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LAKE GARDENS WOMEN AND CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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OVER VIEW OF THE ORGANISATION

• Lake Gardens Women & Children Development Centre (LGWCDC) Kolkata is a non profit organisation.

• Founded in 1992 by social scientist Ms. Cäcilie Sircar with the inspiration of her late husband Mr. Shyamal Sircar

Registered under West Bengal Society’s Registration Act with Registration No. S/73111 of 1992-93
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• **LGWCDC is working with an integrated holistic developmental approach** wherein joyful learning, remedial education, opportunities for mainstreaming, health care, vocational skills training for income generation are provided to the girl children residing in the targeted slums.
OVER VIEW OF THE ORGANISATION

Main vision of the organization

Is to address and combat related problems of malnutrition, ignorance and poor health status including the education of the children. Moreover the organization emphasizes on awareness programs on health, nutrition and physical and mental growth and development of the children.

- We work on a community based and rights based approach for integrated and holistic development
- Major focus of the organisation is securing rights to women and children through empowerment of women by forming SHGs, making community people aware regarding their basic rights, with emphasis on women’s rights, child rights, health & hygiene issues, education and self reliance.
- We work in specific slum pockets of Lake Gardens-Kolkata, Tikiapara-Howrah and Santioshpur-Mahestala
OUR AREA OF WORK

Kolkata Municipal Corporation: Wards 87, 90, 81, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 102, 105, 106, 107

Howrah Municipal Corporation: Wards 19 & 20

Maheshtala Municipality: Wards 8, 10, 11 & 13
OUR VISION AND MISSION

VISION

LGWCDC looks forward to a society where women & children, especially girl children will enjoy equal rights and access to equal opportunities.

MISSION

Integrated holistic development of marginalized women and children to ensure quality life through community development, empowerment, education, healthcare service and economic self reliance. LGWCDC maintains Child Protection Policy and Committee against sexual Harassment at workplace.
OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To provide centre based educational facilities to the children through joyful learning to reduce the drop-out rates and to prevent potential child labour.

To improve the health status of girl children and their mothers through health awareness, primary health care, supplementary nutrition program and nutrition training.

To improve the health status of underweight and malnourished and simultaneously make the community people aware regarding low cost nutritive food and healthy living practices.

To promote and strengthen women’s organisations in our project area in Lake Gardens, Howrah, Santoshpur focusing on savings and micro-credit.

To impart skill training to the young girls and women to inculcate alternative income generation activity as another mode of occupation.

To build up stakeholders network in the community area along with various, NGOs, GOs, clubs and government officials.
OUR POLICIES AND COMMITTEES

Human Resource Policy

LGWCDC is an organization which cares for all of its employees as family members. The organization believes that its strength lies in the hands of the people who are like-minded and who are working in synergy with each other. Our Human resource Policies are specific and satisfies the content and requirements of all individuals. Most of the individuals are working over here for more than 10 years with very less rate of churning and they want to be a part of LGWCDC family throughout their career.

Child Protection Policy

Lake Gardens Women & Children Development Centre has its own Child Protection Policy (CPP). Our committee is robust and has taken training of all the three modules for the same. There are regular meetings and sessions on Child Protection in the community.

In all the awareness programmes in the community, in schools, in workshops and even in the stakeholder’s meetings, the Child Protection Committee members discuss the issues in a very interactive manner. It is mandatory for all staff and any visitor or guests who come to the organization to sign this policy before meeting, or speaking or even taking pictures of the children. The children who are associated with LGWCDC are also aware of this Child Protection Policy. The guidelines of Child Protection are put up at all the centres in pictorial form to make it more interactive.
OUR POLICIES AND COMMITTEES

Committee Against Sexual Harassment

All our employees are our family members, and that is how we care for them. All of them should feel protected, safe and secured to work with dignity. To safeguard them, we have created our own CASH Committee. This committee is comprised of employees of all genders and also have a member who is an external person – our well wisher. Though we have never come across any such undignified instances, yet if ever any employee of any gender feels disgraced by the virtue of act of another co – worker, he / she is free to file a complaint and proceedings are done accordingly.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Educational Program:
- Creches
- Pre-primary centre
- Remedial Classes I-IX
- Computer classes (V-IX)

Health Program:
- Mid-day meal
- Protein enriched supplementary nutrition
- Monthly medical check up
- Health Clinic for malnourished children

