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About Raghunathpur Nari Kalyan Samity (RNKS)

Raghunathpur Nari Kalyan Samity (RNKS) is a voluntary organisation registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act. It was established by a group of rural changemakers, united by the belief that individuals possessing knowledge, resources, and compassion for the underprivileged must engage directly with grassroots communities to combat poverty and underdevelopment.

Driven by a powerful vision, RNKS strives to build a world where every individual can live with dignity, respect, and the opportunity to realise their full potential. The organisation is firmly committed to uplifting the lives of the poor and marginalised through various social and economic development initiatives.

Over the years, RNKS has extended training and technical support in areas such as non-formal education, community development, maternal and child health, school governance, integrated literacy, small enterprise promotion, nutrition programmes, micro-finance, HIV/AIDS awareness and education, and the empowerment of women. Each of its interventions is thoughtfully designed to promote personal growth alongside broader community and regional development.

RNKS upholds the belief that alleviating economic poverty begins with strengthening the livelihood capacities of the disadvantaged and ensuring their access to sustainable income-generating opportunities.

At present, RNKS's team of dedicated and skilled professionals are working in the remote villages of the Sundarbans in West Bengal and across the Purulia district.

These teams are deeply engaged with local communities, particularly families belonging to Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Muslims, and other resource-poor segments of society.

VISION

Our vision is a poverty free, peaceful and just society where all people enjoy equal rights and have access to equal opportunities.

MISSION

Our Mission is to Empower the rural communities through education, training and resources. Promote women's empowerment, livelihoods and ensuring access to safe drinking water. Committed to sustainable development, protection of environment and providing emergency relief in times of crisis.

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ORGANISATION PROFILE

Registered & Head Office &
Address of Communication:

**Vill: Ananda Nagar, P.O.: Surja Nagar, Dist:
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Registration Number

S/91929 of 1998-99, Date- 15/10/1998

FCRA Registration under FC Regulation Act 1976

FCRA No. 147110552, dt. 06/06/2023

CSR -1 Certificate (MCA registration)

CSR00001055

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12A Registration under Income Tax Act.

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80G Registration under Income Tax Act.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report 2024-2025 of Raghunathpur Nari Kalyan Samity (RNKS). Nestled in the heart of the Sundarbans, amidst the serene landscape of rural Bengal, RNKS continues to shine as a beacon of hope and transformation. Guided by an unwavering commitment to social welfare, RNKS has been on a purposeful journey to uplift the most marginalised communities through a wide array of impactful initiatives.

Over the past year, our organisation has undertaken numerous efforts to reach Bengal's most vulnerable populations. At the core of our mission are our free medical camps and eye check-up drives, which have delivered essential healthcare services to underserved rural communities. These were complemented by awareness programmes on health, hygiene, and environmental issues—empowering individuals with the knowledge and tools to lead healthier, more sustainable lives.

Our work extends far beyond healthcare. RNKS remains deeply committed to promoting sustainable livelihoods and economic resilience. Tailoring training sessions were conducted for Self Help Group (SHG) women, enabling them to gain marketable skills and achieve financial independence. Additionally, under RNKS's stewardship, the Government ITI Centre in Purulia continues to offer diverse vocational training in commercial trades, enhancing employability and driving local economic development.

In our pursuit of holistic development, RNKS has also addressed critical infrastructural needs. By installing tube wells in schools and constructing individual household latrines for economically disadvantaged families, we have worked to significantly improve sanitation and hygiene conditions in rural areas.

