives of children with special needs. This year has been unique and we are still in the middle of a humanitarian crisis facing a Pandemic and consequently many uncertainties. I regret the delay in submitting the Annual Report due to the constraints of the pandemic situation.

Ushering in the Bengali month of Baisakh, there was a wide range of activities in the month of April 2019. 10 of our students participated in a drawing competition held on the occasion of World Autism Day. There was a patriotic dance drama and a cultural programme. Ganesh puja was celebrated on the 1st day of Baisakh. On the same day our students participated in Sabh peychi Asar. A visit to the Nehru Childrens Museum and participation in a cultural programme were some of the highlights for the month of April.

As always, Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated on 15th May 2019 at the Satin Sen Park near Sarsuna. BB Boutique was inaugurated on Akshay Tritiya Day. There was a display of articles handmade by our talented vocational group. Towards the end of May we conducted our Summer Camp for 2 days. This included students of Behala Bodhayan as well as their siblings and children from outside. It was an enjoyable event filled with games, Fun activities, magic show, an outing etc. The Self Advocacy meeting was also arranged during this time wherein 3 of our self advocates participated.

On 13th September we had the Annual General Meeting of Behala Bodhayan. On the 19th September we had our Annual Cultural Programme. This was conducted at Sarat Sadan , Behala. Our honoured guests were Suparnanda Maharaj of Ramkrishna Mission Golpark, Mr Debabrata Chatterjee Disability Commissioner, District Mass Education Extension officer Mr Suvojit Mandal and Mr Kailash Khandelwal.

Our students went to New Delhi and participated in Alpana and their programmes. Pinku Das attended the SAFI Conference which was held in Nagda, Madhya Pradesh. On World Disability Day our students participated in a Padayatra. Like every year Puja Parikrama was held during the festive Durga Pujas of 2019.

It is with great honour I announce that our organization was awarded the Best Parents Organization at the Calcutta University Institute. Rojgar Mela , cultural programmes and events were also conducted with great splendour in December 2019 . Our students also participated in the Winter Carnival which was organized at the Asha School.

I am happy to share that Behala Bodhayan was awarded the Best Parents' Organisation Award by the West Bengal State Government on 3rd December, 2019. We had received the same award back in 2010 as well.

The entire calendar year is packed with activities and programmes for our children. This enhances their participation skills, overall growth and development taking them towards the path of achieving greater independence and helps them to lead happy, dignified and meaningful lives.

I take this opportunity to extend my warm regards, gratitude and best wishes to all the parents, siblings, volunteers, patrons, donors and well-wishers who continue to motivate and inspire us in our endeavours and journey. Behala bodhayan remains firm and true to its founding principles and values, working towards the betterment of society. We hope to achieve more in the coming years with your kind support and guidance.

Thank you all, stay safe and stay well.

Regards,

Rikta Ghosh
General Secretary



Brief Organizational Setup

Behala Bodhayan is an association of parents of the persons with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy & multiple disabilities, forming a Non Government Non-profit charitable organization for the welfare of such persons with the said disabilities and functioning for the last 12 years.

It primarily engages in running:

- A residential care centre (Samarth) which provides boarding and lodging of students coming from economically weaker sections.
- A special school (Day Care Centre) for early intervention and providing basic education.
- Vocational training along with other trainings and developments for improvement in their quality of life, rehabilitation, social integration and in order to make themselves self sufficient physically, literally, economically and professionally under NSIC.
- Nari Silpa Niketan engages in production of food items viz. jam, jelly and pickles etc.
- Social Service which involves home visits, surveys, need based aids and appliances, therapy, awareness and medical help.
- Social Integration Programs which include cultural and vocational activities, awareness workshops and competitions.

Objectives



A health care unit specially equipped for children with various different abilities.



A building for special school & vocational training.



An old age home for elderly persons with disability /parents who are unable to support themselves & their wards/senior citizens who have cultivated interest in the activities of Behala Bodhayan.



A seminar hall & auditorium for the various cultural activities conducted by Behala Bodhayan.



