

NANRITAM

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ARISE! AWAKE !
STOP NOT TILL THE GOAL IS REACHED

INTRODUCTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

NANRITAM

*A Voluntary Welfare Organization
registered under Society Registration Act (S/11/8102 of 2001-2002)*

The members pay their homage to their Inspiration:

REV. SWAMI LOKESWARANANDAJI

OF RAMAKRISHNA MISSION



We are a group of professionals, mostly based in Kolkata and a few in different parts of India & abroad.

We are proud to have with us:

Dr. Osman Ghani: member, Planning Commission

Prof. P.K. Giri: Renowned Statistician

Dr. K.P. Pappu : Director, CINI

Dr. D.C. Gorai : Ex-Bishop, Kolkata

Prof. Jojneswar Sengupta : Renowned Pathologist

Dr. P.K. Lala : Oncologist, Canada

And many more enthusiastic members with a good number of doctors

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

❖ **President :**

Prof. Osman Ghani

❖ **Vice-Presidents :**

Prof. P.K.Giri (Statistician)

Dr.B.Bakshi (Pathologist)

Dr. Nandita Chatterjee

(Assoc. Prof. of Paediatrics)

❖ **Secretary :**

Ms. Ranjana Sengupta

(Software Programmer)

❖ **Joint Secretary :**

Dr. Utpal Chatterjee

(Physician)

❖ **Treasurer:**

Dr. Shyamal Kanti Datta

(Physician)

❖ **Members :**

Prof. Rajen Chakraborty
(Prof. of English)

Dr. Jogneswar Sengupta
(Ex Prof of Pathology)

Dr. Amit Chatterjee
(Pathologist)

Mrs. Milika Datta
(Housewife)

Mrs. Jayashree Basu
(School Teacher)

Dr. Asis Chattopadhyay
(Ophthalmologist)

Dr. Plaban Mukherjee
(Cardio-thoracic Surgeon)

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF PROJECTS ALREADY TAKEN UP BY NANRITAM

PROJECT	Details of project	Supported by
	URBAN (North Kolkata slums)	
1. HEALTH <i>Swami Lokeswarananda Smarak SevaKendra</i>	A health unit providing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Speciality clinics (weekly) ➤ Diagnostic facilities ➤ Out-reach camps ➤ Cataract surgery (10 /mnth) ➤ Community health care & awareness ➤ HW training programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual donations ➤ Voluntary service from medical consultants ➤ ALOKON EYE CARE CENTRE ➤ IIMC ➤ ASTI ➤ PATH WELFARE
2. EDUCATION	1) Pre-primary non-formal school 2) Post Graduate Program in Pediatrics(CME series)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IIMC ➤ Individual effort
1. VOCATIONAL TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tailoring, embroidery, designing etc ➤ Computer training ➤ Health Worker training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ World Bank Project in collaboration with Srirampur Textile Engg College
	RURAL Purulia GRAM SEVA PRAKALPA	
1.HEALTH		
1.1 Eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weekly outdoor clinics ➤ Monthly mass cataract Screeningcamps ➤ Monthly cataract surgery camps ➤ SL MEMORIAL EYE UNIT, our own eye hospital started from February 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ASTI ➤ Kripalini Eye Foundation ➤ Individual donations ➤ ALOKON EYE CARE CENTRE ➤ Local voluntary service

1.2 General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monthly health check-up camps by Specialists ➤ Basic blood tests, ECG etc ➤ Health worker trainings ➤ School Health Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual donations ➤ Local voluntary service ➤ KALYAN
2. EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A non-formal primary school ➤ SCHOOL FOR CHILD LABOUR : 50 students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual donations ➤ Local voluntary service ➤ NCLP
3. VOCATIONAL TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Knitting, tailoring, embroidery ➤ Carpentry ➤ Poultry Farming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ KALYAN (mother NGO) ➤ World Bank Project with Srirampur Textile Engg College
4. Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar electricity • Model farming • Rain-water Harvesting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEBREDA • Dept Sc & Tech, GoWB • KALYAN

THE BEGINNING

NANRITAM, a non profit earning welfare organization, (Regd. No. S/11/8102 of 2001-2002) was started in the year **2001**, when a handful of like-minded professionals came together with a dream to serve humanity. Irrespective of caste, creed, religion or profession, they had one common inspiration behind them... that was **Swami Lokeswaranandaji Maharaj** of RamaKrishna Mission & his ideal of service to mankind.

