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Workshop on One Health & Antibiotic Resistance under Prevent It project with students of Tripura University on 12th May 2022







Special Day celebration on Raksha bandhan (MRITE)

Various activities under MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (M-RITE) Project



Celebration of International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Anwesha Home(CCI)

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## PROLOGUE

The journey of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) since its humble beginning in 1988 by a few passionate individuals, reached at present to a state of vibrant well known entity.

In the year 2022-23, VHAT was continuing its activities with multiple stakeholders, Government bodies, national and international support agencies and individual supporters. We continued the implementation of almost all the previous projects, like COVID-19 vaccination & routine immunization, CHILDLINE projects in West and Sepahijala district, The Union Tobacco Control Project in all districts of Tripura in close collaboration with the State Tobacco Control Cell, five Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in West, Sepahijala & South Tripura district, residential primary school for the tribal children, NIOS Courses, TDF project in North Tripura district with NABARD support and SNAC Tripura project under the National Trust.

This year we had received support for the first time from Ministry of Tribal Affairs for Ratanmani Vidyalay. Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Dhalai project achieved its targeted goal of activities with support from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship , Gov. of India. The Miracle Foundation was providing training to the project staff & support for activities of FBAC (Family Based Alternate Care) for the reintegrated children of the CCIs with the families / extended families.

Though the challenges to achieve the desired outcomes were enormous because of multi-lingual rural population, inadequate transport facility and communication links in remote rural hamlets, but we could overcome most of them due to dedicated members of our work-team.

The year 2022-23 was also a year of tremendous grief as we lost our Founder Member and the Chief Adviser Professor Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 due to after effect complications of COVID-19 transmission.

We like to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to all the Support Agencies, State Government, the Ministries under Government of India and Individual Donors across the globe to support, encourage and promote our endeavours to serve the people in need. We sincerely appreciate the support and guidance received from Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, RCRC, NABARD, Community Action Collab(CAC), Health & Family Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tripura

We are thankful to all the Member Organizations, Individual Members, all the staff and all Executive Committee Members for their sincere efforts and supports. We are grateful to local Media for providing the coverage of our activities.

Our future aim is to continue the contribution, through our activities for the sustainable development with the focus on ensuring to reach to most needy section of the society. Whilst it is becoming increasingly challenging to find new sponsors, we are hopeful of continuing to obtain new supporters for our works. We look forward for more achievements to make a positive difference among the less privileged section of the Society.

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# ABOUT YOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA (VHAT) - THE ORGANIZATION

### **VISION:**

Creating excellence in Health and Socio Economic Development with priority to the less privileged section of the Society.

### **MISSION:**

### Our Mission is to:

**Build capacity** of Civil Society Organizations through trainings and IEC.

**Promote** social justice, equity and rights in the context of accessibility of health services with emphasis on under privileged sections.

**Promote** sustainable development, gender equity, inclusion and rehabilitation of PWDs, elementary education and right to education, implementation of child rights, elimination of all form of violence against children and women.

<b>STRAT</b>	<b>TEGIES:</b>
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☐ Empowerment of the human resource through trainings on health and other sectors.
☐ Working with other organizations, both governmental and non-governmental.
□ Collection, documentation and dissemination of information.
□ Peer education.
☐ Collection of opinion from people and grass-root organizations for advocacy.
☐ Working for promotion of community participation in development process.
☐ Conducting Vocational Training for employment and socio-economic empowerment through
capacity building.
☐ Working directly and indirectly as service provider.

