

ICOD VISION

ICOD is an interreligious rehabilitation place for destitute, abandoned and unprivileged, where all various challenged people of all ages and conditions are mixing freely with socially challenged orphan and people without apparent disabilities, in a beautiful and totally protected environment, in a large eco-biological land expressing environmental respect, communion and HARMONY with the whole nature, plants, animals, earth, water and air.

"We had a vision of a Society, wherein all religions, communities, castes, creeds, sexes, ethnic tribes, races, classes, groups, etc., **LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY**, and where the poorest get priority. ICOD is the implementation of this vision embodied in a place where are present as in a nutshell:

- An integrated Training Centre for social workers, and a socio-spiritual 'sevashram' space.
- Projects that may render the place self-sufficient and Projects that contribute to the building of an harmonious micro-society of interrelationships ..."

(Constitutions of ICOD & 4-11c; Gandhi birthday 2nd October 2004)

The 2 hectares of land constitutes a biodiversity preserve and an unpolluted environment to permit all natural species of life to live undisturbed, and the deprived people to be the beneficiaries of a beautiful ecological place.

**POOR PEOPLE HAVE
THE RIGHT TO BEAUTY,
LOVE, TENDERNESS AND
ATTENTIVE CARE**

Our HOLISTIC vision wants to represent total societal harmony and is completely **INCLUSIVE**.

***The priorities are well-defined:**

- The destitute, abandoned, and all the excluded of the society can find their place here.
- CCI: "Child care registered institution"
- Self-sufficiency for all the challenged, mentally or physically.
- The steps are definite: slow and steady, but depending of donations. All work has to be done on long term only since for most inmates **it is a life-building challenge**.
- It is an answer to the calling of the UN for **prevention of slavery, trafficking** and all handicaps.
- It is our answer to the appeal to **ecumenical and interreligious integration of ALL FAITHS** on equal basis.
- Equally, it is an appeal for **environmental protection to create ecological biodiversity**.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of ICOD's family,

These last two years have certainly been difficult, but we have to thank our donors for their faithful help, knowing quite well that the European situation prevented them to collect more funds. Indeed, all NGOs have suffered great loss this year, and we do understand their difficulties.

As per us, we have to remind once more that our aim is to look by priority to the distressed and rejected, hence our policy this year to let go those inmates who could manage with their families. We have tried hard to connect with several governmental agencies, but up till now it has not been fruitful. But we remain committed to follow the rules of the government. We also have to be prepared to have less staff, although it is very sad for them and for us.

We must never forget that up to now, we have rehabilitated 420 inmates, 95 % orphan or from single distressed parent, through marriages, total cure of mental disease, peaceful deaths for old people, small jobs for boys, possibility to several handicapped Muslim and orphan girls to get higher school including Universities degrees, long term employment to scores of widows, young or destitute in various fields (often more than 25 per year), as also empowerment of women who were the majority of our staff as also of our Governing Body (4 out of seven). Besides, with our careful policy of admissions, we can boldly claim that we had a real impact on local trafficking and prevention of prostitution for minors as also eradication of mentally sick women on the street! Finally, the ten years of care, hopes and love we have given for 300 hundreds of adivassis children in the Brickfields victims of slavery, is also a hallmark of our social work, which from afar, is part of our invisible action. All that is OUR REAL WORK of compassion, and nobody shall take it out of our hands.

I want also to give a special thanks to our dear Sarit Paul, accountant, for his quiet faithfulness and unbreakable trust in ICOD. Thanks to him, our secretary Gopama could face with less tension and more equanimity the troubles created by some ex-staff. It is also because of Gopa alone, but with the close cooperation of Sarit that we could have started a new period with the governmental Cooperation for the Tailoring Scheme. If we can replicate it in new places, time will come when we will be not only less dependent from foreign aid, but be totally independent. I pray for this day to come.

Meantime, it remains for me to ask all of you not only your indulgence, but also your forgiveness, for my blindness in letting undesirable elements break havoc at ICOD, although I knew since many years, that those who wanted the withdrawal of Dominique, were the same who wanted mine. This burden remains heavy on me, and I hope you will help me to maintain ICOD on the proper tracks as it is now.

May our Almighty and Merciful God bless all of us, and my Lord Jesus gives me the strength to carry on my service to you all despite my handicaps and old age.

