



**SKY IS THE LIMIT**



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## Note from the Director

**D**ITO Social Welfare Association(DSWA) is a dedicated non-governmental organization (NGO) committed to improving the lives of marginalized and disadvantaged communities through a variety of impactful social service initiatives. Recognizing the multifaceted challenges faced by these populations, DSWA actively engages in diverse projects that focus on health, education, and livelihood generation.

In the realm of health, the organization implements program aimed at enhancing access to essential medical services, promoting health awareness, and preventing diseases, particularly in underserved areas. The educational initiatives seek to empower individuals through learning opportunities, ensuring that children and adults alike have access to quality education that can transform their lives.

Moreover, DSWA prioritizes livelihood generation by providing skills training and resources that enable individuals to secure sustainable employment and improve their economic conditions. Through these comprehensive efforts, DITO Social Welfare Association strives to create a positive and lasting impact, fostering resilience and self-sufficiency among the communities it serves. With a commitment to social equity and empowerment, DSWA will continue to extend its support to those in need, working tirelessly to build a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

*Sahana Bhowmick*

### ***Our Vision***

To create an inclusive and equitable society that values women and children and actively enables community empowerment.

### ***Our Mission***

To create an ecosystem where the community, particularly women and children, are provided with ample opportunities to demonstrate their potential.

### ***Our Values***

We reiterate our values and emphasis on 'praxis' to bring forth positive changes within the poorest of the poor community. Our values have a strong base that stands on 'equality, humanitarianism, solidarity, camaraderie' to end suffering of the have-nots.

### ***Our Theory of Change***

We believe in the universal proverb "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime". Thus with the active participation of the community living in poverty, and with our values, we aspire to bring forth sustainable changes within the community.





## Overview

This year has been particularly significant, as the organization extended its educational outreach to Bankura district. The program focuses on enhancing the quality of education, aligning with SDG 4. It aims to foster a supportive and enriching learning environment for approximately 2,500 school children of Barjora Block of Bankura district.

Additionally, the STEM Education program has reached new milestones, with a notable increase in enrolment among students from Girls' Government Schools in Howrah underscoring its growing impact.