VISION

To see the under privileged wake up and live a healthy, purposeful, and active life, a life they can command themselves...free of the shackles of poverty, ill health & illiteracy.

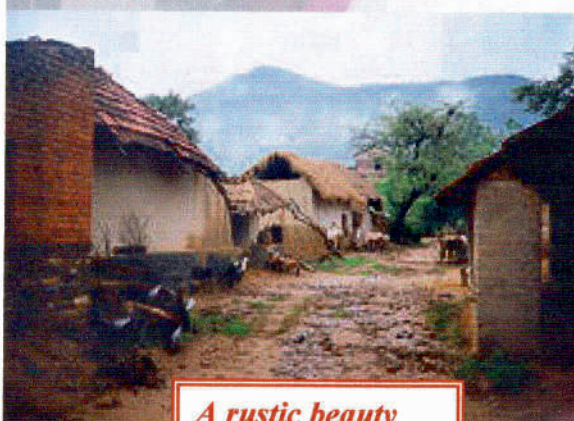
MISSION

Our mission is to render services to the deprived by facilitating their fight against illness, illiteracy & poverty, with a holistic support. Basic education, health-care, livelihood avenues should be available to all, irrespective of gender or class.

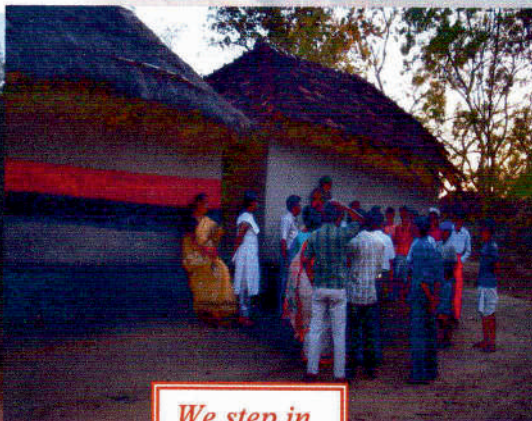
THE JOURNEY

Nanritam started its journey 5 years back, working with a small community of slum dwellers in North Kolkata health care unit.

Later, in 2004, a comprehensive community development project, **GRAM SEVA PRAKALPA**, was taken up in rural areas of Purulia district, West Bengal.



A rustic beauty



We step in

URBAN PROJECT

1. Running Programs

The urban wing of Nanritam, 'Swami Lokeshwarananda Seva Kendra' (SLSS), which has been operating for the last four years, continues to provide the following:

- Charitable clinics
- Low cost Diagnostics
- Out-reach health clinics organized weekly in the slums
- School health programs
- Distribution of free medicines
- Free cataract surgery (with IOL implantation)
- Health education through home visits and community meetings
- Non-formal education :small pre-primary school catering to 20 slum children, aged 4-6yrs.
- Vocational training & Certificate course in fabric painting, embroidery etc
55 girls have been trained so far this year.

2. New Additions

- ◆ The Diagnostic Laboratory is now equipped with a semi **Auto-analyzer**, donated by ASTI (American Service To India), which has largely enhanced the functioning of the lab.
- ◆ We organized 3 large **exhibitions** of our embroidery & other handicraft products, one in Delhi (in April)& two in Kolkata (in August & September), whereby we were able to promote sale of a commendable array of products.
- ◆ We conducted a series of **CME programs** on advanced Paediatric Medicine for Post-Graduate medical students.
- ◆ **Coaching** for English & Spoken English classes for slum children have been started free of cost, by one of our team members.
- ◆ **A proposal for Computer Training Program has been submitted to the Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. West Bengal for consideration**



NUTRITION CAMP



SCHOOL HEALTH CAMP

RURAL PROJECT:
GRAM SEVA PRAKALPA

Our main focus now is on this project, launched at 'Para' village of Purulia district.