I remain with my deep love and blessings, the loving elder brother or grandfather of our large family of 226 persons (inmates, staff & Governing Body members), without forgetting our dear friends and NGOs, mainly coming from Howrah, Kolkata and Midnapur

Entirely yours, Bro. Gaston Dayanand,

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS IN FIVE PHASES:

1. First four years: 2004 to 2008: Paddy field redesigning and remodeling.
2. Five next years: 2008 to 2012: Establishment of bungalows in Bengali rural style, with appropriate designs and bas-reliefs, large Multipurpose Hall, original artistic House of Prayer, etc.
3. Next three years: 2013 to 2015: Starting of serious and committed rehabilitation for all. First professional: 2014.
4. Next five years: 2016- 2017: Professional phase through other NGOs and collaboration with governments 'projects.
5. 2018: Introduction of professionals and collaboration with CWC/DWO...
6. 2019: Self-tailoring for 240 local girls by "Bharat Seabratati Sangha"

3. NUMBER OF INMATES ADMITTED FROM 2004 TO 2019

1) Mental Unit	185	<u>Total 420 inmates</u>
2) Orphan Unit	152	
2) Old age unit	39	
3) Abandoned Women Unit	36	
4) In 2018-19 only	8	

OUR ICOD FAMILY HAS NOW 146 INMATES + 75 STAFF + 7 = 226 PERSONS

ICOD'S FAMILY TOTAL MEMBERS 2018-19: 226

INMATES : 137 + outside students : 146

With regular staff: 204

With supporting staff 73 : 219

With Governing Body members : 7

146 INMATES (with 9 outsiders)			
TOTAL	137	MALE	49
		FEMALE	88
ORPHAN BOYS & GIRLS	62	NO PARENTS	33
		SINGLE PARENTS	29
HANDICAPPED	87	PHYSICALLY	15
		MENTALLY	63
		BLIND	2
		BOTH(PHY +MENT.)	7
SICK MEN & WOMEN	30	MEN	11
		WOMEN	14
STUDENTS	38	BOYS	16
		GIRLS	22
Higher study outside	9	BOYS	3
		GIRLS	6
Total INMATES	146		

2018-2019 SHORT ANNUAL REPORT:

INMATES

- **Transfer of Brother Marcus Toppo, the Boys'in-charge since 2010 to Jalpaiguri**
- **New responsible since 2019: Shree Sanjeeb Pal.**
- **Three new professionals have been employed for the boys :as programmer & Public relations + Counsellor**
- **Diminution of the number of inmates:** This year the number of inmates has passed from **200 to 146, and since April 2019 to 103.** We have been especially obliged to reduce the mentally sick women from 45 to 25. Those who have left remain connected with our Psychiatric clinic, receiving monthly free treatment. Relapses are re-admitted.
- **Repartition of the boys in several categories:**
 - School children From 6 to 11
 - School children From 12-16
 - Mentally sick young boys
 - Mentally sick and teens street children.
 - Dementia, mad and schizophrenic or paranoiac boys.
- **Eight new inmates have been admitted,** all very special cases of distress.
- **14 schoolchildren have prepared for Matriculation,** 4 from ICOD. All girls passed successfully but two boys failed.
- **21 boys have left us and 19 found a small job** in 2019.
- **Six men above 18 have been brought by the police, either from Uluberia or from Shyampur/ Bagnan.** Three lost have been repatriated by us to their own places: Ismael from Vishnupur (220 km) Midnapur; Banzi, Bihar Baghirati (1000 km); Baghuati, Assam 1300 km.
- **Nine girls continue their studies/training supporting by us:** Yasmina, X, Madrassa; Pinki, XI; Adimoni XII; Smita XII; Pael XII; Dalia University; Mumtaz, University; Sirajan, X; Moryam, nursing assistant. III
- **One semi-orphan & handicapped got married after 22 years with us (Belari, ABC, ICOD) :University degrees M.A. B. Ed. : Mumtaz.** 5 shall remain in 2019.
- **24 CCTV cameras** have been installed especially in the female unit, but also elsewhere, boys, office, gates etc.