The achievements of the past year would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our donor agencies, whose generosity has powered our efforts. Equally, my heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated staff of RNKS, whose tireless dedication has brought about meaningful change in the lives of countless individuals and communities across the Sundarbans, Purulia, Birbhum and East Midnapore.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Build community solidarity among the poor, illiterate, and marginalised through social mobilisation and awareness, paving the way for socio-economic upliftment.
- Develop grassroots leadership and human capital through targeted education, training programmes, seminars, workshops, and peer learning.
- Promote sustainable livelihoods by encouraging community members to undertake income-generating activities that enhance financial security.
- Offer vocational training to equip individuals with practical skills and improve their employment prospects.
- Establish community-based institutions that foster leadership and unity among underprivileged groups.
- Encourage savings habits to facilitate grassroots capital formation and financial resilience.
- Raise awareness on health and family planning, promoting improved well-being and informed population control.
- Improve public health infrastructure through the installation of tube wells and construction of sanitary latrines in rural communities.
- Support environmental sustainability through ecological restoration efforts in the Sundarbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Operate teacher training institutes to expand access to quality education, especially for students in remote and underserved areas.
- Engage youth through cultural and recreational programmes, including village festivals, sports, and experience-sharing forums.
- Provide emergency relief during natural disasters to ensure community safety and resilience.
- Develop essential rural infrastructure, such as roads, culverts, ponds, canals, low-cost housing, and flood shelters.
- Document and disseminate knowledge through the publication of reports, booklets, leaflets, and magazines.

THEMATIC AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Comprehensive Rural Development
- Safe Drinking Water
- Women Empowerment
- Emergency Relief
- Livelihood promotion
- Industrial Training Institution

AREA OF OPERATION

District : South 24 Parganas

Kakdwip, Patharpratima, Namkhana, Sagar, Kulpi, Mandir Bazar

District: Purulia

Purulia -I, Purulia -II, Manbazar

District: Birbhum

Rajnagar

District: East Midnapore

Sutahata



Awareness for Swachh Bharat Campaign

- SUPPORTED BY BPCL -



PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY RNKS IN 2024-2025



As part of the Awareness for Swachh Bharat Campaign supported by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a large-scale plantation initiative was undertaken in the Durbachati Gram Panchayat of Patharpratima Block. The campaign, which ran from 1st July to 15th July 2024, aimed not only to beautify the area but also to promote environmental sustainability and community involvement.

Over the two-week period, more than 9,000 saplings of Jhau and Sonajhuri—trees known for their resilience and ecological benefits—were planted along three key road stretches within the Panchayat, each covering approximately one kilometer:

- 12 Sata Bigha Simanabadh Road, stretching from the house of Tarapada Kar to that of Gouranga Dalui, saw the plantation of 3,000 saplings on both sides.
- Along the Bamoner Gheri metal road and Basanti Bazar Road, another 3,000 saplings were carefully planted.
- In Paschim Surendranagar, the road from Bhaskar Bahar's house to Jharu Jana's house near the Kheya Ghat was lined with 3,050 saplings, creating a continuous green corridor.



What makes this effort truly inspiring is the active participation of the local community. Villagers have taken up the responsibility of nurturing the saplings—watering them regularly and protecting them from stray animals by constructing protective fencing. Their involvement not only ensures the survival of the trees but also strengthens the spirit of ownership and collective responsibility for environmental stewardship.

Once fully grown, these trees will offer a welcome green canopy, helping to lower ambient temperatures, reduce dust, and mitigate the impacts of climate change. This plantation drive is a small yet meaningful step towards building a cleaner, greener and more climate-resilient Sundarbans.



Free Health Checkup Camp

- SUPPORTED BY BPCL -



On 6th July 2024, Raghunathpur Nari Kalyan Samity (RNKS), with the support of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) under its Swachhta Pakhwada initiative, organised a free health check-up camp at Ramratanpur in Srinagar Gram Panchayat, Kakdwip Block. The camp aimed to bridge the healthcare gap in rural areas by offering essential medical services to those who often lack access to regular health care.

The camp was open to all, with a special focus on students, farmers, auto-van and rickshaw drivers, masons, daily wage labourers, and the wider community. It brought together a team

of dedicated healthcare professionals who offered a range of medical services under one roof.

