



**Dreamer
Trust** bringing
humanity
back

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About NGO

The Journey of DREAMER TRUST began with the principles of nonprofit charitable work since 30th October, 2020 and it has been incorporated as a trust on 20th March, 2021 under the Indian Trust Act. This TRUST has been established with the objective of working towards SDG-2 'Zero Hunger' and SDG 4 'Quality Education' by an enthusiastic & empathetic entrepreneur, Mithu Chowdhury in Kolkata location since covid pandemic.

Nearly 190 million people around the world go to bed in empty stomach where India stands 111 out of 125 countries in the Global hunger Index. DREAMER TRUST is firmly committed to the belief that every individual has the potential to drive societal and environmental change. The organization is powered by a dedicated team of volunteers who tirelessly apply their diverse talents and expertise to actualize the collective vision. Through strategic initiatives and collaborative efforts, they work relentlessly to turn this trust aspirations into reality.

DREAMER TRUST believes in a synergistic approach that combines both enabling and delivering models to drive the upliftment of society effectively and sustainably. This trust operates primarily through crowdfunded and donations prioritising on Hunger alleviation and providing education through different skill development initiatives to the poverty-stricken children. In addition to the daily programs, conducting frequent campaigns is also an important part aiming to upliftment of marginalized and underprivileged sections of society.

The Dreamer Trust:

A Journey of Hope and Impact



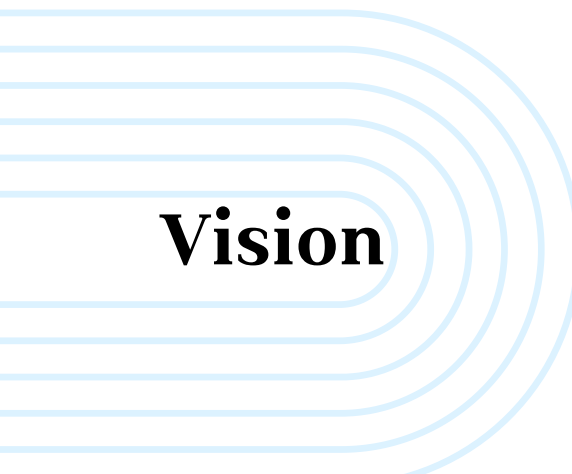
CHAIRMAN

Founded in 2020, The Dreamer Trust began its journey by distributing food baskets to underprivileged children, the elderly, and struggling families across North 24 Parganas with just a single van. Today, with the generous support of individual donors and crowdfunding, the Trust actively works to combat hunger and promote education by providing nutritious meals and skill development opportunities to underprivileged children.

Despite progress, challenges remain—about 18% of people still go to bed hungry, 44% rely on borrowing to meet food needs, and 14% lack access to quality education. We are committed to addressing these issues by strengthening our strategy and investing in people to ensure every child and family lives with dignity and opportunity.

Our success over the past four years has been possible only because of the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and dedicated team members. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all who have shared in our vision and continue to inspire our mission toward a hunger-free and educated future.

Vision And Mission



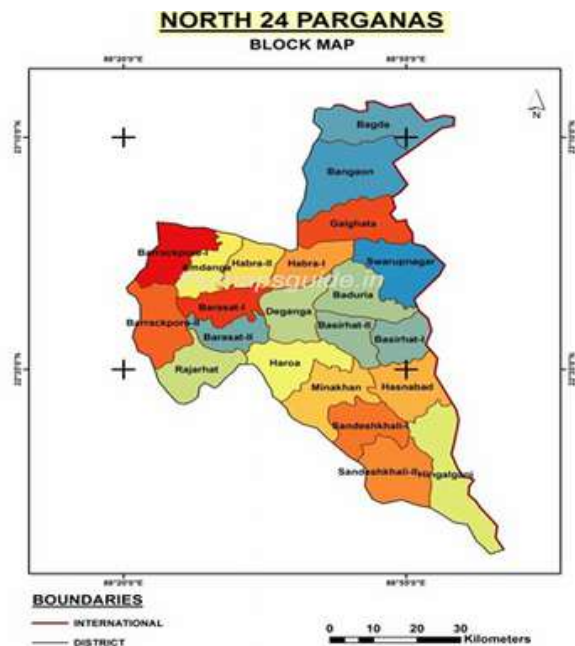
Vision

Facilitating basic socio-economic development of the downtrodden, underprivileged and deprived section of society ensuring inclusivity and equity regardless caste, creed, race, ethnicity and religion. Special focus has been given on street children, mentally & physically disable individuals, aged and handicap added with economically and socially disadvantaged people.