Vocational Training:
- Handicraft
- Stitching
- Sewing
- Knitting
- Beautician
- Massage
- Hair Styling
- Technical Courses

Community Program:
- Mother orientation program
- Community Awareness program
- Stakeholder meetings
- Awareness Program through Puppet Theatre
- Health Camp in the Community
- Sisumela
- Mother and Child Care course
- Rally
- Street play

Empowerment Program:
- SHG Groups
- Savings and Credit Program
- Leadership and Capacity Building
- Income Generation Activity

Music and Arts:
- Dance and Music Class
- Drama
- Yoga
- Puppet Theatre
- Art

Cultural Program:
- Excursion
- Dance Performance
- Puppet Theatre
- Theatre Play
- Exhibition / Bazaar
- Open House
- Foundation Day
- Traditional Festivals

Networking & Advocacy:
- Leading the West Bengal Network “Youth Challenger” working on Ecological child rights
- State Secretariat of CACL
- Member of Right To Education Forum, Maitree, IHNACL
- Network with other like minded organisation
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Crèches for the Vulnerable Ones

The crèche facility is offered for children from six months to six years from the poorest section of the society where no proper care is provided. The crèche programme is benefitting directly 90 families. Average attendance in the crèches was 75. There are 3 creches named Yasmine, Bulbuli and Collibri

The children are being treated in a child friendly atmosphere through joyful learning methods. Montessori methods were also implemented to the smaller children for learning daily skills and to develop fine and gross motors... (contd.)
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Crèches for the Vulnerable Ones

*(contd.*) The children have come from selected project areas like Mutepara, 54 no. slum, 13 no. slum, Rangkal slum, 8 no. slum of ward number 93,94, 88 and 89.

Children of age group three years and six months are given emphasize for pre-primary classes. They are being prepared for mainstreaming at the age of 5 years above.

Last year 34 children took admission in government or municipal schools.

Book corner is introduced among the children in all three crèches... *(contd.*)
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Balwadi (Non Formal Education) Center

To develop a habit of going to school Balwadi Centers have been initiated in our Santoshpur project area. There are 8 Balwadis function for two hours a day for six days a week. Children aged between 2-5 yrs are admitted in the center. The facilitators teach them through joyful learning methods. Each child gets a dry tiffin everyday. To monitor the functioning of the center a mothers committee has been formed which comprises of members of the Self Help Groups.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Remedial Classes

The remedial classes are a support system for our children of the community as they are usually first generation literate making it very difficult for the parents to teach them at home or afford external tuition teachers.

Our centre caters to the need of children from class I to class XII of all subjects

The classes are held in three shifts – day and afternoon for the primary schoolchildren and evening for middle and senior school children
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The creativity part of our children

The children of LGWCDC not only comes here to study but also learn music, dance and art along with many other creative and fun work which makes them enjoy their childhood. We try to give them a place to explore themselves so that they choose for themselves and decide for themselves as to what would they like to do in future and what are the things that they enjoy.
Ensuring children’s right to play – Rugby and sports

Children growing up in slums experience a childhood that often defies the imagination of the “innocent childhood”.

Children are often found playing on rough, uneven ground, parking space of cars and near railway tracks as they do not have space to play sports and games.

We introduced the children, specially the girls to a new sport- Rugby.

In the last six months, the children have come across as team to play and celebrate one of their right- Right to Play.

Girls were an integral part of the practice sessions, facilitating gender rights through play... (contd.)
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ensuring children’s right to play – Rugby and sports

(contd.) Games and Sports are an important and essential part of a person's life. Along with the study, Games, and Sports are also important. Sports give us a good exercise which makes us physically strong and increases our stamina and strength. Regular Sports activities make us active and lead to good Health. This year too, we celebrated Sports in Santoshpur and Tikiapara in good spirit and good team spirit. The best part was that the SHG women and CLA members had taken the entire initiative and organized the sports, showing a great sense of responsibility and cohesiveness.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ensuring children’s right to play – Rugby and sports
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Puppet Show was fun this time

Ms. Ulrike Helen, a working group member of TdH Germany and her husband Mr. Gerd, a puppeteer came all the way from Germany to visit our Centre and organised a puppet show for our little friends. The theme of the show was importance of education in a simple and lucid form.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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Campaign on Ecological Rights – through youth network

It started with the participation of the youth of West Bengal in the Bhopal Youth Convention 2012

West Bengal youths from 4 Calcutta based organizations got together and started the campaign – “Youth Challengers”.