HEALTH PROBLEMS:

- Gita has been operated of Abdominal terminal cancer in April 18, but died in July.
- Two lymphadenitis have been detected in two young girls. Treatment is on for one.
- One new epilepsy in a 12 years old girl.
- Long-term treatment for a boy who has thalassemia: 4 bottles of blood since 6 years.
- Free Camp with Uluberia General Hospital for Thalassemia detect: 3 girls one boy.
- Successful operation of a woman enucleated by a mad patient on September 2018.
- Old widow Aroti mentally sick has been taken back to "H.O.P.E." Foundation with her young girl and boy.
- 16 boys and girls have been transferred to H.O.P.E. Kolkata Foundation because of their administrative problems.
- One man, Daniel, ex-drug-addict is transferred to Kamina (Amtal, Howrah)

LICENCES:

Licensing has been prepared with several Government Departments, especially CDMO, DSW and C DCPS. JJ, DSWO, etc. First applications were done in 2009, 11, 13, 16, 18 and January 19, but without concrete responses yet. But this year, 47 school children have been registered under CWC.

Hence the necessity to admit new professionals: three men and one lady.

DEATH OF INMATES:

In April 2018, 8 people died, mostly old men and women: Upanendo, 74; Deepali (58); Burima, 75; Satish, 68, paranoia); (Tapan, 43, paraplegic); Madan, 45 (Quadriplegic); Gita, 32, Abdominal cancer (orphan, 8 years with us); Broto, 5.4 years (encephalomalacia-cerebral), 3 years with us. (Since 2014, 45 people died, mostly from old aged Homes admitted from the street, except 4)

CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION:

* **Makharda, Howrah:** clothes and several other items.

* **Bhubuzela, Kolkata:** As usual, they have distributed all Pujas' clothes to all inmates, , one beautiful painting of our founder and 150,000 rupees in cash.

* **Porimol and family:** many clothes and various items on April 2018.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR MENTALLY SICK WOMEN:

Thanks to our highly qualified specialist Mrs. **JHUMA**, the reorganization has been highly successful. An exhibition Room has been settled by them for the selling off our embroideries, zori-saris and bags.

For girls: Extra dance training has been arranged with the group "Steps-creator-Dance-crew" where the daughter of our secretary, Keka, is dancing. She is also weekly teaching as a volunteer our girls.

For boys, weekly has been arranged Karate training programme with trained teacher Lakhshman Bhune.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

- 350 adivassis children from the brickfields have received good food with personal gift for each, all paid by a family.
- On the same day of X'Mas, the group "step-creator-dance-crew" has offered a three hours "dancing opera" which were well received by all.
- Free "eye-checking" and free "thalassemia checking" has been organized by Uluberia Hospital Lyons club.
- Uluberia Blood Bank has permitted us to organize a very successful Blood Camp on July 2018.
- Thanks to the balance of abundant clothes received, we could help a very destitute community of "Khanakul" (Hoogly) where we have worked previously during floods, with more than 300 pieces of good clothes, through a local NGO from Amragori (Amtal), to be renewed this year 2019.

PERFORMANCE OF OUR COACHING CENTER:

We were obliged to diminish the number of children:

-From 183 local children, including our own inmates, up to December 2018, with 10 teachers.

Total Students : 160; Madhyamick Examination :18; Passed :15; Highest Mark Number : 350

PERFORMANCE OF OUR TWO MEDICAL CLINICS:

•**Psychiatric clinic** with MBBS Doctor HAQUE : **1496 patients**: 740 patients outside +756 inmates) with free treatment to 705 mentally sick persons. 20 new cases were registered this year.

•**General clinic**, with Dr. DEV KUMAR ROY, has treated **4180 patients**, mostly free of cost, including 1294 ICOD inmates)

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

- New accountant since June 2018: Shree SARIT PAL** (from Uluberia)
- Assistant-accountant** : Miss Hasi Adhikari

M.O.U. signed in December 2018 by our Secretary between ICOD and BHARAT SEVABRATI MAHASANGHA for the free training of 240 girls/women per year as "trainers for Tailoring. The scheme will be started in 2019, through Bengal PBSSD. Other places will be also chosen to establish such a training Centre.

● **ADIVASSIS SPORTS'DAY:** We never forget that adivassis are the most neglected of Indian citizens, although they constitute 9 % of our population, with 705 tribes. Those we are daily helping are living among the 54 brickfields that surround us, and are living a life of slaves.

● Completing a **school building** paid by 'Boroline' Kolkata, with adaptation this year for old blind men, with help by **Bhubhuzela**.

● **Guest-rooms** for two people with toilet and veranda.

● **Transformed room for the tailoring training of 25 young women.**

● **Surrounding steel net** (200 m.) around the four bungalows of boys' Home and preparation of a new piece of land for future boys' project.