Contributing a sustainable ecosystem prioritising on Hunger alleviation and implementation of skill development initiatives towards deprived sections of society, where poverty can't impede the basic needs from anyone.



Mission



Street children, aged, downtrodden and underprivileged including mentally & physically disabled individuals irrespective of caste, creed, race, ethnicity and religion.

Particulars	Achievement (Number)
One Rupee Thali	270500
Cloth Distribution	1000
Education	102
Ration kit	1000

Programme Initiatives

‘ONE RUPEE THALI’ (Hunger Alleviation)



1 RUPEE
THALI
DREAMER
TRUST

Nearly 190 million people around the world go to bed in empty stomach where India stands 111 out of 125 countries in the Global hunger Index. DREAMER TRUST is strategically aligning with SDG 2 by setting a clear mission to combat hunger through targeted initiatives aimed at reducing food insecurity among vulnerable populations including those with mental and physical disabilities.

Initial stage:

This trust has been taken their initiatives by distributing cooking items like vegetables, cereals, pulses to the communities who can't afford their one-time meals also and sleep under bridge and footpath. Gradually it begins a new initiative of distributing Food Basket to the slum dwellers in 2021-22 throughout different parts of the whole North 24 parganas region.

Present scenario:

A new programme has been launched on May, 2022 called "One Rupee Thali" and gradually demand of this programme is increasing. The only concept behind this project is every individual has the potential to contribute meaningfully, so no one should view themselves as a beggar. Our motto is not to seek gratitude, but to extend a hand in reducing inequality in society. Through this initiative, this organisation addresses the acute needs of the socioeconomically disadvantaged, ensuring that food resources are distributed efficiently to the needy community to mitigate the impacts of systemic poverty.



A Homeless Mother

Project Outreach

Every week days Monday to Saturday our Organisation is providing One rupee thali in front of Barasat Govt. Medical college and Hospital. Average 200-250 individual collect food in everyday basis and there are many repetitions of similar individuals because of providing good and healthy qualities meal. Among those few new individuals prefer to collect “One Rupee Thali” meal for their relatives who are admitted in Barasat Govt. Medical college and Hospital because of nutritious qualities food meal. Dreamer Trust always prioritize providing a clean environment and nutritious food items which has led to significant increase in the number of people they serve.

Way Forward:

This organisation has a near future plan to collaborate with restaurants and launch multiple food campaigns across various locations in occasion specific. Looking ahead, this aims to establish wings in different part of North 24 parganas and eventually expand to cover all distress part of West Bengal.

Case Study: Dreams of Living

Kanan Pal, 65 years old woman working as a permanent maid in a lower middle class family exchange for shelter and meagre wages. But this wage is not enough to arrange two-time meal in a single day. A nation with such a large workforce specifically in agriculture sector is highlighting the deep-rooted issues of poverty and food insecurity. Despite contributing significantly to the economy, millions of people, particularly single women in rural and slum areas, remain vulnerable and deprived of basic necessities like food.

Kanan Didi described her most painful days of life, "My husband left on the 12th day of our marriage, and my parents refused to support me. At one point, I felt life had no meaning, but my independence pulled me back from those dark thoughts."