Initial focus on was on forming linkages with other organizations from districts

Focus issues were Chemical fertilizer & polythene bags

Other issues addressed were waste of water, water pollution, deforestation which came up from the districts... (contd.)
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Campaign on Ecological Rights – through youth network

(contd.) Currently the Campaign is being carried out in 8 districts of West Bengal viz. Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, Paschim Medinipore, Kolkata, North and South 24 Parganas.

There are 10 partner Organisations of which 3 are urban based while all the others are rural based.

These Organisations are represented by 500 Youths

Representatives from 8 districts

Core Committee – elected representatives

At least twice a year meeting of group at state level

... (contd.)
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Campaign on Ecological Rights – through youth network

(contd) Core Committee meets once a month - sharing and planning
Charter of Demands – collectively developed by youths and shared with stakeholders
Exposure Visits- Youths have visited other organisations and have enriched themselves on ecological issues like biodiversity, organic farming etc
Charter of Demands prepared by 27 youths representing 500 youths from 6 districts

These demands were addressed to elected representatives, Schools, Parents, family & Community Members and Own Responsibilities ... (contd.)
Campaign on Ecological Rights – through youth network

(contd.)
Plastic free campaign was held with tea sellers, and sweet shops were approached with the demand to switch back from plastic to earthen pots

Youth members distributed earthen pots and cloth and took back plastic cups and bags
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Campaign on Ecological Rights – through youth network
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Campaign on Ecological Rights – through youth network
Youths from the slums of Santoshpur took endeavor to transform their slum

They have started developing kitchen gardens in the vacant areas of community

Practice of waste segregation and composting started by the youths

Campaign to plant trees – youths have taken up challenge of tree plantation, also with schools

Awareness campaign have been conducted in localities

Awareness programs on management of E Waste was done in schools, communities, and Electronic Waste collection drives were also held

Responsible disposal of E Waste through liaison with recycling units
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Destination Unknown Campaign

We all have our homes and we know that at the end of the day, we will come back to our hearths. But there are many unfortunate ones, who do not know where to live today and where to go tomorrow, because they are always on “the move”.

LGWCDC works on one such campaign called “Destination Unknown- Children on the move”.

This is a campaign with the construction workers, workers in brick kiln and stone quarrying mines going across four states of our country,

It is focussed on the labourers who move from their point of source to a point of destination for work in an unsafe manner and their basic rights are violated.

The major sufferers are the children who do not get proper continuous education, their child rights are violated and they are too forced to child labour.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Destination Unknown Campaign

LGWCDC chose to work with the construction workers in Tikiapara, Howrah.

Several meetings were conducted with the construction workers, their family members and children who also travel with them.

Discussions with the major stakeholders where these construction workers are staying for months and sometimes even years were also held so that they are sensitized and care for the protection of rights of these workers.

A cultural function was organized for these children where they are imparted the message of safe childhood and child rights.

The campaign for the year ended with a workshop of the children of these migratory workers who place their demands in front of the administrative personnel.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Destination Unknown Campaign
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Beautician & Massage Course

“A Thing of Beauty is a Joy for Ever” – John Keats had quoted. This is what our adolescent girls and women do in LGWCDC.

Our vocational centre has beautician classes where this year too, 16 girls have graduated with a one-year course on beautician and massage training.

They have become self-sufficient and have got jobs and are also doing consultancy services to be empowered and earn on their own.

Our staff and friends also take beautician services which becomes a on-job paid training for them.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Beautician & Massage Course
LGWCDC believes in empowering her women with all kinds of training that can be imparted to them; one of them being stitching, cutting and embroidery training.

Our handicrafts training department, on an average graduates 60 women and adolescent girls annually.

These women either get jobs in tailoring shops or stitch at home and earn money, making our objective successful.

We organize periodical exhibitions of Chaitra sale, Winter and Puja Exhibition and participated in many outdoor exhibitions like Nari Seba – Jodhpur Park and many more.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Handicraft Course
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Handicraft Exhibition
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Handicraft Exhibition
Trainings on income generation imparted to SHG members periodically at Tikiapara and Santoshpur.

This year they were trained on spice – making and tailoring.

The women were initially made aware of various income generation activities.

Based on their interest trainings were imparted.

External resource persons were hired to impart the training.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Training on Income Generation - Spice Making
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Training on Income Generation - Tailoring
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mother & Child Course

LGWCDC organizes Mother and Child Course for the young new mothers and their new born babies.