Staff welfare, recruitment & administration.

Mission

- To facilitate opportunities in order to empower and enable persons with disability through education, vocational training care, inclusive education, income generation and social integration.
- To strengthen families so that after the demise of their parents such children can be taken care of by their legal guardians or other eligible persons of registered organizations.
- To enhance parents' co-operation and association for taking care of children with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.
- To develop family support programmes for the children with disabilities which include training of parents and siblings, awareness within the family and relatives in order to keep their environment free from physical and psychological barriers.
- To synergize community people for the need of partnership between governments, persons with disabilities, their families, voluntary organizations, special educators and the main stream of the society.
- To develop comprehensive centers with diagnostics, counseling and therapeutic services, self-help groups, sustainable services, district level information systems and networks and multi-sectoral linkages.

Vision and Values

To usher in a confirming action with the multi-dimensional activities for the protection, care and inclusion of persons with mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities within or close to their own communities with the objectives of exploring and developing their maximum potentialities.

Behala Bodhayan pays utmost importance to the values the members believe in. The main objective is to explore and develop the potentials that lie in each individual with special needs to the fullest extent in order to include them in the mainstream of the society.



Responsibility

Strength: Our strength is our trained manpower – i.e. excellent qualified and experienced teaching staff. They not only teach sincerely but take much personal care for each individual student. They regularly monitor progress of each individual and take consistent care for the comparatively weaker students to meet their needs i.e. following the Individualized Educational Programme (IEP). We have the active support of the local community, the parents of the students, networking with various other organizations and above all the concerned departments of the State and Central Governments.

Weakness: Our main weakness is lack of consistent financial support for running and execution of the various proposed projects in order to become self-reliant as much as possible. In absence of sufficient fund, not only developments will come to a standstill but retention of the trained and experienced manpower without which the school cannot run will be very intricate.

Opportunities: We have a big land of approximately one bigha with pond and open environment for future expansion. We have planned to develop it into multi-facility training cum rehabilitation centre. This is very much on the list of priority for accommodating more needy students of the special category for their development which will go a long way in our efforts for their rehabilitation. CSR compliance by the corporate clusters as implemented by the GOI is a great relief. As a result of this it is expected that more and more corporate houses will come forward spontaneously to support and help the genuine organizations dedicated in social welfare and upliftment. There is a provision of allocation of certain percentage of fund under MPLADS and BEUP for the disability sector. We need to tap these sources to meet the infrastructural expense.

Threat: We do not see any major threat as such, since it is a social organization for the benefit of the society and the needy. However we sometimes have to face local hooligans interfering by trying to occupy forcibly our vacant property and create other disturbances.

Objectives



- Recreational centre with a play ground, therapeutic and training arrangement.
- Respite care centre with equipments for short stay for the children and their families.
- A health care unit specially equipped for the children with disabilities.
- A seminar hall and auditorium for cultural activities.
- Nari Silpa Niketan for women trainees in the vocational unit with their mothers, siblings and other under-privileged women in the community.
- An old age home for elderly persons with disabilities, parents who are unable to support themselves and their wards and also for those senior citizens.
- A proper private transport facility for children to attend classes and workshops on time.
- Need for creation of awareness amongst the community for building up positive outlook and attitude towards persons with disabilities and for ensuring human values and dignity.

Affiliations

- ✔ Registered Under West Bengal Society Registration Act, 1961 (Act No.XXVI).
- ✔ Registration No. S/IL/5204 of 2001-2002 dated 03.09.2001
- ✔ Government of West Bengal Office of the Commissioner For the Persons with Disabilities
- ✔ Registration no 373(com) dated 11 Nov 2010 (Serial no 0501)
- ✔ Government of West Bengal Mass Education Extension Department, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata 700091. Academic recognition vide memo no 308/MEE/Sectt.EM/3S-86/05 Dated 23rd March 2006.
- ✔ Enlisted in Parents' Association with the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.
- ✔ Affiliated member of PARIVAAR – National Federation of Parents Organisation and also PARIVAAR – Bengal
- ✔ National Trust (For the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Registration no : 2536/MR/CP/Autism/MD dated 16.02.2009.
- ✔ ARUNIM, Association for Rehabilitation under National Trust Initiative of Marketing Certificate of Registration no ARN3010 dated 01.05.09
- ✔ Certificate of Exemption u/s 80G(5)(vi) of the IT Act 1961 Directorate of IT (exemption), Kolkata, Order no DIT (E)/1687/8E/168/102-03 dated 14.07.2010