Her Origin is from village area of North 24 Pargana and after marriage she settled down in Noapara, Subhaspalli under Barasat region of West Bengal. For last 25 years, she begged door to door for work as a maid, often facing rejection due to trust issues, as she had no family member with her. Many nights, she slept under the open sky or tree sheds, enduring countless hours of hunger. Despite her hard work, she couldn't save money, with all her earnings, because mostly it spent on food and accommodation. At the age of 65 her worsening eyesight became another barrier in her earning source. When her back touches against the wall and life seemed meaningless, Dreamer Trust provided a ray of hope, lighting a new path for her. For the past 4-5 years, where she is working as a maid they provide her shelter. However, her ability to work is rapidly declining due to her eye problems and age, which again create hindrance in her earning source. With no savings to rely on, she once again faces the threat of hunger and insecurity.

She expressed her emotion to this trust during her worst time period, "I had lost all hope, both mentally and physically. In that moment, this trust showed me a dream to live again, Otherwise I might have committed suicide."

This isn't just about one woman's story; it's a reflection of the countless single women, street children, and underprivileged lives worldwide. Ensuring access to even a single nutritious meal daily, can empower individuals to think beyond survival and begin uplifting themselves from their current circumstances. Saving the cost of a quality meal averaging around ₹35-40, which is approx. ₹1000 in monthly basis could make a significant impact near to this poverty-stricken individual, it becomes a stepping stone toward financial stability and long-term self-improvement, fostering upward social mobility.



Case Study: Ray Of Hope

A female named Kalyani Das from Barasat, West Bengal 62-year-old revealed in interview when asked by researcher about how Barasat Govt. Medical college and Hospital premises became her only shelter, she expressed how she and her husband together build a shop consisting with multiple groceries by putting their effort and savings but after death of her husband her own sons drive away her from her own house. She cried while expressing her feeling that before 9 years back one fine morning she fell down from train and became handicapped for rest of her life. Some local people admitted her in Barasat Govt. Medical college and Hospital and from that day onwards she is staying here.

She said that, “My own song kicks me out from my own house where local youth revived me from the edge of death, humanity is still alive”.

Her physical condition had deteriorated to the point where she lacked the strength to sit up independently, having endured numerous days without adequate nourishment."

She told, “Dreamer trust remains my only ray of hope, even in the absence of my own family their volunteers care me like a kid. I pray for their continued success so they may assist countless others like me, who have been abandoned by their own families”.

It is very glad to see that now this old lady can sit by herself and talk with her surrounding poor people and spend the day laughing and joking. It is heartening to witness this elderly woman now she is able to sit independently, engage in conversation with those around her, and spend her days laughing and connecting with people around her. Millions of people are suffering from hunger day and night in communities across the globe. NGOs like Dreamer Trust have the potential to make a significant impact by addressing these critical needs at the local level.



“MUKTA SHIKSHA PATHSHALA”



India has the world's largest population of illiterate adults, with 287 million people, which is 37% of the global total where dropout rate of primary schooling education is 8.6% in West Bengal. RTE act speaks about providing free education up to 8th standard another site ASER report reveals that 86% youngsters under 14-18 age groups enrolled in educational institute but $\frac{1}{4}$ among them can't read their own regional language, 42% students face difficulty in reading English sentences and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the students encounter challenges with elementary division problems, yet they are promoted to the next class without proper assessments. In response to this critical educational challenge, Dreamer Trust has been taken an initiative of Implementing Free Coaching School called “**MUKTA SHIKSHA PATHSHALA**”.

Project brief:

Dreamer Trust launched the Mukta Pathashala programme offering coaching from 1st standard to 8th standard children from 2022 onwards. Over 100 students take part of this initiatives. This education centre is located in the rural area of Bamangachi region in North 24 parganas dist., West Bengal which is managed by experience teachers who have minimum completed their 12th grade education, with some teachers also holding graduation degrees.

The overall Mukta Pathashala program is divided into six segments. Here's how it is structured:

1. Subject Oriented Primary education added with Art and Drawing Session
2. Computer Training Program and Digital Education.
3. Organising Cultural Programme
4. Organising Sports activities
5. Spoken English classes
6. Cognitive behaviour therapy and counselling therapy

Subject Oriented Primary Education

This Subject Oriented primary education coaching Program within the Mukta Pathashala initiative has a primary objective of providing quality education to the students, helping them to understand the value of education and fostering enthusiasm for higher studies. This program is designed to ensure that students are well-prepared for advancement to upper schools through proper assessment and guidance. This approach aims to open doors for them to become qualified, educated individuals, equipped to pursue professional careers in the future.