The course majorly teaches this mother on the importance of breast feeding, techniques of breast feeding, nutrition for mother and child, child care practices, immunization, low cost nutrition training, techniques of baby care and child safety practices and how can mothers prepare low cost nutritious food for themselves and for the children.

They are also given gifts which are required by the children.

There are doctor’s checks up every month for these children as well.

For this course, we select “poorest of the poor” mothers who otherwise cannot get good services for their children.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mother & Child Course
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Parents Grooming Classes

To train the mothers they are encouraged to participate in learning by doing programme where they can learn how child is kept in a healthy atmosphere and the behaviour towards the child. Parent’s grooming classes were held once a week in all crèches with average participation of 15 parents per class. In these classes parents are giving training on functional literacy, gender sensitivity, savings, setting of individual goals etc.

We also organize periodical Parent’s Teacher Meeting at our coaching centre to interact with the parents and know from them as to what are their expectations and how can we improve the education of the children.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Capacity Building of SHG & CLA Members

SHG women are being imparted training on Individual goals, group goals, business module and other accounting methodologies so that they can think of being entrepreneurs. They are asked to survey the market and make an analysis of business enterprise within them.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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After being imparted training goal setting, income generation, business plan some SHGs have started a business of their own.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Community Awareness Programs

Our projects in Lake Gardens, Santoshpur and Tikiapara constantly are in an endeavour to aware the community against all social vices. As such Community awareness programme and mother orientation programme are conducted regularly on various social issues like domestic violence, economic empowerment, literacy, family relations, marital relationships ... (contd.)
OEUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Community Awareness Programs

(contd). decision – making capacity, various social entitlements and abuses, trafficking, eloping and love marriage, gender rights and gender awareness, child care, child abuse, child psychology and seasonal environment requirement and entitlements were held. The programmes are mostly organized in the community with the mothers and children and youth members, sometimes imparted by the staff and sometimes by the invited external resource persons. School awareness programs are also held on issues like good touch, bad touch, child marriage, ecological rights, health and hygiene issues etc.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Community Awareness Programs
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Support from Stakeholders

LGWCDC in the last year, like all previous years have always maintained liaison with the local police stations, the club members, organized networking meetings with them and have worked in tandem with the administrative machinery.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Supplementary Nutrition & Mid Day Meal

Children are provided with supplementary nutrition comprising of a glass of milk and biscuits, seasonal fruit or nutrimix (a formula food prepared by CINI).
Mid day meal cooked in-house in a hygienic way is also provided to all children.
A qualified pediatric doctor visited every crèches once in a month to check the growth, height and weight of Children.
Dieticians are also consulted on the required calorie content of the children.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Supplementary Nutrition & Mid Day Meal
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Clinic & Nutrition Program

Our clinic services in Santoshpur and Tikiapara were held every week.

The major target population are malnourished children, pregnant mothers and anaemic adolescent girls in our clinics.

Apart from free doctor check up & distribution of medicines the care givers were also given training on preparing low – cost nutritional food in hygienic manner.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Clinic & Nutrition Program
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Health Camps

The SHG women of our community have become very conscious regarding their own health and the social health around them.

They regularly contact the CSRs of Company like GKB Optical, for eye check up and providing spectacles and Rotary Club to organize Health Screening Camps so that they and their children remain healthy. So with statutory compliance of these corporate, society is benefitting at large.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Tuberculosis Health Action Learning Initiative- (THALI)

The preliminary objective is to reduce the prevalence of Tuberculosis in India. LGWCDC is working in this project from May, 2017 and in this year intervened in 6 wards of KMC under Tollygunj Health Unit in close association with CINI, RNTCP & KMC Personnel.

The basic objective of THALI is to create awareness among the patients, notify to the doctors at the time of occurrence, timely diagnosis, and encourage them to complete the medicine course thereby lowering the risk of drug-resistant TB.

Health Camps were organised in various slum pockets to identify presumptive cases and referring them for sputum testing at Government Health Care Centres.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Tuberculosis Health Action Learning Initiative- (THALI)

Awareness Programs were held in community and schools.

A significant feature was demonstration on preparing low cost nutritious food and selling them in community.

Even dry ration was distributed to the TB patients who could not afford nutritious food.