Achievements

Over the past 25 years, we have transformed the lives of thousands of families by making the persons with disabilities more self sufficient, confident and empowered Adjudged as the Best Parents Association in India and awarded Premlata Peshawaria National Award, 2006

In 2010, the Govt of West Bengal awarded Behala Bodhayan as the Best Organisation for providing continuous and exemplary services to the persons with disabilities

Behala Bodhayan was one of the prime movers of the National Trust Bill and made significant contributions at the Seminar held at NIMH, Secunderabad in June 1997 to chalk out the outline of the National Trust which was later on enacted in the year 1999

A number of our vocational workshop's alumni are now economically independent and earning for their own living as well as supporting families. To name a few, Shri Pinku Das, Sudeb Kabiraj and Sanjoy Bhattacharya have secured employment in the open market amongst others

Trained under our social integration program, about 70 students from our NGO have been accepted in normal schools

Our students regularly participates in Special Olympics at the National level and also in Canada and USA. Ranjan Dutta, one of our students, participated in the Special Olympics held in Shanghai, China in the year 2007 and won a Gold Medal for the country.

Students of Behala Bodhayan regularly participate in various cultural programs and competitions at State and National level and mostly come out with flying colours. Last year, they have won the first prize in Drama Competition in the Talent Hunt for the special children organized by the Govt. of West Bengal (Mass Education Dept.)

The organization works hand in hand with other social services organizations and help them in activities like rallies for the benefit of Thalassaemia patients, blood donation camps, clean Kolkata campaigns.

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Donors and Patrons

Behala Bodhayan extends its sincere and deep gratitude to the Patrons and Donors – whose spontaneous contributions have supported the organization to pass another year of success in the service of its inmates – the under privileged with multiple disability and autism.

ORGANISATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

RKG Seva Foundation
Agantuk
Sitaram Jindal Foundation
BE College Alumni Welfare Association
Powertel Engineering Private Ltd
Cheshire Homes India
Chanda Enterprise
LINDE Global Support Services Pvt. Ltd
Sakher Bazaar Chandi Puja Samity
Kelvin Interiors
Kalighat Nepal Bhattacharjee Street Club

ORGANISATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Arijit Mitra
Shymal Kumar Bhattacharjee
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Alok Majumdar
Ritwik Dutta
Jayshree Gupta
Soumitra Nandi
Kailash Khandelwal
Khokhan Maharaj ...Bharat Sevasharam Sangha
Alpana Nayak
Shyamal Kar
Bratati Mukherjee
Pushpa Deb

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15 of our students attended a cultural programme in Nehru Children's Museum on the 9th April 2019.

10.5.19 was the auspicious day of Akshay Tritiya--handicraft materials prepared by the students of Vocational Group of Behala Bodhayan was started in the name of "B.B.Boutique ".

15th May marked the Rabindrajayanti celebrations which was celebrated with full honour at the SatinSen Park, Sarsuna.



On 2.4.19 10 of our students, participated in a drawing competition on the occasion of "World Autism Day "

Our students performed a patriotic dance drama in a cultural programme, the next day on 03.4.19

The first day of Bengali month Baishakh , Ganesh puja was celebrated apart from this , on that day our students participated in a programme organised by Sab Payechir Asar.



Carrying on our erstwhile tradition, we went on a Summer Camp for two days from the 31st May 2019..Apart from the students of Behala Bodhayan many brothers sisters of students and some outsider boys and girls participated in the programme. Many variety programme like fun games, magic show , outing, etc were organised on those two days. The students were excited,

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happy and enjoyed a lot.