● **Transfer in an old but renovated bungalow of twelve sick and old men**

● **Transfer of 20 old, sick, and some mentally ill women** in an old but renovated bungalow "Tagore Home" and erection of a large net to separate them from the sheepfold.

● Preparation to isolate in complete security the five women & girls' bungalows through a new and beautiful gate (completed with large wall (4 m.) to isolate from the road. Adding Barb wires everywhere. The four girls/women Homes are :

- "Malala Home": school girls (2 bungalows)

- "Tagore home": for old & sick women and young mentally sick.

- "Mother Teresa Home": for mentally sick and affected by dementia.

- "Gandhi Bhavan": **place of the secretary**, the Founder, and the "ICOD GENERAL OFFICE".

● **Drying completely the pond** to prepare re-excavation from the government MGREGNA (started only in April 2019 but stopped immediately due to the rains.

● Starting **daily morning hygiene lessons for 350 adivassis in 10 brickfields.**

● We were obliged morally **to help UBA** (United Brothers Association, Bankra) **to feed two years their 22 old destitute women** after the forceful and unjust closing of their NGO.

● **BDO engineer master plan** to established "vastu" blueprint to every ICOD's buildings.

MISCELLANEOUS

● **Ali Baba** (J.M. Grillon) from Switzerland offering two very practicable tricycles for handicapped and starting a workshop at ABC on our advices.

● Organizing a two-day picnic at Digha with our children.

● Being invited by HNDR Shishu Bharoti" Howrah at Sarat Sadan to celebrate the "National children Day"

● Participation to "World Handicapped Day" with ABC Kathila.

● Visit of the responsible of Niti-Ayog (Kolk.) and reception of their special Permit number.

● Visit of the assistant Commissioner of police of Howrah with our Shyampur OC.

Visit of Sheikh Rahman, founder of El-Bethel Schools cum Colleges, the last one being at Thakurpukur, South of Kolkata

INMATES'SIX HOMES at a glance: (84% of the Budget with their staff)

NOTE: All our inmates have an A/C Bank account, an 'Adhaar' card, and vote ID cards for adults, along with ration card. Handicapped Identity card for differentially able

I. Girls Center: (Abode of Peace): **3 HOMES:** orphan or distressed girls of **Malala Home**, old/sick women and spastic, of **Tagore Home**, mental women of **Mother Teresa Home**:

II. Boys Center: Dr **SK. Sen's Home**: (four bungalows for 3 sections): Pour boys going to school (small + big) orphan boys mentally retarded (MR)

III. Old and sick adult men

IV. Training center for all: coaching center, tailoring + **Dispensary**, physiotherapy. (general and Psychiatric)

GANDHI BHAVAN is the core bungalow of ICOD, seat of our Governing Body, where the Secretary guides all activities aided by the Founder **Bro. Gaston Dayanand**.
CCTV is run from here.

Mrs. Mamata "Gopa" Ghosh Is the overall in-charge of all these six Homes and is their GHM (General House Mother). She is a trained assistant nurse, was the first teacher of dance and songs and can organize and offer Pujas by herself.

In the garden lies a small orchidarium, looked after by our secretary: fabulous orchids are blooming all along the year.

SIX BUNGALOWS' INMATES

A.GIRLS AND WOMEN : SHANTI NIWAS-ABODE OF PEACE :

91 Female inmates: (All five bungalows of the three sections are under 8.5 solar-light power plant.).

NOTE: selection of inmates: (the following criteria are used for all male, female children and teens:

- Are accepted without problems those who are found on the street, stations, bus stands etc., mothers with babies found on the street (4 are now in KG school), those sent by the police or by some 'children Courts of Justice' for those who are totally orphan, although with an immediate enquiry by our E.T. (Enquiry team) and without 'well-to-do relatives' to look after.
- Those whose mother are widows (or husbands left without traces) and cannot afford to look after their children due to destitution (beggars, helped by neighbours, bed-ridden, handicapped, chronic disease, etc.), but always with conditional admissions for the future (if they get remarried for example...)
- Those children whose mothers are prostitutes and are therefore in great moral danger.
- Teens girls found alone in the street: no questions are asked and we admit them immediately to avoid so common night's rapes, informing however the police as quickly as possible. For teen girls morally indanger, even with families, some girls had to be admitted through special circumstance to prevent trafficking for example. However, we do not accept babies from nursing Homes due the shameful ways they are selling children or disposing of babies etc. We do not want to be implicated in this horrible trafficking trade..
- .Minimum contribution from the guardians is requested. But few are paying, for they are too poor.