THE EARLY DAYS



**THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE WITNESSES THE VARIOUS MOODS
AT *NANRITAM'S* PROJECT SITE**

The project area in PARA block of Purulia encompasses a population of nearly 1.5 lac. It is a mixed population comprising of >60% schedule tribes, 30% Muslim & <10% of general Hindus. More than 70% fall below the poverty line. Educational status is very poor with hardly 15-18% having primary education and a meager 5% being school graduates. Women are the major bread earners, but their educational status is absolutely dismal, mostly being illiterate. Health care facilities and educational facilities are most inadequate, the single high school in the block being 7 km away and the nearest health care unit providing specialized services being at a distance of 35 km!



the project site: glimpses from different corners



The Gram Seva Prakalpa aims at a holistic improvement of the life status of the people of Para. We aim to bring about a change in the life quality if these people, without affecting their life style & culture. The objective is to bring about physical, social & moral upliftment by provision of basic needs of health, education, nutrition & social awareness. We also need to bring about improvement of their financial status by making them self supportive, through self employment and self help schemes, by utilizing local resources, thereby leaving their normal life pattern & culture unaffected

The Project encompasses provision of:



EDUCATION : CONVENTIONAL & LIFE-SKILL

HEALTH : PROMOTION & PROTECTION

MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD : TRAINING & IMPLEMENTATION

ECO-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES

EMPOWERMENT WITH KNOWLEDGE THROUGH WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY



PRIMARY EDUCATION:

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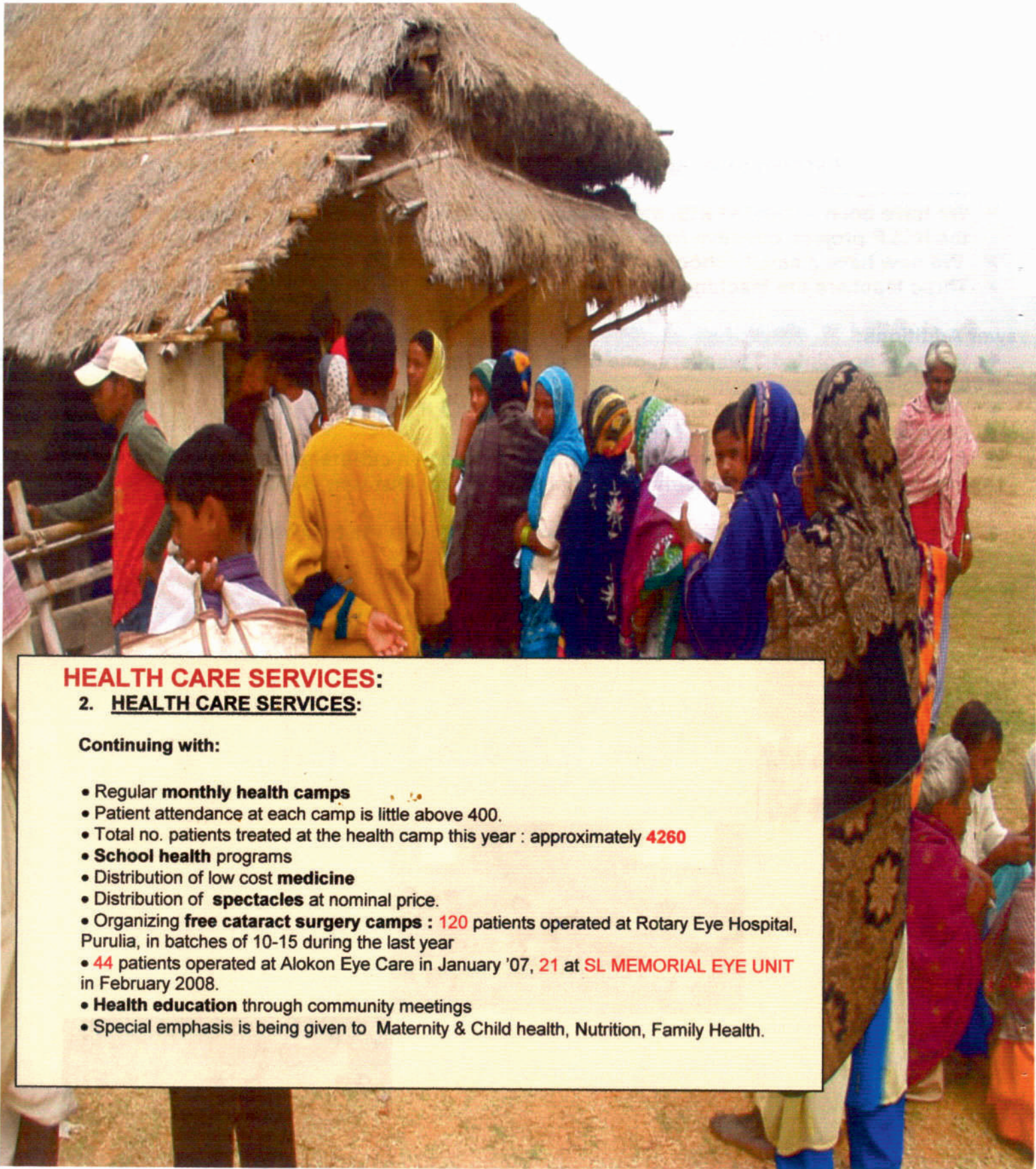
Continuing with:

- A non-formal school running with a strength of 75 children, of which 50 come under the category of child labour.
- We have been entrusted with the primary education of 50 working children (child labour) under the NCLP project, effective from February 2007.
- We now have a small school building with 3 classrooms & a staff-room
- Three teachers are teaching the students in three divided groups (equivalent to KG, Classes I & II)

Further Additions:

- ◆ We have appointed 3 teachers, one office assistant and one helper, as per Govt regulations for NCLP project.
- ◆ We are providing tiffin to all our children as per NCLP norms
- ◆ Quarterly health check-up of school children
- ◆ A group of 15 children from our school participated at a cultural program at BITM, Kolkata, organized by Comet Media & Birla Industrial & Technical Museum (BITM) on 10th December '07, winning great applause.
- ◆ The children have been given woolen garments, through the benevolence of Mr. Arun Kataruka.





HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

2. HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

Continuing with:

- Regular **monthly health camps**
- Patient attendance at each camp is little above 400.
- Total no. patients treated at the health camp this year : approximately **4260**
- **School health** programs
- Distribution of low cost **medicine**
- Distribution of **spectacles** at nominal price.
- Organizing **free cataract surgery camps** : **120** patients operated at Rotary Eye Hospital, Purulia, in batches of 10-15 during the last year
- **44** patients operated at Alokon Eye Care in January '07, **21** at **SL MEMORIAL EYE UNIT** in February 2008.
- **Health education** through community meetings
- Special emphasis is being given to Maternity & Child health, Nutrition, Family Health.

MONTHLY HEALTH CAMPS

MONTH	GENERAL	EYE	TOTAL
January	190	175	365
February	212	273	475
March	226	182	408
April 29th	170	200	370
May 13th	186	234	420
June 17th	200	186	386
July 22nd	190	170	360
August	161	181	342
September	107	163	270
October	Postponed due to very bad weather		
November	210	275	485
December	163	190	253

Out-reach Health & Eye camp was also organized at Kalipur, Dt. Burdwan in August 07, where >300 patients were examined by a team of 4 specialist doctors.



