



Annual Report 2016-2017

Ayash an Effort
a public charitable trust

Registered under ASA – III, Kolkata | Registration No. – 01054/2014

Chairperson's Message

This is a very special moment of my life when I am penning down my thoughts for the first time as the chairperson of Ayash an Effort for its first annual report. This is the first occasion when the Ayash team has reached a position to present its annual report before you. We started our journey formally in 2014. Therefore, we have completed three financial years since then, and here we present the account of the latest FY 2016-17. We are a very small organization which is practically run by three people in its daily course, but it is an organization that is financially sponsored entirely by our donors and contributors. We don't receive any government or other institutional funds or grant. With such limited manpower and resource, we try to give our best to the work that we are committed to. As a part of Ayash we are forever grateful and indebted to all of our donors and contributors who have been there with their support and encouragement to materialize our projects.

I take this opportunity to share with you the story behind today's Ayash. It was my dream project since 2010 which began to take shape after my visit to Bijohnagar village of Bali island, Sunderbans, Gosaba block, West Bengal. In 2009, May, a devastating cyclone, "Aila" hit the southern part of West Bengal very badly, Sunderbans being the worst affected area. I accompanied a peer team from Jadavpur University with relief materials for Aila affected people to Bijohnagar Adarsha Vidyamandir (BAV, the only higher secondary school of Bali island) in June, 2009. I met some students of the school who had lost almost everything in Aila to the extent that it became practically impossible for them to continue their studies. Aila left thousands of people homeless, many children lost their parents, many people lost their kids and cattle. In a situation where survival became a challenge attending school turned into a remote dream for many of the children of Bijohnagar and its adjacent areas. Getting to know these realities, I was disturbed and was looking for a way to bring back the children to their school. I shared my feelings and thoughts with the then headmaster of BAV. He responded with encouraging and co-operative attitude and after my second visit to BAV he called me up one day and asked for my intervention into an emergent situation there. A Class VII student of his school, Asgar, was in dire need of help. His father had decided to send him to a brick factory which would lead to premature termination of his studies. Asgar's father was penniless and helpless because his fishing boat was seized by the police for venturing deep into the restricted forest areas of Sunderbans for fishing. The only way to save Asgar from going to the brick factory was to take up the financial burden of his studies and other requirements. I at once offered support from my end to Asgar so that he could come back to school and continue with his studies. With this initiative being successful, my dream of providing financial support to the needy children to bring them back to the school started to take a concrete shape. The then HM, Sri Sukumar Paira came forward with his full co-operation, and thus, initially 10 students were identified who needed immediate financial help to continue with their studies. It was not possible for me alone to take up the burden of 10 children, so I went out to my friends and colleagues for

their help. Many of my peers extended their hand to those needy children through me. Gradually the number of needy children to support went up and the need was felt to give this dream project a name and formalize it by registering it as a public charitable trust. Thus, on 12th February 2014 AYASH AN EFFORT came into being.

Since then our activities have diversified and the scope of our work has expanded. In spite of our limitations we believe in our commitment and determination to take our journey forward. It is a journey to be taken forth together, it is a journey of self-discovery. Everyone who is interested to volunteer in this self-enriching journey is always welcome.

I once again thank all our contributors and donors who are and have been our only support and co-travelers in our journey till date. Ayash needs and expects your co-operation in coming days as well. So please be with us and encourage your near and dear ones to join the journey. Together we can make the world around us a little better.

Best Regards,

Angana Chatterjee



Audited Accounts 2016-2017

Auditor's Report



Mitra Mallick Roy & Associates
Chartered Accountants

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of AYASH AN EFFORT, 76, Bangur Avenue, Kolkata – 700055, West Bengal as at 31.03.2017 and annexed Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the period 01.04.2016 to 31.03.2017. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in financial statements. The Audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides reasonable basis for our opinion.

We report that:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- ii) In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the Trust so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- iii) The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the Books of Account.
- iv) In our opinion and to the best of information and according to the explanations given to us, the accounts read with the schedules and notes thereon give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles accepted in India:
 - a. In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31st March, 2017.
 - b. In case of Income & Expenditure Account, of the excess of income over expenditure, for the year ended on that date.
 - c. In case of Receipts & Payments Account, of the Cash Flows for the period ended on that date.

For Mitra Mallick Roy & Associates
Chartered Accountants
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Partner
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Dated: 6th July, 2017
Place: Kolkata



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Events held in 2016-2017

Educational excursion



outside their textbooks through scientific models, exhibits, and games.