1. One teacher is appointed to focus on the main subjects, which helps to build a strong foundation in the core subjects, preparing the students for future academic success. Classes has been divided into two segments 30-40 in each batch from Monday to Thursday.

2. Another One teacher is appointed for Drawing classes in weekly once. Initiative of launching computer class, cognitive behaviour and counselling therapy session, spoken English classes in regular basis is in nearer future loop.



Kutubuddin's Unwavering Will to Prosper in Life



According to the World Economic Forum's 2021 report, India is ranked 90th globally in terms of education quality, which highlights a significant issue. Various surveys indicate that there are numerous unreported dropouts, particularly in rural areas. The lack of adequate facilities is a primary factor contributing to this situation, especially in poverty-stricken communities. Dreamer Trust is one of the registered NGO who is working to enhancement of children's knowledge through different skill development training programme.

Kutubuddin, a 10-year-old boy from the racial and ethnic minority groups, hails from the rural area of Madarsa Para in Bamangachi town, Barasat, West Bengal. The proverb is "Willingness can win over poverty," Kutubuddin's family has struggled to provide him a quality education due to the financial constraints. His elder brother had to abandon his own education in support of their family and assist their father, who became mentally unbalanced after the death of their mother. Kutubuddin's father, who previously operated a van, now faces significant competition from auto-rickshaws and struggles financially, to invest for a new auto vehicle. Meanwhile when this little child needed some support to grow high and touch his dream he got to know about "Mukta Shiksha Pathshala" from his other friends. His father enrolled him in this coaching center run by Dreamer Trust, where Kutubuddin receives subject-specific knowledge along with lessons in drawing, reciting, and spoken English. The supportive environment at the Pathshala has ignited a strong desire to continue his education, even in the face of adversity. His remarkable vision and enthusiasm have distinguished him among his peers.

He Said that, "I am very comfortable and enthusiastic to be part of this institution. Every day in my last period of school I am eagerly anticipate the moment when my last class will finish so I can rush to my Pathshala, It offers me both knowledge and enjoyment, and I truly love my coaching centre". In addition, Kutubuddin's story few more children's scenario in this coaching centre reveals that many students, despite being registered in schools, at the end of year get very low attendance rate. However, after joining this "MUKTA SHIKSHA PATHSHALA" these students have rekindled their interest in education. The engaging environment, the diverse skills taught by the teachers, and the high quality of education provided at Pathshala have proven to be motivating and have significantly improved student engagement and attendance in their school also. Nowadays, Kutubuddin shows a keen interest in almost all subjects, including drawing and spoken English, but he has a special interest in Bengali literature stories, poem. He frequently expresses to his teacher his desire about pursues a career in Bengali subject. Such aspirations at a very small age are quite rare, and with his strong determination and the support of Dreamer Trust, definitely One Day he will reach the top notch of the success.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The "Dreamer Trust" organizes various cultural events during occasions such as Holi, Diwali, Independence Day, Eid, Durga Puja, and New Year, specifically for underprivileged and neglected children. These events are designed to help children understand the value of regional cultures while encouraging them to express themselves through various activities.

The Trust offers a range of activities, including games, dance, singing, drawing, and reciting competitions. Awards are given to the top participants in each category, aiming to motivate and encourage the children in a professional manner. Through these initiatives, the Trust not only promotes cultural awareness but also helps children discover their interests, which can guide their future career paths alongside their basic education.

The Trust emphasizes that these festivals represent not only the diversity of the nation but also the unity that arises from embracing differences. Respecting different cultures is crucial for building successful personal and professional relationships and for benefiting from cultural diversity. The passage highlights that being culturally aware and sensitive to differences is an essential skill in daily life.

Looking ahead, Dreamer trust has plan of organising more no of Sports activities, conducting Spoken English classes, computer classes and arranging cognitive behaviour therapy and counselling therapy classes in near future days.



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