FIRST HOME: ORPHAN GIRLS UNIT: "MALALA HOME"

(2 bungalows, 26 girls) In-charge: Miss Tripti Manna, one assistant and one teacher.

1.SCHOOL GOING GIRLS (from 6 to 18 years)

<u>Nursery studies</u> in a private school through a collective car.	Coaching help: one qualified teacher in night up to 9 30 PM.
<u>Primary studies</u> (I to V) at the Government school of Gohalopota.	Special teaching for class X on night with a professional teacher.
<u>Secondary studies</u> (VI to X) in a Government school at 8 km (Baganda).	Interreligious Prayer every morning at 6.30 and evening at 6 PM.
<u>High Secondary studies</u> (XI-XII) also with minibus “	Washing their clothes.
<u>Higher Studies</u>	A "children Park" is at the disposal of all the young.
Coaching center on morning at ICOD with 10 qualified teachers.	Marriages of orphan inmates and many entertainment and ceremonies are done here also (birthdays, first rice for babies, receptions of guests...)
Most other activities in Bhogini Nivedita solar powered Hall	Pujas are organized several times per year and other festivals

Extra-curricular activities: "MAYA ACADEMY"

- **Dance** trained by a professional (inmates are sent in the villages during various Pujas)
- **Song and tabla:** government certificate is offered by a professional teacher for dance also.
- **Tailoring**, for those not completing their schooling, along with Kitchen training or household maintaining.
- **Outside activities:** various games, riverside walks, picnics at faraway famous places (seaside, Mayapur...)

Higher studies

Successive girls are helped outside for Grades XI and XII, then up to graduation and even higher in University (BEd...) Actually, eight are followed and helped.

❖ **SECOND HOME, TAGORE HALL:**

For 13 old women or other handicapped young adults. In-charge: Miss Harubela Kirtan.

- There are several old women, some light mentally challenged younger ones, some seriously physically challenged older girls (26 to 32 years) soon to be established outside, 3 spastic 80-100% young girls, one blind, one deaf and dumb, and Broto, one boy of 4 years, who is blind, deaf, dumb and has a cerebral disease. **He died on October 2018.**
- **Cremations** (for the Hindus) or **burials** (for the Muslims or Christians) are done according to the rites of various religions.

❖ **THIRD HOME: MENTALLY SICK UNIT: "MOTHER TERESA BHAVAN".**

In-charge: Miss Kajol Maity, President of ICOD: 45 women from 18 to old age under full treatment.

- Various mental diseases such as: Schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive mania, emotional depression, agitated delusions, comatose states, confusion, psychosis dependant, epileptiform seizures, aggression, suicidal tendencies, extreme dementia, total insanity...
- Treatment is given by a highly qualified psychiatric doctor, DR. B.B. HOCK coming twice a month.
- Primary rehabilitation is done according to every disease. The best and more efficacious form is the possibility to go outside their compound and walk under trees. To mix with other normal children, girls and women also helped them to overcome their anxiety and to avoid being always with other mental people. Seeing more sick than them (spastic, blind, old crippled) is also a good factor of rehabilitation.
- Some among them are following a training in sari 'zori', bags, silk embroidery or handicrafts.

Those suffering from deep dementia or are considered as completely "mad", or very dangerous for others, are placed in some of the cells of a concrete building agreed by the fire prevention department.

Secondary rehabilitation: "Noria system" of "going back to relatives and coming back to ICOD. But they have to come back every month to take their medicine at the psychiatric clinic.

We have since 2016 a professional educator, specialized for mentally challenged and as occupational therapist. Miss Jhumais quite efficient and a precious asset.

? The result of our policy is evident: they are absolutely not a single mentally sick woman (or man) beggar in the roads or the villages in our two Blocks of Shyampur and Uluberia.

MALE INMATES: DR. SK SEN ORPHAN BOYS UNIT: 4 Bungalows, 30 inmates

In-charge: Bro. Marcus Toppo, social worker. Since 2019, Shree SANJEEB PAL. Nine staff is working in this Unit: two of them being full-time, one stay at night only, two are during day only. Two professional have been appointed, one a quarter of time

FOURTH HOME: SCHOOL GOING BOYS:

For 17 school going boys orphan or abandoned and four assistants.