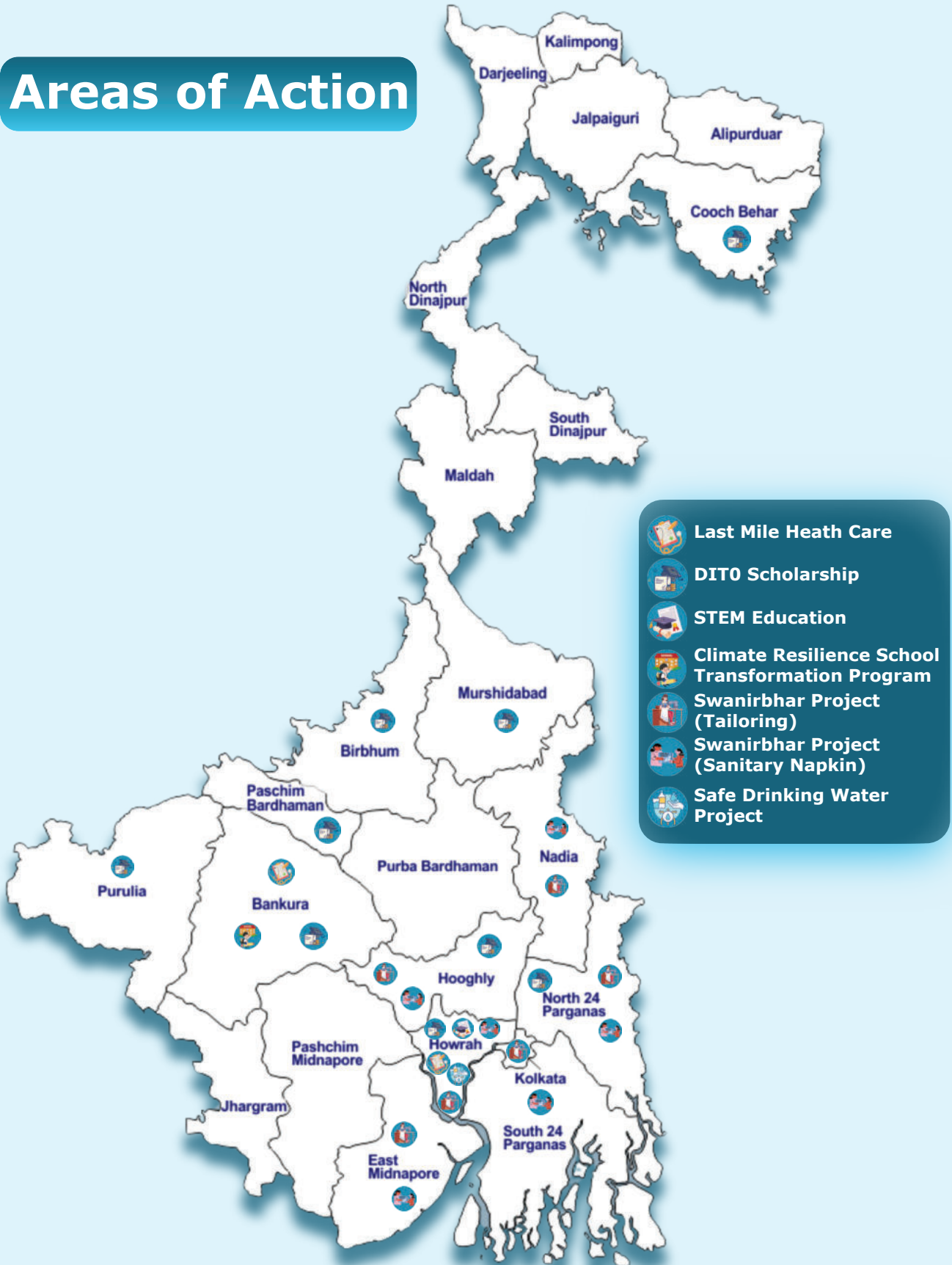
The organization successfully awarded scholarships to 15 deserving girl students this year. This initiative serves as a vital stepping stone for these students, shaping their future prospects and opening pathways to success.

Last Mile Health Care program sustained its focus on curative and preventive care in rural Bengal. Complementing this, the Safe Drinking Water Program has sustained its support for urban slum dwellers in Tikiapara, Howrah, addressing a critical need for access to clean drinking water.

With a successful year of education-focused efforts, the organization plans to prioritize livelihood generation, particularly improving rural women's economic conditions for years to come.



## Areas of Action





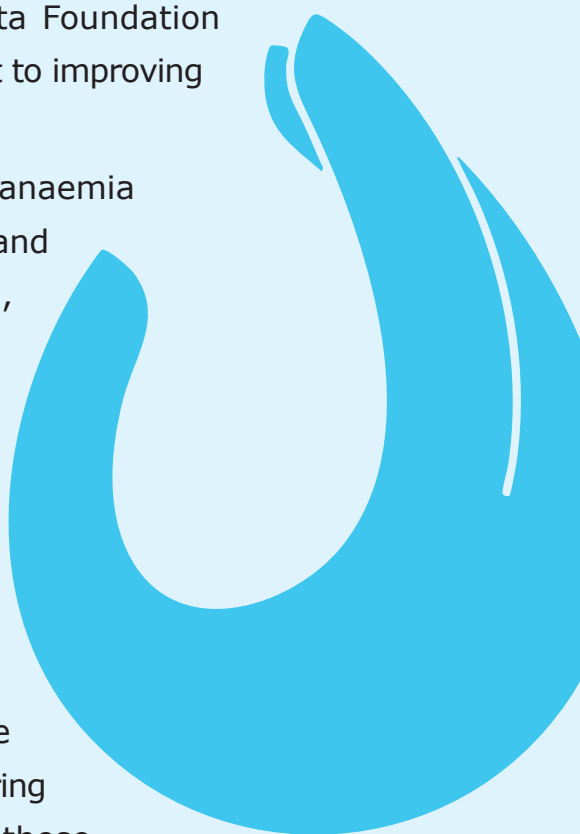
## Last Mile Healthcare

In 2023-24 fiscal year, DITO significantly impacted community health, benefiting 3,641 individuals through 75 general health camps held in Howrah district. These camps offered screenings and treatments for various non-communicable diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, thyroid, along with general health check-ups. The group of expert medical team comprising of doctors, pharmacist and para-medical staff provide services at minimal costs to ensure healthcare accessibility for under-served community.