The same day as the Summer Camp , a self advocacy meeting was arranged where three of our self advocates participated.

On 13.07.19 the. Annual General Meeting of Behala Bodhayan was conducted.

Like every year we had our Annual Cultural Programme was conducted in Sarat Sadan, Behala on the 19th July 2019. Secretary of Ramkrishna Mission, Golpark, Suparnananda Maharaj presided over the programme. In addition as special guest Mr. Debabrata Chatterjee, Disability Commissioner, and District Mass Education Extension Officer Sri Suvojit Mandal and also Mr. Kailash Khandelwal. A nice cultural programme was organised on that occasion.

28.7.19 20 of our students participated in a Drawing Competition in Sab Payechir Asar.

2.8.19. 7 of our students participated in a Inter School Competition in Laxmipat Singhania School.

On 3.8.19. The boarders of Behala Bodhayan participated in a drawing competition.

On the 9th of September Some teachers and students of Delhi Public School, Ruby Park , spent



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some time with our students.

Loretto College conducted a Kalakrit Programme in which our students participated on the 10th September.

On 6.12.19, 5 students of Behala Bodhayan participated in a Street walking programme.

On the 7th of December Samayan 19 was held at Sushila Birla School where 16 of our students participated and got awards in the following categories

Tshirt painting - 1st prize

Clay modelling – 1st prize

Elocution – 3rd prize

Dance – 1st prize

Additionally we were also judged as the “Best School”.

On 20.12.19 Like every year we went for a picnic in Batanagar Ganges side. There were a variety of games, music, dance along with very good food. Everybody enjoyed a lot.

On 17.9.19, 16 students performed a cultural programme organised by State Bank of India, Behala Branch.

On the bicentennial birth anniversary of Iswar Chandra Vidyasaga which was on the 19th September 2019 we organised a programme.

In Muktagon our boys and girls performed a programme and were awarded on the 1st October 2019

Like every year our students have done Puja Porikroma and the Sharad Ratna Award have been given on the 11th October 2019

14.11.19. Childrens day was observed in our school.

On 14.11.19, 5 students participated in ALPANA programme in New Delhi.

14.11.19. Our student Pinku Das had joined the SAFI National Conference in Nagda, M.P

On World Disability Day i.e 3rd December 2019 our students participated in a Padajatra.



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3.12.19. In the evening Behala Bodhayan has been awarded as Best Parents Organisation which was held in Calcutta University Institute. On the same day, our students observed Environmental Cleanliness at Satin Sen Park, Sarsuna.

On 5.12.19. In MSJE Rojgar Mela our students participated in a cultural event and put up a vocational stall.

A winter carnival was held on the 6th December at the Asha School in which our students put up a vocational stall.



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Rally



Anandamela



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World Disability Day



Children's Day Celebration

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Tree Plantation



Netaji's Birth Anniversary



Rabindra Jayanti

Appeal for Donation

Disability activists across the country are required to work constantly to secure a proper and right place for the persons with disabilities in the society. The ever growing response to our program is the indicator of our success. Your support will help us to achieve even greater heights in reaching out to more and more children in need of our interbvention. You may like to offer your invaluable support cum donation to help the children to lead a normal and healthy life. You can donate in the form of a cheque/demand draft drawn in favor of "BEHALA BODHAYAN" marked "Account payee only" payable at Kolkata. You can also opt for Item Based Sponsorship.

Donation to Behala Bodhayan is exempted under section 80G of Income Tax (India) 1961.

Behala Bodhayan has FCRA registration for accepting foreign contribution. Should you like to know more about the activities of Behala Bodhayan you may kindly write or email us providing your name, mobile/phone no. and e-mail address.



Our thanks to all our donors and well-wishers across India and overseas for their support and goodwill throughout the years. Without this generosity, we could not have touched the lives of these special children, their families and the society at large.



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