Schooling and general coaching like the girls.	Interreligious prayer every evening.
Special exercises: Karate, meditation, Yoga, gymnastic	Harvesting fruits in the large orchard for all Units.
Games indoors and outdoors: cricket, football, racing, etc.	Making maintenance of the roads, riverside, pond embankment and forests.
Harvesting fruits in the large orchard for all Units.	Participating together with other inmates festivals in Hall.
Picnics with all ICOD children (seaside, pilgrimages etc.)	

(M.R FIFTH HOME: MENTALLY RETARDED BOYS.)

22 boys, **mostly orphan from the street, are suffering from mental limitations or disability**. Apart for the M.R., there are loco-motor impairments, deaf and dumb (MR), blind, spastic C.P., Down's syndrome, Post-polio and post-traumatic cases.

Special education: with one professional and two qualified teachers. Morning 10- 12 in the Training Center and 3-5 on evening: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY with specialized qualified educators.

Handicrafts, paperwork, pre-writing, drawings, attractive games or toys, decorations etc.	Picnics in zoo, or other interesting places around Kolkata.
Interreligious Prayer daily for all at the temple.	Picnics with other children also in far-away places.
Special educative TV once a week.	Hospitalization in a free specialized hospital, Kolkata.
Special outdoor games	Physiotherapy with our specialist
They have their special classes in the Training Centre.	

❖ SIXTH HOME: SICK AND OLD MEN HOME C/ dying destitute

There are 12 old men, including some adults physically or mentally ill rejected by their families.

- For old people, they want only to die in peace. Several of them are helping the others, washing the clothes or the sick up to the time they become themselves invalid. Many already died in ICOD since the inception (including some women) Antisocial even as criminals, AIDS or TB patients in terminal stage, whatever their religions, have found here the life they have not lived before. Hindus, Christians and Muslims cohabit without a single problem all knowing they will die within the rituals and prayers of their own religions. Local villagers exclaim that whatever we do for our dying or dead, no one will receive so much care in their families. True indeed, they all belong to our own family.
- The very sick are followed daily by a physician. Besides; No one wants to go to hospitals to die there. Occasionally, we are however obliged to admit them at Uluberia. Exceptionally in Kolkata. The mental patients are treated at "HOPE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL" in Taratala.

"INMATES RELATED UNITS": TRAINING CENTRE "BHRATRIO SEVA"

Six projects have been settled directly for the betterment of our inmates: Coaching section, physiotherapy, dispensary, trainings units, M.B.H.D. and Puja services.

1) "LUIS" COACHING CENTER

> Aim: to enable all our inmates and poor local children to have free coaching help. It is sadly well-known that no students in W.B. can pass without coaching help that the poor cannot afford. It is an unfortunate fact.

> **10 qualified registered teachers are employed daily morning for three hours are teaching**

Total Students: 183 students. Out of 15, 13 have passed the final examination (Madhyamik).

1) VOCATIONAL & TRAINING PROGRAM: We have three kinds of training :

a) Dance, harmonium and tabla (Bengali percussion instrument). Official: "Sangeet Maya Academy", c/o. Bongyo Sangeet Parisha

b. Tailoring: Around 25 other local girls (often married) are following the course, offered after class X, and are starting immediately the stitching work in their houses but only for local training. Some have already left and are working privately

c. Embroidery on sari "Zori": one qualified lady teacher (post-polio) is the trainer of this small unit. Six other mentally sick girls are being trained, three very successfully. Every month, a sari is ready to be sold.

d. Silk embroidery "Sipom": Miss: TUKU MONDOL, deaf and dumb lady is the trainer, making many beautiful pieces of art which can be sold abroad or locally. She is working at it since 18 years, from the Belari t

e. Original cord bags making: since early 2014

f. Manual home-management chores, such as cooking, clothes caring, etc.

2) PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT: One trained physiotherapist, Mrs. Anima Mondol (14 years of experience), comes daily eight hours per day to make the necessary physical or mental exercises for our 13 handicapped (spastic, post-polio, crippled, paralyzed, post-traumatic, etc.) The in-charge of Tagore Home is also a trained physiotherapist.

3) DISPENSARY "Healing Touch"?? this dispensary, essential for our inmates, was opened with an MBBS Doctor in April 2014. Now, our doctor is Dr. DEV KUMAR ROY (MBBS) This year 2017, a large waiting hall has been added. Two helpers and one professional volunteer.