DITO organized two eye check-up camps in Howrah, serving a total of 318 patients and providing essential services such as medicines and spectacles. Collaborations with the Hope Kolkata Foundation and other organizations reinforced the commitment to improving eye health for marginalized communities.

Additionally the organisation held non-invasive anaemia detection camps, targeting marginalized women and schoolgirls to raise awareness about anaemia, particularly among those in menstruating age. Furthermore, ECG test camps focused on cardio-vascular health, benefiting 112 individuals and enhancing early detection of heart-related issues. Gynaecological health screening camps identified reproductive health conditions, improving treatment outcomes through early detection.

Lastly, DITO organized capillary blood glucose testing camps, benefiting 596 individuals, empowering them to manage diabetes effectively. Through these diverse initiatives, DITO made significant strides in promoting health and well-being in the community.







## The Last Mile Health Care

reaches out to the remotest corners of rural Bengal with its health care services, manned by qualified doctors, health care professionals, social workers and a mobile pharmacy having an array of about 200 kinds of generic medicines. The project currently runs at 5 locations in Howrah district. The organisation provides general medical consultation, free medicines along with other pathological screening tests. The organization has adopted modern technology to conduct anaemia screening program, by means of IOT enabled non-invasive technology, that reads the haemoglobin count of a person.

## Program Highlights

Beneficiaries Reached Out



**3641**



**377**



**318**



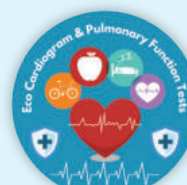
**119**



**73**



**248**



**112**



**152**

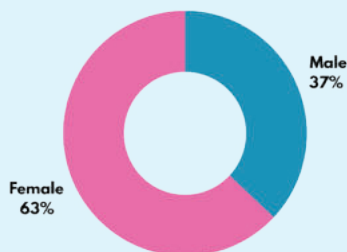


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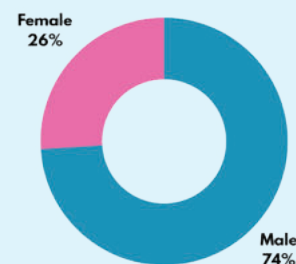
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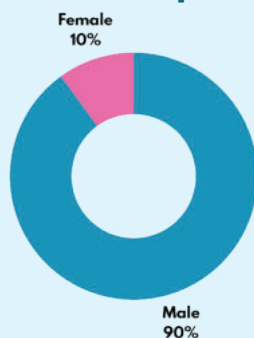
**General Health Camp**



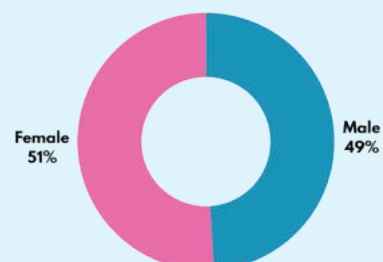
**Anaemia Detection Camp**



**Eye-check up Camp**



**Eco Cardiogram (ECG)**



**Capillary Blood Glucose**





## DITO Scholarship Program

DITO offers scholarships to academically deserving girls from economically disadvantaged families, enabling them to pursue higher education. This initiative empowers talented young girls from marginalized communities, helping them break the cycle of poverty and achieve their aspirations. By ensuring access to quality education, the program fosters individual growth and uplifts families and communities. It contributes to long-term social and economic development, creating a positive ripple effect in society.