GLIMPSES FROM A HEALTH CAMP



Newer Additions:

- ◆ **Instruments for Eye Hospital** procured through the benevolent grant from Kirpalini Eye Foundation & personal donations.
- ◆ **Grant for cataract operations from Helpage India** : starting from January 2008.
- ◆ **SL MEMORIAL EYE UNIT**, a 6 bedded eye hospital with a modern ot was inaugurated on 24th february,2008.
- ◆ **21 Cataract surgeries (IOL)** performed at our new hospital on 24th February
- ◆ **Regular eye check-ups** at Para & out-reach villages weekly by optometrist. **More than 100 have already been screened for surgery.**
- ◆ **Health Worker training** module formulated and implemented: **30 health workers trained on a structured 6 week course.**
- ◆ **Mother & Child health program** will function through these Health workers at the grass root.
- ◆ **Taking up a Ca Cervix detection** program with Govt of West Bengal, for which our Specialist team has already conducted a training for the Govt doctors.
- ◆ **2 medical students from USA** (Univ. of Pittsburgh & Penn State University) did a 6 week **internship** at our project site, on primary health care & community medicine in June-July 2007.



SL MEMORIAL EYE UNIT

SELF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMMES

The following training programs have been already started, in collaboration with Srirampur Textile Engineering College, working on a community project (World Bank project) and Kalyan (a MNGO):

- Tailoring
- Knitting
- Carpentry
- Embroidery
- Batik printing
- Fabric painting
- Health Worker training
- Income Making

Many more are on the anvil, about to be launched.



Newer Additions:

- ◆ Poultry farming started by 50 women (mothers of our school children)
- ◆ Bamboo plantation started in August '07, with funds from Dept of Science & Technology
- ◆ Rain water harvesting funds are ready (from Dept of Science & Technology), digging to start in February 2008.
- ◆ Gardening & tree planting in our premises

ECO-FRIENDLY PROJECTS & INNOVATIONS:

The following new projects have been taken up:

- Electrification through utilization of solar energy:
 - a) We are procuring electricity for our school & clinic and also water pump & supply from a solar unit
 - b) Storage of solar power with storage battery & inverter
 - c) Gasifier for power generation
 - d) Electrification of 2 adjacent villages from a solar unit is also being arranged
- Rain-water Harvesting for preservation of ground water
- Bamboo plantation (with tissue-cultured hybrid variety) to promote cultivation & livelihood generation.
 - Afforestation
 - Model farming



Pond Excavation



Bamboo plantation

The ultimate goal is to see the people of Para happy & self content, full of health, self respect and moral courage. Our motto is complete social and moral upliftment of people by bringing out the best in them, through their own endeavor and active participation.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Four of our
grass root workers won
THE NVA AWARD, 2007

A proud moment with
Prof. MS Swaminathan at
Mission 2007
Convention, New Delhi



Our school children from
remote 'Para' perform at
BITM, Kolkata : a rare
privilege to show their talent

OUR LATEST ENDEAVOUR

Reaching the Unreachable Through satellite connectivity... To bridge the gap between the privileged urban & underserved rural

*Nanritam is taking up a project in partnership with **ISRO**, to establish a **VRC cluster in West Bengal**, with a central Expert Hub at Kolkata &*

***12 Village Resource Centres** in rural Bengal (Purulia, Bankura, Burdwan , South & North 24 Paraganas).
Connected through satellite connectivity*

*The **VRC programme** is meant for reaching the benefits of the space technology directly to the rural communities at the grass root level, thereby promoting a holistic improvement of their life style. It aims to promote a single window delivery of need-based services in the areas of **formal & life-skill education, health, nutrition, weather, environment, agriculture and alternate livelihoods** to the rural population.*

*This program will **bring the benefits of tele-communication & information technology** to the underserved rural population, thereby updated knowledge & information on topics of relevance to the villagers will be made available to them, in their own language, through the help of wireless connectivity.*

ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) will provide the required satellite connectivity to a cluster of resource centers, through which the information will be disseminated.