Number of patients: 1061

4) The Psychiatric Clinic: the Doctor of Mother Teresa Bhavan is Dr. BEN JARUN HOK (MBBS) and gives now his consultations in this dispensary twice a month **FOR OUR OWN MENTALLY CHALLENGED, FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNDER REHABILITATION IN THEIR FAMILIES, AND FOR AROUND 150 OUTSIDE MENTALLY CHALLENGED PATIENTS.** 70 patients received medicine free of cost.

VII. COLLATERAL PROGRAMS

"INTERRELIGIOUS DIVINE MERCY PRAYER HOUSE" for 'SEVA-BHAKTI ASHRAM"

"My house shall be a House of prayer for all the peoples" (Isaiah, VII BC: Bible)

For every special festival (such as Independence Day, Republic Day, Christmas, Easter, etc...)

an interreligious prayer is organized with our inmates. **Readings are usually the Bhagavad Gita, the Quran and the Bible.**

"BHOGINI NIVEDITA&VIVEKANANDA" LARGE MULTIPURPOSE HALL"

The following activities are made in this Hall where solar light have been installed.

•Marriages of orphan inmates

•All ceremonies and entertainments such as Birthdays of Founder, "First rice" of six months new-born babies, receptions of guests, special distribution of food/clothes/toys by local benefactors etc.

•Pujas organized several times a year with "idols", as also various festivals.

•There is a large stage to accommodate dances, manifestations, theatres, folkloric groups etc.

•This Hall is also for the mentally challenges, who have daily group activities organized by a volunteer

TWO LARGE SOLAR PLANTS.

We have installed two solar plants on two platforms (First above the large Hall and then "Mother Teresa Home), both invisible from the general view, with 14 panels producing 9 KW, respectively 2 KW and 7.5 KW. They transfer electric power to five girls' bungalows.

SOCIAL WELFARE :

During years, we used to help around 800 families yearly (500 persons) But from last year, we have been obliged to stop completely this program for lack of funds. Great hope that it can be taken again!

BRICKFIELDS' ADIBASSIS CHILDREN SCHEME: "ASHAR ALO-Light of Hope"

We have ten Hindi speaking teachers going by cycle to teach the basic school knowledge to 300+ children of 12 surrounding brickfields. Their families are living as bonded laborers through several generations, and since they are adibassis (aboriginals) from other states (Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar) they will have never opportunity to go to school. Since we cannot (and do not) want to let them down, they are taught everyday basic knowledge and hygiene. The youngest receive also a solid breakfast. We organize a yearly Sports 'Day with all of them at ICOD.

H.M.B.D. Programs : Hospitalizations, Marriages, Births and Deaths.

These various extra-budgeted expenses, and most often unexpected, are a heavy weight on our budget. They are absolutely unavoidable in an ONG caring for abandoned and destitute, and most of them are often unpredictable, including marriages

Hospitalizations for our inmates when very sick:

With 150 to 200 permanent inmates, it is normal that we have to hospitalize some of them, especially the old people. We can obtain sometimes free admission at Uluberia General Hospital or Kolkata but often it is impossible for mentally sick and spastic. Besides the conveyances are very expensive.

Marriages of our orphan girls:

We can expect that most of our orphan/semi-orphan school going girls get married soon after completion of their studies (for us, always after 18 years old) Orphan has the right to receive the same kind of marriage that, say, a lower middle-class family, the same for slightly handicapped, although the cost will be reduced, most probably due to the poor economic situation of the boy (no other would accept).

Every year we organize a "Jamai Soshti", feast of the sons-in-law for all our married girls and their new families. Children are increasingly more numerous!.

Births of the children of our married girls: our own grand-children:

New births in a family with around thirtyseven great-grand-children, are banal events at ICOD. We have often to take the pregnant mother organize the delivery. Moreover, before and after the births, the family of the girl, now ICOD as we are the legal guardian through our secretary, has to organize and pay the customary Puja, quite expensive indeed! But we love them all so much!

Deaths of mostly old men and women: ICOD have seen many since the beginning. So we are quite accustomed to look after the dying people, to help them and care for them. One of the latest was a 102year's old abandoned woman and the last one was a blind, deaf, dumb and paralyzed 5 years old boy. Cremations are made at Uluberia crematorium. Burials of Muslims are made free of cost at the Muslim burial ground of a near-by village. Christians (if any) are brought at various cemeteries accepted by a priest at Howrah or elsewhere.