The facilities provided at the camp included:

- General health check-up by doctors
- Blood pressure and blood sugar screening
- Eye and dental examinations
- ECG tests
- Skin check-up
- Free distribution of medicines and spectacles

The initiative saw an overwhelming response from the community, with 275 individuals availing the services. For many, this was a rare opportunity to receive professional medical care close to home.

This camp not only addressed immediate health concerns but also created awareness about the importance of regular health check-ups and personal hygiene—an integral component of the broader Swachhta Pakhwada campaign. With continued support and collaboration, RNKS and BPCL aim to make preventive healthcare accessible to even the most remote corners of the Sundarbans.



Alor Disha Mobile Eye Care

- SUPPORTED BY BRAITHWAITE & CO. LIMITED -



With the support of Braithwaite & Co. Limited RNKS organised mobile eye checkup campaigns for the rural community covering 850 people in the Kakdwip Subdivision.

Through this campaign poor rural people were given an opportunity to have their eyes checked free of cost. Free eye glasses were provided to the patients with refractive errors.



Alor Disha Eye Care (OPD)

- RUN BY RNKS' OWN FUND -

RNKS runs an eye care OPD to cater to the for patients in and around the area. The eye clinic at Halderchawk, Kakdwip operates twice a month and is continuing.

In the last FY it has treated 392 people in the community.



Rural Library

- SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT RURAL LIBRARY , SOUTH 24 PARGANAS -

With support from the District Rural Library, South 24 Parganas, RNKS runs a rural library in Anandanagar village of Kakdwip block, catering to both students and local residents. The library currently holds a collection of approximately 2,100 books and has 287 registered members.

A library in a rural setting like Anandanagar serves as a vital educational and community resource. For students, it offers access to academic materials, reference books, and a quiet space for study, which can greatly enhance learning opportunities beyond school. For adults, the library provides reading material on health, agriculture, government schemes, and other practical topics, encouraging lifelong learning and informed decision-making. It also acts as a community hub, fostering a culture of reading, knowledge sharing, and social connection.



Skill Training Programme

- RUN BY RNKS' OWN FUND -

RNKS conducts a skill training programme for women in Kakdwip, focusing on tailoring. This three-month course equips women with practical tailoring skills, enabling them to earn an income and support their families financially. The training is held at Ramratanpur Barpara, where 40 women are currently enrolled and actively participating in the programme.



Installation of Tube wells to provide safe drinking water

- SUPPORTED BY BPCL -

With financial support from BPCL, RNKS has installed deep tube wells to provide safe drinking water in 18 schools across five Gram Panchayats in Namkhana and Patharpratima blocks. This initiative will directly benefit approximately 4,564 students, ensuring regular access to clean and safe water within the school premises. In addition, nearby community members can also use these facilities to meet their daily water needs.

Access to safe drinking water significantly improves the health and well-being of both students and community members. For students, it helps prevent waterborne diseases, reduces absenteeism due to illness, and supports better concentration and learning outcomes. For the surrounding communities, these tube wells reduce the burden of fetching water from distant or unsafe sources, contributing to improved hygiene, health, and overall quality of life.