## Program Highlights

2023-24  
**15**  
**Girl Students**  
**have received**  
**Scholarships**  
**on the basis of merit**  
**and means for**  
**pursuing**  
**higher education.**

## Case Study

“Anisha's father, a marginalized farmer, and her mother, a homemaker, hail from Jabagram Village in the Burdwan district. Anisha excelled in her higher secondary examination, achieving an impressive 93% and securing a commendable rank in the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test. Currently enrolled at Maldah Medical College, she is pursuing her education with the support of a scholarship from DITO Social Welfare Association, sponsored by Second Vivekananda Bridge Tollway Company Private Limited. Anisha is now in her 3rd year of MBBS and has achieved a Merit score in her 2nd year”.











## **DITO STEM FOR HER Program**

Launched in 2023, the program has impacted over 500 underprivileged girls across 4 government schools in Bally and Belur, Howrah district. By offering weekly classes, science interactive workshops, engaging in STEM events, the program nurtures girls curiosity and enthusiasm for science and technology. Aimed at inspiring interest in STEM fields, this initiative empowers young girls with the knowledge and confidence to explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## **Program Highlights**

**2023-24**

**4**

**Govt. Schools  
have adopted  
STEM Education**

**500+**

**underprivileged Girls  
has been given  
STEM Education**







## Climate Resilience School Transformation Program

The program aims to identify redundant Anganwadi centers, pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools within the Barjora block of the Bankura district and make them functional by upgrading their infrastructure. The initiative focuses on improving classrooms with adequate educational tools, introducing BALA (Building as Learning Aid) paintings, enhancing sanitation facilities, and providing handwashing amenities. The ultimate goal is to create a welcoming and child-friendly atmosphere that encourages parents and guardians to send their children back to school, fostering a positive learning environment for the community's children.

### Program Highlights

2023-24



**9**



**Anganwadis  
and**

**1**

High School

**1**

Primary School

**1**

Upper-Primary School

**1**

Specially-Abled Children School

**has been given  
Developed Infrastructure**



## Glimpses of our projects



*Before Picture*



*Newly renovated anganwadi centre at Beledanga*



*Inside Classroom & Bala wall painting at Beledanga anganwadi centre*

## Glimpses of our projects



*Before Picture*



*a New Toilet System*



*After the renovation, a new toilet system has been installed, including a water tank for 24/7 running water. Additionally, a child-friendly wash basin has been constructed for handwashing.*



## Glimpses of our projects



*Before Picture*



*Newly renovated Kitchen Garden at  
Sahebdanga Beledanga Primary School*



*The newly constructed Dinning shade at Sahebdanga Beledanga Primary School*



## Glimpses of our projects



*The newly renovated Salgara Anganwadi at Barjora, Bankura is painted with BALA art.*



*Inspirational BALA art at Haricharandanga Anganwadi centre at Ghutgoria panchayat, Barjora block in Bankura.*



*The newly renovated MajhirDanga Anganwadi centre, Ghutgoria, Barjora, Bankura.*



*Chunpora Anganwadi centre, once abandoned, is now has 100% attendance.*





## Safe Drinking Water Project



88 करोड़ 40 लाख  
लोगों के लिए पिये का पानी कुछ  
इस तरह दीखना है





## Safe Drinking Water Project

Aims to address a critical public health issue by ensuring that impoverished and marginalized communities have access to clean and safe drinking water at minimal cost. Recognizing that inadequate access to safe water can lead to various waterborne diseases, this initiative is designed to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable population. By implementing sustainable water supply systems and promoting hygiene practices, the project seeks to mitigate the risk of illness, empower communities, and enhance their quality of life. Through this endeavour, the Safe Drinking Water Project strives to create a healthier future for those who need it most.