> **BUDGET** : No budget can be affected to this H.M.B.D. as it is unforeseeable by definition. But everybody can understand that the cost of say, one sudden marriage is impossible to face without help. The very reason why no NGO wants to look after the marginalized

FEASTS AND FESTIVALS:

As in any NGO looking after inmates, but more than them because of the abandoned and orphan, ICOD has to organize all year round the main feasts of every religion in a special way. Hence our impressive and artistic **"Interreligious House of Prayer of Divine Mercy"** (offered by a Polish lady) and the various Puja organized by our secretary. Pandals are erected at **the Bhogini Nivedita large Hall**, and priests/pujaris are called to celebratemostly when there are idols. . Major Festivals (Independence Day, Republic Day, Christmas and Good Friday,Shiv'Rat, Holi, Id, Janmastami, Gandhi Jayanti, Viswa Karma, Kali, Saraswati, Lokkhi, Ganesh, Roth festival, Rakhis Bandhan, etc. have to be solemnized.We make also occasional '**Blood camps**'.

HANDICRAFTS, TERRACOTTA AND OTHER ART WORKS

From the beginning, we have a **local artist**, Tuhin . He has trained a local worker from our village of Gohalopota, Sukumar Dolui. All the various art-works are designed by the first and realized by both. Our walls have to speak if we want to spread the interreligious spirit, the Indian cultural spirit, the environment spirit and the artistic spirit which composed together the Beauty of ICOD.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY:(0.36 % of budget)

Beef and pork are forbidden at ICOD and no animals are killed here. **Stock-farming** is the rule. A trained worker is rearing animals. Due to the presence of feral dogs, civets and snakes, many animals do not live long and have to be replaced.

•**Goats/Sheep/Pigs/Fowl/turkeys, geese/rabbits/Exotic aquarium/Pleasure-bird/**

•**Fishery farming:** A dozen of kinds of fishes on four different layers are cultivated in our three ponds.

AGRICULTURE:"BIKOSHITO BHUMI-BLOOMING LAND"(0.41 % of the budget)

One worker is an experienced cultivator and supervises the farming.

A. VARIOUS CROPS:

❖Annual large-surface cultures are **soya, sunflowers, cotton**, etc..

❖**Vegetables:** all throughout the year.

❖**Coconut-trees:** Hundred coconuts have been planted....

❖**Plantains/bananas trees:** we have planted more than 50 trees.

❖**Orchard:**60 fruit trees have been planted (18 kinds of fruits) some 9 years ago.

❖**Flowers:** agreement flowers cultivation on lawns is regularly maintained throughout the year. More than 100 kinds of flowers and flowers-trees are precious annual ornaments of ICOD.

REFORESTATION: Our land was pure paddy-field, but we have transformed it into a semi-forested area, with hundreds of species of trees, flower-trees or fruit-trees. Many of the saplings are regularly planted to transform them into fuel for the kitchen. Flower-gardens, lawns and bushes are part of the landscape, necessary to offer our permanent inmates a beautiful environment.

ANIMALS and PLANTS 'BIODIVERSITY cum environmental protection:

Under the rainbow of God, our inmates need the harmony of the Creation as much as the fraternity between mankind, animals, plants, water, air and earth. As every life is sacred, **the prevention against any kind of pollution**, each one being a crime against the earth, the health or the harmony, **is a moral and social duty**, especially for us who are preparing future generations. Our children are already suffering of the consequences of the social pollution of their first environment. Hence the constant endeavor against smoking, plastic, harmful noise, water contamination, proper waste' disposal, respect of the river and ponds, etc.

Rabindranath Tagore wrote:

"The child is in his natural setting amidst the flowers and songbirds. There, he may more easily express the hidden wealth of his individual endowment"

CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

'ICOD' is an Interreligious organization, where all religious men & women specially Orphan, semi-orphan, 100% spastic, blind deaf / dumb, severely mentally sick and even mad stay here. We have a dream to make an "ANANDANAGAR", a **"RURAL CITY OF JOY."** Many more years shall be necessary to reach our dream. But on the other hand we have a deep - fund crisis. This year on January 2019 our main donor "Dominique Lapierre" stopped helping all his NGO's since he is hospitalized permanently. But we are trying our best to overcome this problem. We know that God is with us, God will save our inmates and our social workers. We try our best to continue all the project activities run before in this report. Lastly we **thank** our Government, Panchayat, local collaborators, our beautiful donors and our all social workers for their heartfelt support.