SCHOOLS WHERE DEEP WATER TUBE WELLS WERE INSTALLED



Name & location of school	Block	Gram Panchayat	No. of students benefitted
Rajnagar Purnima F.P. School,	Namkhana	Shibrampur	80
Rajnagar Biswambhar F.P. School	Namkhana	Shibrampur	120
Patibuniya Sarajini Sishu Shikha Kendra	Namkhana	Shibrampur	56
Rajnagar Janmenjoy Shisu Shikha Kendra	Namkhana	Shibrampur	77
Shibrampur Junior High School	Namkhana	Shibrampur	159
Dakshin Shibrampur F.P. School	Namkhana	Shibrampur	103
Durbachati 3rd Khanda F.P. School	Patharpratima	Durbachati	171
Rajnagar Nabin F.P. School,	Namkhana	Shibrampur	201
Paschim Surendranagar Kalimandir Para Deshakalyan F.P. School	Patharpratima	Durbachati	61
Radhanagar Binodini F. P. School	Namkhana	Shibrampur	40
Durganagar Tapashili Adibasi SSK	Namkhana	Narayanpur	31
Durbachati Milan Vidyapith	Patharpratima	Durbachati	650
Durga Gobindapur Madhabi F.P. School	Patharpratima	Gopalnagar	52
Radhakrisnanagar Special F.P. School	Patharpratima	Durbachati	62
Gopalnagar High School (HS)	Patharpratima	Gopalnagar	1,300
Shibnagar Mokshada Sundari Vidyamandir (HS)	Patharpratima	Banashyam Nagar	1,146
Uttar Shibpur Suvadra F.P. School	Patharpratima	Banashyam Nagar	109
Gangapur F.P. School	Patharpratima	Banashyam Nagar	146
18 Schools	2 Blocks	5 GPs	4,564



Sustainable Livelihood & Agriculture

- RUN BY RNKS' OWN FUND -

Women in the region received comprehensive skill development training and input support in the following livelihood sectors:

These capacity-building initiatives were designed not only to equip women with practical knowledge and techniques but also to enhance their self-reliance and economic resilience. Through hands-on training and material support, the women gained the ability to manage small-scale enterprises, improve productivity, and increase household income.

The benefits of these interventions have been significant:

- **Economic Empowerment:** The women have been able to generate regular income, reducing dependency on male earners and contributing to family welfare.
- **Food Security:** Activities like poultry, duck rearing, and vegetable cultivation have improved access to nutritious food for their households.
- **Skill Enhancement:** Women gained new knowledge and confidence in modern farming practices, animal husbandry, and sustainable agriculture.
- **Social Empowerment:** With increased income and decision-making power, many women have become more active in community affairs and local governance.
- **Entrepreneurship Development:** The training in marketing and business development helped many participants initiate or scale up small businesses, fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship.

Overall, the initiative played a crucial role in strengthening the livelihoods of poor rural women and paving the way for long-term socio-economic transformation.

Support Provided	No. of Beneficiaries
Poultry farm	40
Duck rearing	160
Livestock management	30
Fishery	45
Vegetable cultivation	48
Betel vine	20
Marketing & business dev.	32
Total	375



Awareness Seminars & Workshops

- RNKS' OWN INITIATIVE -



Seminars and workshops conducted by RNKS on women empowerment, ill effects of early marriage, and Panchayati Raj, along with the celebration of International Women's Day, play a significant role in promoting awareness, advocacy, and social change.

These seminars and workshops helped in achieving the following:

- Increased Awareness and Knowledge among rural women and adolescent girls.
- Reduction in Harmful Practices like early marriage through community sensitization.
- Strengthened Local Governance with more informed and active participation by women.
- Enhanced Confidence and Leadership among women through capacity-building efforts.
- Promotion of Legal Literacy so that women can seek justice and protection when needed.
- Creation of Safe Community Spaces for dialogue, mutual support, and collective action.



Programmes Organised	No. of Beneficiaries
Women Empowerment	410
International Women's Day	150
Early marriage	75
Panchayat Raj	220
Total	855



Govt. ITI Purulia -1 Under PTP

A Unit of RNKS

- RUN BY RNKS -

RNKS operates a **Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI)** at Purulia, recognised by and affiliated to the **Director of Industrial Training (DIT), Government of West Bengal, and the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Government of India.** The institute offers training in four trades:

- Electrician (40 students),
- Welder (40 students),
- Mechanic Consumer Electronics Appliances (MCEA – 48 students),
- Fitter (40 students).

By providing skill-based technical education, the ITI plays a crucial role in empowering rural youth, particularly from the economically and socially disadvantaged areas of Purulia district. It equips students with practical skills that enhance their employability, opening pathways to sustainable livelihoods, entrepreneurship, and a brighter future. This initiative not only addresses the local demand for skilled workers but also helps reduce migration by creating employment opportunities within the region.