ACF or Active Case Findings was another activity where door to door survey was done by the community workers, who are called TOUCH Agents, in collaboration with RNTCP.
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Tuberculosis Health Action Learning Initiative- (THALI)
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OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Staff Capacity Building
OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Staff Capacity Building
We painted the city Pink by participating in Pinkathon

Like previous year, this year too, LGWCDC had participated with her youth members in the famous PINKATHON, supported by United Sister’s Foundation which started at Ranger’s Club on 1st April, 2018.

This event is much more than a marathon as far as a woman’s health is concerned. The major cause for this marathon is “beating the breast cancer”; however the major focus is on women health.

The theme for this year was “Health Family makes a Healthy Society, which will form a Healthy Nation”.

PARTICIPATION IN PINKATHON
OBSERVING EARTH DAY

This year we paid our gratitude to Mother Earth by paying the tribute through our little hands- our children and youth members.

They visited the major shops of Lake Gardens near Lords More and the shops near station at Santoshpur, Budge Budge and reasoned with them not to use plastic packets, plastic tea cups or plastic containers.

Some of the vendors were very receptive whereas there were some who did not entertain this step of the children, yet they with their undaunted spirit, took away the plastic packets from them and distributed them free cloth bags and earthen tea bhars.

Their rally went on to the streets catching the eye of many.
OBSERVING EARTH DAY
Rabindranath Tagore is not only pride of Bengal but also of the nation. This year, we took out a sandhyo pheri on the streets of Lake Gardens with music and dance of Tagore, performed by our children and our SHG mothers. The message of love and harmony and brotherhood was spread across all and 25e Baisakh got its glorification through the dance moves and songs of the children and women.
CELEBRATING BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GURUDEV RABINDRANATH TAGORE
This year LGWCDC celebrated World Environment with not only her family, but with the youth members of all her partner friends across the terrain of West Bengal. The theme this year was chosen by them that they will organize street theatre on the busy roads of Sector V, a silicon zone of Kolkata and where all educated people do visit. They wanted to educate the educated mass on the theme of ecology, who otherwise do not have time to save their own nature. People overwhelmingly responded and stopped over to see their performance and even gave their comments on appreciating this initiative on World Environment Day.
OBSERVING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
LGWCDC has always portrayed her secular image and this leads us to celebrate all religious festivals with lots of love and respect. Iftar Celebration is one of them. In order to spread the message of Prophet Mohammad during the month of Ramzaan, we invite all our friends who are devoted to the spirit of Ramzaan to share some moments with us. Iftar is celebrated across the communities of our organization and also at office.
CELEBRATING JANMASHTAMI- BIRTHDAY OF LORD KRISHNA

We danced to the Rasleela of Lord Krishna in Janmastami......

LGWCDC is a secular organization promoting and practicing all religions and celebrating some of them with grandeur and style with our little children and our team members. This year too Janmastami was celebrated in the organization with lots of love and care. The children had prepared the programme with lots of hard work and regular rehearsals. The children were told the story of Lord Krishna and the celebration brought a smile to all.
CELEBRATING JANMASHTAMI- BIRTHDAY OF LORD KRISHNA
The teachers are the most revered and respected people in our lives after our parents. Since LGWCDC promotes education in all spheres, therefore Teacher’s Day celebration was also celebrated with lots of care and respect by the children of the remedial classes as well as of the Balwadi centres of Santoshpur. They celebrated the day with their small offerings to the teachers and with dance, sweets and lots of music and fun.
Every year, throughout the month of November, we celebrate the Global Action Month. This is the activity month of children, where the little minds, through their various activities make a difference in their lives and also spread the message of love, care, protection, saving the planet and knowing their own rights. This year too, LGWCDC took initiative to celebrate this month. All the plans were made by the children group and our youth volunteers.
This year they organized theatre workshop in Tikiapara, Santoshpur and Lake Gardens and also performed in front of the crowds on the streets to spread the message to the world. They painted wall graffiti on the walls of slums in Santoshpur and organized drawing competition on the issue of child rights, gender discrimination and ecology.
Children's rights includes their right to association with both parents, human identity as well as the basic needs for physical protection, food, universal state-paid education, health care, and criminal laws appropriate for the age and development of the child, equal protection of the child's civil rights, and freedom. Parents are required to meet the child's basic needs. Specifically, they have the right to equal protection, which means that every child is entitled to the same treatment at the hands of authority regardless of race, gender, disability, or religion. LGWCDC proudly celebrates fun programmes for children where their rights are met as well as they get to enjoy.
We painted the day ORANGE by celebrating Orange Day – a day especially reminding ourselves and the world that women will NOT tolerate any violence and oppression any more. A day celebrated in the very own style of LGWCDC by wearing the colour Orange and voicing the theme “HEAR ME TOO”.