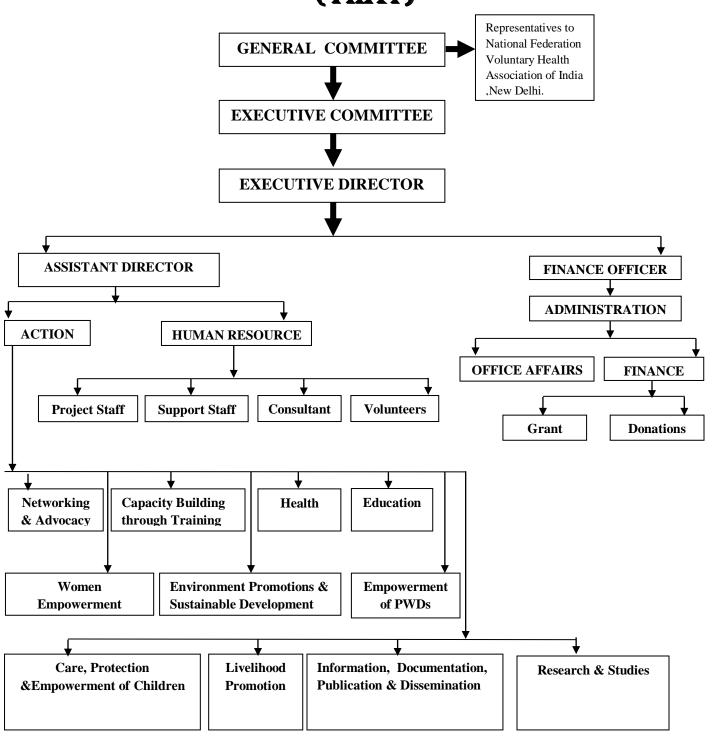
### **OBJECTIVES:**

- ♦ Promotion of preventive & curative health service with priority to the less privileged section of the Society.
- ♦ Promotion of health, environment, gender issue, rights of children, women & PWDs, through IEC and technical support.
- ♦ Socio-economic empowerment of the women of the weaker sections and the youths through vocational trainings.
- ♦ Promotion of Elementary Education of underprivileged children
- ♦ Prevention of Child trafficking and violence against Children & Women.
- ♦ Networking with Government Bodies, policy makers, Corporate Bodies & NGOs for improvement of health, environment & socio-economic status.
- ♦ Rehabilitation of persons with disability through inclusive approaches.
- ♦ To undertake any other activities related to health promotion and care & protection of children.

### **Legal Status of VHAT:**

- a) Registered under Society Registration Act 1860
- b) Registered under 12A of Income Tax Act, 1961.
- c) Registered under 80G of Income Tax Act
- d) Registered under Section 11(1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
- e) Registered under NITI Aayog
- f) Registered under Sub-section-2 of Section 51 under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,2016
- g) Registered under section12 (4) of the National Trust Act.

# ORGANOGRAM YOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA (YHAT)



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VHAT**

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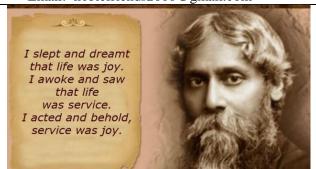
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Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

— Mother Teresa

## VHAT ACTIVITIES

### **NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY**

From its inception, networking has been one of the most priority activities of VHAT to facilitate linkages with other organizations in other sectors including the government agencies. Networking is also an important means to disseminate knowledge and information.

Th	e networking feature of VHAT:-
	A. Within the state of Tripura-
	Federation with CSOs through membership: The membership of VHAT creates opportunity for sharing, co-
	operating, exchanging information, experiences and activities in the areas of functioning.
	Support Services for member organizations:
	- Creating awareness about the government policies.
	- Guidance for project formulation, monitoring& evaluation of developmental projects in the grass-root.
	- Information dissemination for availability of fund from various sources.
	- Advise to overcome problems of registration, accounting and report preparation.
	Capacity Building through trainings to CSOs, members of SHGs & CBOs.
	Anti- Human Trafficking Activities:
	To combat human trafficking and violence against children & women VHAT closely works with the
	member organizations to sensitize law enforcement agency and allied systems. Hence, law enforcement
	agencies, administration, Child Welfare Committees, non-government organizations, local institutes and
	PRIs are involved in sharing information, rescue, and restoration and cross border repatriation.
	Networking with Local Government Departments:VHAT gives priority in networking with government
	departments and advocacy for orientation of the government policy for giving maximum benefit to the
	under privileged as well as underserved population.
	B. Networking in Regional and National Level
	VHAT is federated in national level as state member with Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI),
	New Delhi.
	Associated nationally with CHILDLINE network through CHILDLINE project under CHILDLINE India
	Foundation, Mumbai.
	VHAT is networking partner of Rapid Rural Community Response (RCRC) & Community Action
	Collab(CAC) which provided us the opportunity for relief work for COVID victims and flood relief in
	Assam.
	Give India Network connecting VHAT with different individuals nationally and internationally to know
	about VHAT activities and supporting the programs to serve the under privileged section of the society.
	VHAT is a part of ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) India network.
	Advocacy:  Policy level advances through the network is a migrity activity of VIIAT. Since its incention in 1099 as
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- Policy level advocacy through the network is a priority activity of VHAT. Since its inception in 1988 as state level network of NGOs and CBOs, it had conducted many advocacy campaigns like protection of biodiversity and promotion of sustainable development, implementation of PCPNDT Act for the prohibition of sex selection, before or after conception, and for regulation of pre- natal diagnostic techniques, advocacy for Inclusive Education to include children with disabilities in the main education system with empowerment of the teachers through training and during COVID pandemic for COVID vaccination.
  - ♠Networks provide valuable information not widely known, giving the organization a competitive edge by helping it to make better-informed decisions or plans.
  - ♠Networks connect organization with each others. Two (or more) heads are better than one for problem-solving because different people bring different ideas to a problem formed from their unique knowledge and experience.
  - ♠Networks can amplify your influence by connecting you to individuals whose interests align with your own.

