Bandhan
Education Program

(BEP)
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**Overview**

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**Objective**

- To develop a model for Non-Formal Education Program (Primary) and to complement government’s effort for ensuring universal primary education for all.
- To ensure greater access of primary education for economically deprived children.
- To ensure participation of local community in the education system.
- To build-up “Para Professional Teachers” in the society with special emphasis on women.
- To provide supporting materials for the existing government curricula, thereby making it more livelihood.
- To create opportunities for students to be enrolled in the secondary schools.
- To raise awareness amongst the guardian on child-rearing, child education, health care, clean water and sanitation through guardian meeting.
The program model is – 1 class-room 1 teacher 30 students. Teachers are local women who know the community and culture, who facilitate joyful learning, meet and help parents and children at households and also monitor reading learning skills and studies. Children are enrolled at the age of 4-6 years in Kindergarten class and are taught up to class III. After 4 years of learning they are admitted into formal school thus they are finally mainstreamed. The program is expanded in different areas and states depending upon the problems and needs of education for the under-privileged children where there are problems of inaccessibility of schools and very low school enrolment are found.

**Key Features**

- Strong foundation in Reading, Writing & Numeric.
- Parent’s / Community interest & involvement.
- Successful mainstreaming & retention in higher classes.

**Outcome**

**BANDHAN ACADEMY**

Bandhan Academy is a chain of 10 formal schools under the Bandhan Education Program. With a cost-effective and sustainable educational model, the main objective of Bandhan Academy is to offer quality primary education to children in semi-rural areas. Bandhan Academy emphasizes on all round holistic education with well-equipped computer laboratory, library and offering lessons in extra-curricular activities like dance, drama, music, spoken English, etc. Currently We are working in 4 Districts of West Bengal with 2007 students.

**Specialties**

- Task-based learning.
- Experienced and qualified teachers
- Inclusive and participatory classroom pedagogy
- Develop good communication skills
- Computer literacy
- Health Check-up
- Extra-Curricular activities
### Program Highlights

**As on March’19**

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