OBSERVING ORANGE DAY
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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas celebration is one of the most favourite celebrations of LGWCDC not only for the children but also for the staff and the community around us. Every year and not to miss out this year, we celebrated Christmas with the message of Mother Mary and Jesus Christ of celebration, love brotherhood, forgiveness, caring for our neighbours and spreading the love of the season around. LGWCDC was lit on Christmas eve and all the children whole heatedly chanted the hymns and Christmas carols. There was dance, there was music, there was Santa Clause giving away gifts to all and there was smile on the faces of all.
CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

With the support and inspiration of our founder member Madam Cecilia Sircar, every year we are invited by the Consulate OF THE Federal republic of Germany to participate in their annual function of Bazaar on the occasion of Christmas.

This year too, LGWCDC participated in the Christmas Bazaar and had set up to a stall of items made by her SHG members for sale to the guests. The German Consulate General Dr. Michael Feiner was overwhelmingly supportive in our initiative.
OBSERVING WORLD TB DAY

Since September 2017 LGWCDC is partnering with CINI in the Program Tuberculosis Health Action Learning Initiative (THALI) to reduce the incidence of Tuberculosis.

24th March is celebrated as World TB Day and this year the theme was "It's Time".

In Kolkata, the Day was observed by organising a Rally by Kolkata Municipal Corporation, RNTCP, World Health Partners, CINI and all network NGOs working in different Wards of Kolkata.

The Deputy Mayor of KMC also participated in the Rally. The Rally started from Haji Mohamad Mohsin Square on Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road and terminated at Chaplin Square, opposite the Headquarters of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION - LUCKNOW

The major highlights of this year included the travel of the youth members of the ecological project to Lucknow and Bangalore. The youth members of the campaign for ecological rights nominated one member each from their core groups and had visited Lucknow to attend the annual convention. This is the annual meet of the campaign where youth representatives from all over the country come and intermingle with each other and discuss the initiatives that they are taking in their own geographical terrain on saving the “mother Earth” and striving towards the sustainable goals.

The youth members in Lucknow this time also got to know some very relevant information like fake new and media in spreading rumours, about love relationships which affect the youth at this stage, on communal harmony and most importantly on acid attack victims after visiting a cafe in Lucknow run exclusively by them called “Sheroes”. The visit was very enriching and successful.
The youth members for the first time visited two organizations “Timbaktu” in Andhra Pradesh and “Hasirudala” in Karnataka. Both these organizations are pioneer in their own areas and had set a beautiful example to the youth members who in turn are disseminating their good practices in West Bengal.

Timbaktu is working since last 30 years in Anantpur, India’s second driest district after Jaisalmer to save the flora and fauna of the region in those arid conditions by conserving water of river Krishna, making indigenous industries of handloom, soap making and food procession for livelihood generation of the people, promoting youth activities, opening schools, hostels, protecting child rights and promoting education and culture of the local communities. Their innovative ways of organic farming and waste management and creating manure and fertilizers are path – breaking.
EXPOSURE VISIT TO TIMBAKTU COLLECTIVE & HASIRU DALA

Hasiru Dala is a social impact organization that focuses on securing justice for waste-pickers through interventions co-created with the waste-pickers, in the areas of identity rights, access to family education, healthcare, housing & pension, skill development, market and employment access, and multi-tier policy advocacy. Hasiru Dala intends to work in line with the UNDP Sustainable Development Goals #Envision2030. These Global Goals are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.
The Jt.Secretary of the organisation Ms.S.Basu Das visited Germany to participate in the South Asia seminar organised by TdH Germany India Program in Bremen. Our founder member Madam Cecilia Sircar also participated in the Seminar.

Ms.S.Basu Das gave a presentation on the Youth Network that has been formed in West Bengal and their activities that focuses mainly on Ecological Rights.

She also visited funding partners in Herrsching, Bonn & Erftstad in Germany.
We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our funding partners, local donors, network partners, friends and well wishers who have supported us in our efforts to make the life of disadvantaged women and children better.
MAKE A DONATION

Every year we receive donations from benevolent people and welcome more such donations to help us in our efforts to make the life of underprivileged women and children much better.

The details for online donations are given below:

Donate To: Lake Gardens Women & Children Development Centre
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Branch Name: Lake Gardens Branch
IFSC Code: SBIN0001802
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