Govt. ITI Purulia -1 Under PTP



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A Unit of RNKS

- RUN BY RNKS -



As a training partner under the **Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD), Government of West Bengal**, RNKS offers a range of skill development programmes tailored to the needs of local youth. These include training in

- Knitting Machine Operation for Garments Manufacturing (97 students),
- Entrepreneurship Development (16 students),
- Beautician services (16 students),
- Jari Work & Kantha Embroidery (16 students), and
- Data Entry with an introduction to DTP (16 students)

These programmes provide hands-on, market-relevant skills that enable participants to access employment, start their own businesses, or engage in home-based income-generating activities. Particularly beneficial for rural and underprivileged youth, including women, these trainings help build confidence, promote self-reliance, and contribute to the economic growth of local communities by creating a skilled and productive workforce.



Last Three Years' Annual Turn Over of RNKS



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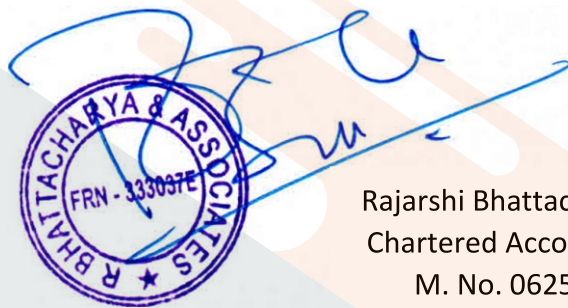
Last Three Years' Turn Over

Year	Receipts (Rs.)	Payments (Rs.)
2022-2023	78,01,650.80	77,87,087.18
2023-2024	2,62,95,257.15	2,62,71,541.84
2024-2025	2,03,91,099.15	2,02,57,754.72

Year	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
2022-2023	70,89,078.78	70,88,056.18
2023-2024	1,28,04,466.53	1,07,87,719.84
2024-2025	2,03,67,383.84	2,14,61,993.00

Surplus / Deficit (Rs.)	
2022-2023	1022.60
2023-2024	20,16,746.69
2024-2025	10,94,609.16

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Governing Body Members

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS	DESIGNATION
Sudipta Pal	President
Tapasi Mondal	Vice President
Megha Parvin	Secretary
Mili Baidya	Asst. Secretary
Parbati Mondal	Treasurer
Rekha Jana	Member
Aparna Halder	Member

TOGETHER FOR THE MARGINALISED

A Journey of Empowerment



Appeal for Donations

We are sincerely grateful to all those who have steadfastly supported our mission to serve the ailing and marginalised communities of the remote Sundarbans. Your encouragement has been vital in sustaining our work. Today, we extend a heartfelt appeal to prospective partners and donor agencies who come across this message: we invite you to join us in our ongoing journey of care and commitment. With your financial support, we can continue reaching those in greatest need with essential services and hope. To learn more or to support our cause, please contact us at the address below or get in touch with our Secretary.

DETAILS FOR SENDING IN YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of the Organisation	RAGHUNATHPUR NARI KALYAN SAMITY
Savings Account Number	30312470481
Name of Bank and Branch	STATE BANK OF INDIA, Kakdwip
Branch Address	Kakdwip, P.O & PS.- Kakdwip, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, 743347
Branch Code	01319
IFSC	SBIN0001319

FCRA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of the Organisation	RAGHUNATHPUR NARI KALYAN SAMITY
Name of the Bank	State Bank of India
FCRA Savings Account Number	40226674556
Name of the Branch with Branch Address	FCRA Cell, 4th Floor, State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch, 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001
Branch Code	00691
IFSC	SBIN0000691
SWIFT	SBININBB104

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and supporters—your generosity makes it possible for RNKS to bring hope and smiles to the faces of the poor and underserved communities we work with.