## Program Highlights

**2023-24**

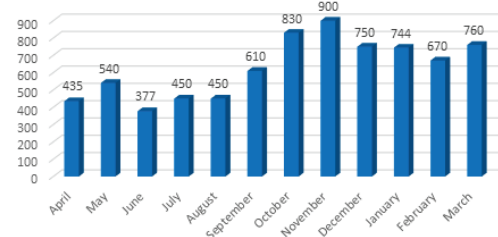
**Total Number of Beneficiaries**

**7516**

has been given  
**Sustainable  
Water Supply  
Systems**



Safe Drinking Water Project Monthwise Beneficiaries









## Swanirbhar (Ujaan Project)

Acknowledging the menstrual health challenges faced by rural women in Howrah, the organization launched an initiative to empower community members as peer leaders and educators for a menstrual health and hygiene program. This year, 47 women from the rural communities stepped into this transformative role and were honored with the title Ujaan Bahinis.

The Ujaan Bahinis actively engage at the grassroots level to raise awareness about hygiene practices during menstruation. Over time, they initiated a social enterprise to market affordable and high-quality sanitary napkins under the brand name Ujaan. This initiative has not only provided the women with a valuable secondary source of income but also elevated their social standing as educators and advocates for health programs in their communities.

### Program Highlights

**2023-24**

**Total Number of Woman Trained**



**47**



with social marketing  
of low cost, high quality  
Sanitary Napkin



**17175**



pacekts has been sold  
by the micro level Woman  
Entrepreneur







## Swarnirbhar (Tailoring Project)

In 2023-24, DITO Social Welfare Association runs a tailoring program to empower women from underprivileged households by equipping them with valuable tailoring skills. This initiative aims to enhance their economic opportunities, allowing them to seek employment or establish their own tailoring ventures. By building their confidence and independence, the program enables these women to contribute to their families' financial stability and improve their overall living conditions, demonstrating DITO's dedication to supporting marginalized women in achieving self-sufficiency.

## Program Highlights

**2023-24**

**Total Number of SHGs Trained  
in Tailoring**

**7**

**under  
Panchla Panchayet  
Howrah District**



## Events Calender



**26.04.2023**

DITO was selected for the HP NGO Empowerment Program to provide advanced science and technology training to girls through community development and "STEM for Her" initiatives. As part of the program, HP gifted DITO desktops and various hardware setups, boosting their efforts and encouraging further impactful work.

**02.05.2023**

Girls from low-income families were empowered through vocational training in tailoring, providing them with valuable skills and opportunities for self-reliance and financial independence.





## Events Calender



**03.05.2023**

On May 3, 2023, a free eye check-up camp was organized, and spectacles were distributed to underprivileged members of the community, improving their vision and quality of life.

**05.06.2023**

On June 5, 2023, World Environment Day, a barren football ground in Daspara, Jangalpur was transformed with the plantation of 70 trees around the playground. The need came from the community along with commitment to take care of the green space. Each tree got adopted by the local youth/ children.



## Events Calendar



**23.08.2023**

The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence and DITO organise an event, where they selected 10 women and provided 50 sanitary napkin packets each to start social marketing in their communities. This initiative promotes menstrual hygiene, improves access to affordable products, and fosters financial independence, with plans to expand the Ujaan Bahini network.

**23.11.2023**

On November, 2023, DITO has beautifully transformed Majirdanga Lohapara Anganwadi into a vibrant learning centre with BALA paintings, inspiring young minds. Supported by Rahee Group's CSR initiative, the centre was prepared to welcome children for a joyful learning experience.





## Events Calender



**20.12.2023**

DITO organized a STEM exhibition with the students of Belur Girls High School, where SVBTC CEO Anjan Roy Chaudhuri and other dignitaries were present. The students showcased innovative projects and models crafted with sensors and technology, demonstrating their creativity and skills to the esteemed guests.

**22.02.2024**

On February 22, an event was held at Seva Kendra Kolkata, attended by Mr. Nico Korswagen, Treasurer of the DITO Foundation. Students from Belur Girls High School showcased STEM-inspired arts and crafts through various model exhibitions, highlighting their creativity and innovation.



## Financial Statements 2023-24

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DITO Social Welfare Association							
Summary Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2024							



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*We ourselves feel that  
what we are doing is  
just a **Drop in the Ocean**.  
But the ocean would be less  
because of that missing drop.*

**- Inspired from the quote of  
Saint Mother Teresa**

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