The Annual educational excursion for the students of Ayash took place on 26th June 2016 at Birla Industrial and Technological Museum at Kolkata. Around 45 students travelled all the way from Bali Island in the Sunderbans to Kolkata by a chartered bus. This gave the students of faraway Sunderbans a chance to experience science

Snehayatra in collaboration with Cognizant Technology Solutions

Cognizant Technology Solutions, a leading IT company through its CSR wing Outreach organized Snehayatra at Ayash's centre at Bijoy Nagar, Gosaba in July 2016 and again in February 2017. As part of this event, volunteers from Outreach spent two fun-filled days with the students on both the occasions. They conducted different activities like sit and draw competition, art and craft



workshop, talent hunt competition in dance, recitation, music, etc., film show and so on. Students were awarded various prizes, and notebooks and other stationeries were distributed amongst all the students. It was a good opportunity for the students to showcase their talent.

Workshop on “sensitisation about sexuality for the teens”



Ayash in collaboration with Disha, an NGO working for women empowerment, organized a workshop on **Sensitisation about Sexuality** for the teenagers and adolescent students of Ayash and adjacent area on 18th December 2016 at Ayash’s Bijoy Nagar centre.

Remedial class in English for Madhyamik and H.S. students (2017)

English Remedial class for Class X and XII students was held on 24th December 2016 at Ayash’s Bijoy Nagar centre. It was conducted by Mr. Partha Ganguly of the Institute of English, Kolkata. It was an extremely useful session for the students for whom it served as guidance cum mentoring before their Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations.



Farewell ceremony for outgoing Madhyamik batch (2017)



A farewell ceremony for the outgoing Madhyamik batch of 2017 was held at Ayash’s Bijoy Nagar centre on 19th February 2017. Small gifts were given to the students wishing them success in their upcoming exam.

Success story



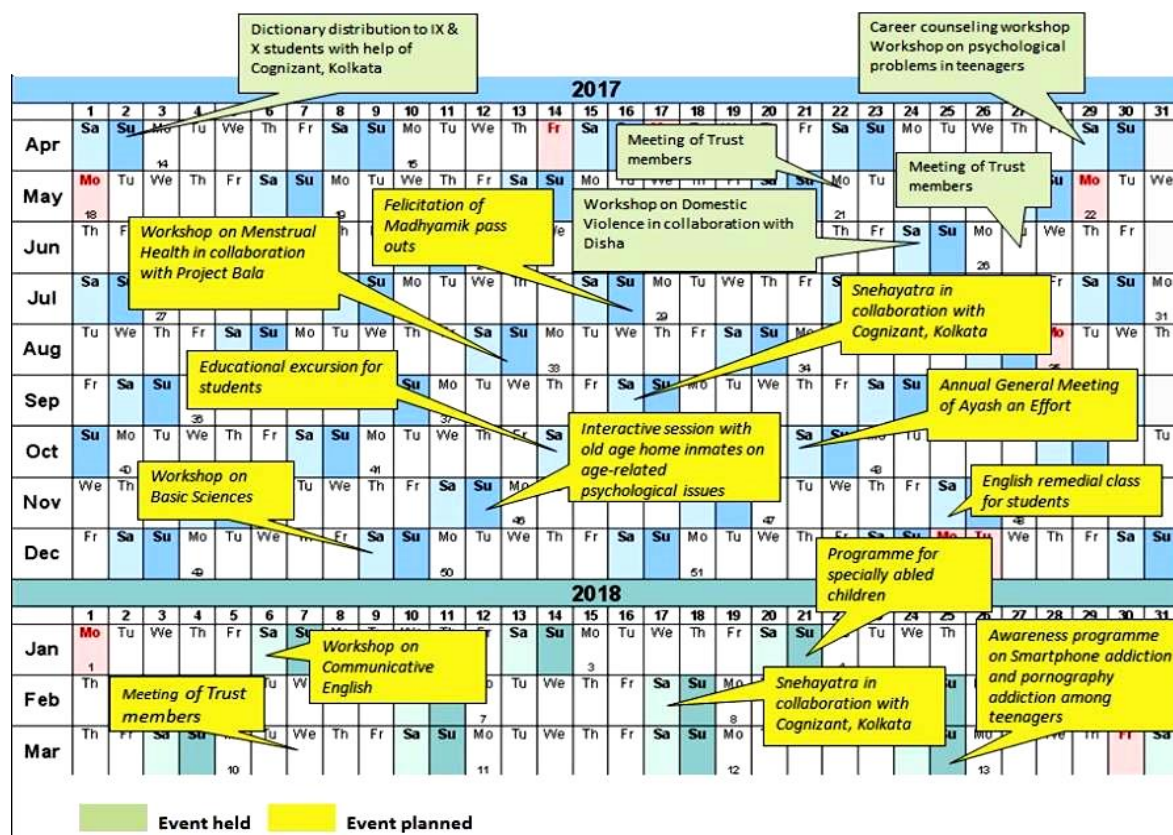
In 2016, 7 students appeared for the Madhyamik Examination under West Bengal Board of Secondary Education. Out of them 4 students passed in the 1st division while the rest secured 2nd division.

Smritikana Mondal, a student scored the highest of all, i.e., 72%.

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