VRC NETWORK WITH CENTRAL EXPERT HUB

OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES

Central Expert Hub:

7. Generate locale specific content in local language
8. Formulate trainings & schedules
9. Prepare training modules
10. Maintain records
11. Monitor & Keep track of VRCs
12. Provide information to VRCs in various modes:
 - 2-way tele-conferencing: where the villagers will directly communicate with the experts (Doctors, Agriculture Scientists, Teachers etc)
 - 1-way delivery in the form of lectures, demonstrations, training programs
 - Telecasting of pre-recorded discussions etc
 - Provision of teaching material as CDs
 - Compilation & telecasting of FAQs on relevant topics

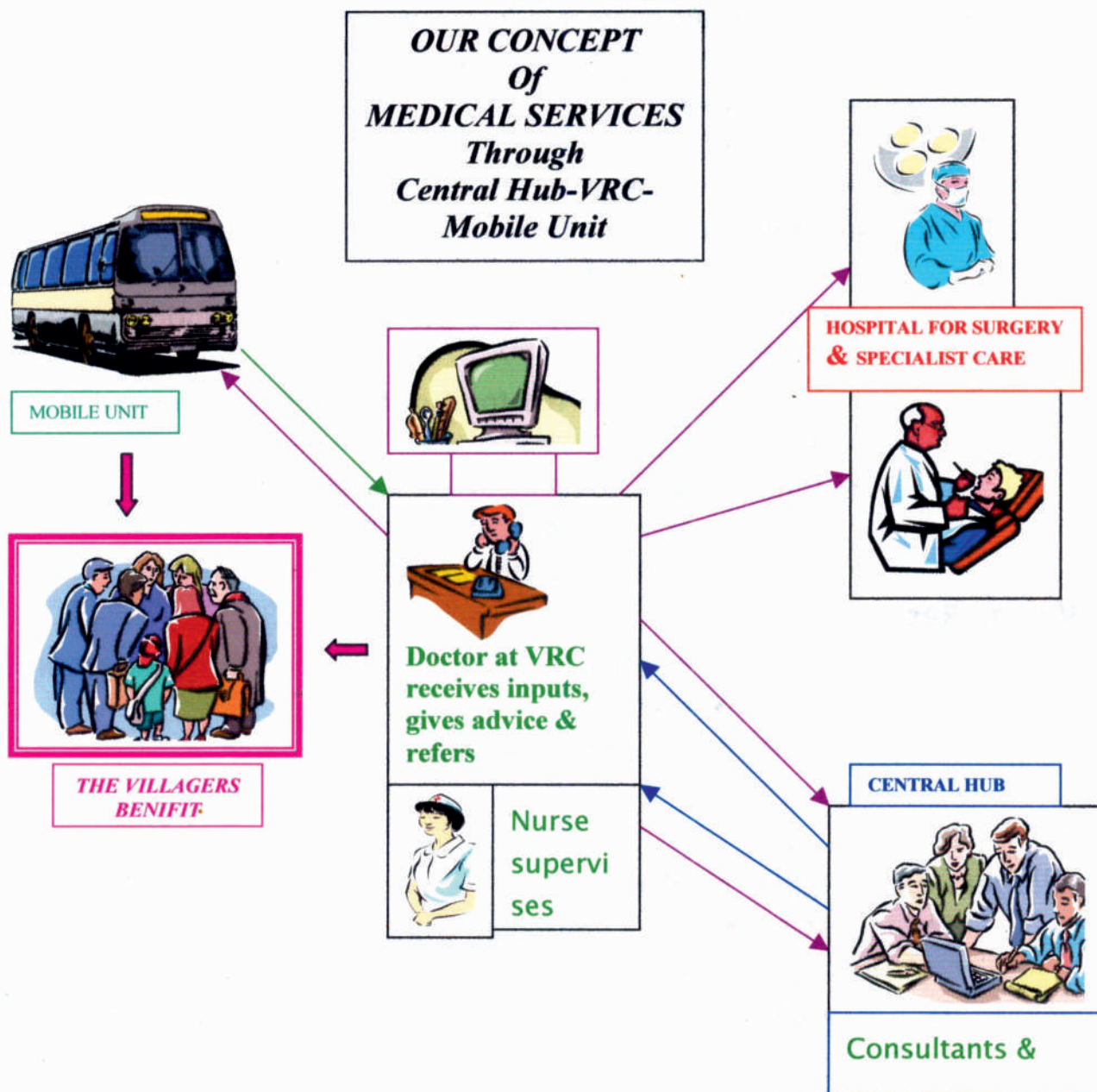
Village Resource Centres:

3. Organize interactive sessions for villagers with expert team at the central hub at stipulated hrs (slot wise).
4. Disseminate information among villagers

OUTCOME:

Villagers will be able to access

11. **MEDICAL ADVICE** through: i) doctor-doctor meets, ii) doctor-health worker meets, ii) doctor patient meets.
12. **AGRICULTURAL ADVICE**: Scientist-farmer meets, farmer-farmer meets
13. **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT**: Teacher-student meets, trainer-trainee meets, training programs, educational programs
14. **LIVELIHOOD GENERATION** through trainings,
15. **INFORMATION** on weather, natural calamities, market prices, epidemics etc
16. Teaching material (CDs) will be made available to the people
17. As Community service center, VRC can disseminate relevant Govt information and public notices.
18. Furnish satellite based information on weather,
19. Help people download and fillup forms. buy e-tickets. e-business.



A SUCCESS STORY

Sabitri Bauri was born into a poor farmer's family in a remote tribal village of Purulia, destined to face a hard reality, with an incapacitating bone disease. She was suffering from *osteogenesis imperfecta*, a disease with fragile & deformed bones. As she grew up she kept on having repeated bone fractures, which have today rendered her crippled & deformed, unable to stand or walk.

The second child in a family of six, she got little support from her parents, rather, she had to tend to family chores, as the younger kids went out to play & school.

Sabitri, a 13 year old crippled girl, came to us, hunched on her fathers shoulders, a bundle of despair and dejection.

"She is intelligent & wants to learn", her father said, "She draws well too".

"Do you want to attend school?"

"Yes! I want to learn." Came the prompt answer, with a twinkle in those morose eyes, and she crawled onto a bench, ready to



That was her turning point.

Now she regularly comes to school. An avid reader with a beautiful handwriting, and a sweet personality with a soft voice, Sabitri is a favourite with all the teachers & the children at school.

We have managed to get her a wheel chair to restore her mobility.

"I'm enjoying learning! I have learnt to read books. I can do arithmetic. I AM SO HAPPY!" is the response we get from her.



I can move on my own now!!!

Now she has a future to dream of. Life is no more a doom to her. "I want to be a teacher" is her prompt response when asked about her future

A lot remains to be done to keep us moving....

We still need

- Extension of the existing school building
- Completion of carpentry work-shed
- Completion of guest house (with furnishing)
- Completion of community hall
- Construction of health unit
- Procure medical equipment
- Procure school, vocational training & health education teaching aids
- Procure necessary furniture
- Equipment, manning & maintenance support of Vrc-Central Hub
- Appointment of 4 more teachers
- Appointment of medical officer (1) & Nurses(2)
- Appointment of ancillary staff, like office asst, dresser,sweeper, security, etc
- Electrification

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL

With all your assistance and our endeavour we dream to provide PARA with a secondary school of commendable national standard of teaching, a state-of-the-art rural hospital, & a vocational training institute , all to be managed and utilized by the local people, with our support from behind. We pledge to strive to reach our GOAL.

We are also entitled to accept foreign currency as donation

FCRA no : 147120781

(All donations are exempted from income tax U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961)

WE WORK IN UNISON



Collaborating with:

Govt of India (NCLP)

Govt. of West Bengal :

- WEBREDA
- Dept of Science & Technology
- Dept of Higher Education
- Srirampur College of Textile Technology
- Housing Board

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ALOKON EYE CARE CENTRE

KALYAN

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MARCH AHEAD HOLDING HANDS WITH YOU ALL

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