# WELFARE OF PWDS(DIVYANGJAN)



Annual Indus Towers Scholarship Award Ceremony 2022-23 for students with disabilities

# VHAT -STATE NODAL AGENCY CENTRE TRIPURA UNDER THE NATIONAL TRUST

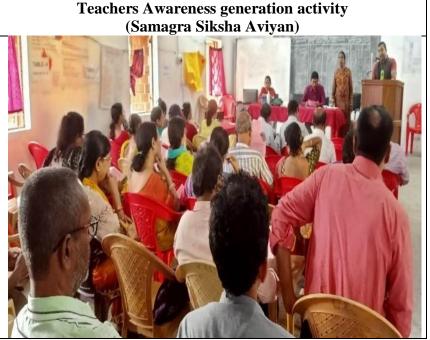
Since 1<sup>st</sup>Janauary, 2021 Voluntary Health Association of Tripura has been working as the State Nodal Agency (SNAC) of Tripura , under National Trust, a statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India (Under section 12 (4) of the Act). The Registration No. TVOL17519675538.

VHAT has been implementing various activities of the National Trust for welfare of the person with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities in this state. VHAT is the member of Local Level Committee (LLC) in three districts of Tripura viz. South Tripura District, North Tripura District and Unokoti District.

### As per National Trust norms, VHAT implemented following activities in 2022-23:

- ♠ In 2022-2023, VHAT enrolled 82 (eighty-two) new beneficiaries for Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme and did renewal of the Health Cards for 211 (two hundred eleven) beneficiaries in this scheme.
- ♠ 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura organised "BADTHE KADAM" a community awareness activity regarding the schemes of National Trust for the welfare of PWDs (autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and multiple disability) through distribution of 2500 number printed **leaflets and posters**. One workshop for creating awareness among school teachers was organized in collaboration with Samagra Siksha Aviyan within this period.
- ♦ Voluntary Health Association of Tripura is a Local level committee member for issuing Legal Guardianship under the chairmanship of District Magistrate and Collector of North, South and Unakoti District of Tripura. Under the Chairmanship of DM & Collector total 09 (nine) Legal Guardianship Certificates issued for the benefit of the PwDs.
- ♠ On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, a cultural team from Voluntary Health Association of Tripura participated in National Level Exhibition on Talent and Scope of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' in Delhi. During the exhibition, Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities did showcase their talent and skill in the form of cultural activities.
- ♠ World Down Syndrome Day was observed on 21st March 2023 by lightening the office premises of the organization in **Blue** colour as per guideline of the National Trust, for creation of awareness among the community.





# INDUS TOWERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In partnership with Shishu Sarothi , Guwahati ,Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been implementing Indus Towers Scholarship Program for students with disabilities from across Tripura , to encourage students with disabilities across NE India to pursue their dreams of higher education, and to stem the declining trend and sharp drop in students with disabilities in higher education and thereby facilitate their employment and inclusion in the mainstream.

The Indus Towers Scholarship Program (<u>www.ssscholarship.org</u>), a CSR initiative of Indus Towers Ltd, implemented by Shishu Sarothi was launched in 2016, where VHAT was the local partner for Tripura State, to encourage and support students with disability, and since then 464 student scholars from across the North East, including Tripura, have been supported.

From Tripura, 39 students have already benefited from the scholarship support in pursuing their higher education, many of them securing jobs and leading a life of dignity and financial independence.

This year 14 student - scholars were selected from different parts of Tripura for receiving scholarship.



Annual Indus Towers Scholarship Award Ceremony 2022-23 at DDRC, West Tripura District



Leaflet distribution under 'Badthe Kadam'



Inclusive activity on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Wheel chair given to a child with muscular dystrophy