

2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT



Manbhum Ananda Ashram Nityananda Trust (MANT) is a non-profit, non-racial, non-political, and non-religious development organisation that believes in people-centred development through the empowerment of marginalised communities.

The organisation has a pan-India presence, with a strong footprint in the eastern and northeastern regions. The work spans six thematic areas –

Education, Health, Livelihood & Skill Development, Environment & Climate, Community Media, Preservation of Indigenous Culture, and Public Health Research

Collectively **reaching 1.5 million lives every year.**

VISION & MISSION



VISION



By empowering the marginalised people with a mandate to help everyone to be happy and wholesome; to see the good of life; to live a life without any suffering from ailments and injustices, and to ensure that peace reigns supreme by enhancing their knowledge and skill in building up a conductively supportive atmosphere for their proper realization and implementation.

MISSION



Creating a healthier and equitable world by empowering communities

OBJECTIVES



- To spread awareness among the rural poor regarding their common social health and economic problems. We will also form village groups to share everything more effectively.
- To improve the economic level of the lower strata by providing appropriate credit extension in agricultural and skill-building programs.
- To encourage self-reliance by guiding people to manage such programs on their own using the local resources and stocks in a sustainable manner.
- To provide help during natural calamities and during distress.
- To promote cultural actions in a localized manner. This will help to encourage interaction at all levels in society.
- To initiate or undertake research, field study, documentation, and debate on issues that concern the development of communities.
- To promote the use of renewable and alternative sources of energy.
- To teach morals to the children so as to encourage them to adopt value-based behavioural patterns and promote child safeguarding by creating community-based safety nets, preventing child trafficking, child marriage and abuse, exploitation and neglect, and ensuring every child has access to protection, support and justice.
- To provide formal, non-formal, and vocational education to all those who need it and to educate the illiterates.

SECRETARY'S STATEMENT



Ripeness is all. So said Shakespeare. For me the time is now ripe for casting a retrospective look at the year, just slipped by. As I ruminate over the year 2025–26 to take stock of our performance, it appears to me that it was rather an eventfully scintillating one.

To be specific, MANT implemented a diverse portfolio of development projects across **Health, Livelihoods, Community Development, Climate Adaptation, Child Protection, Tobacco Control, Eye Health, and Community Awareness**. These initiatives were supported by a range of donors and partners, including **Exide Industries Ltd., HDFC Bank Ltd., Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd., Vital Strategies, Sightsavers India, The Indian Council of Medical Research, and the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal**. The projects addressed critical community needs such as mobile medical services, sustainable land and water management, women's livelihood promotion, TB awareness in tribal areas, prevention of child marriage and trafficking, snakebite mitigation, rural eye health camps, and community radio-based outreach. Almost all of these projects have spilled over to the FY 2026–27, reflecting the sustained commitment of MANT and its partners to strengthening vulnerable communities through integrated, evidence-based, and locally rooted interventions.

Apart from this, MANT is all set to flag off the projects as given below during 2026-27:-

- i) **Rural Livelihood**, both farm and non-farm, with support from **Azim Premji Foundation**
- ii) **Reciprocal India- Nepal Community Radio Staff Exchange** with support from **NOREC**
- iii) **Community- led Climate Resilience Model** in Purulia with support from the **Asia Science Mission**
- iv) **Empowering Tribal Village Assemblies for Climate Justice** in Eastern India with support from **Commonwealth Foundation**

Applications for introduction of several other projects have been hanging fire with various National and International Organizations with expected green signal, in the near future. But that will be another story to be narrated the next year.

For my part and on behalf of MANT, I would appreciate, rather thankfully admire, the untiring and continuous supportive struggle and endeavour of all the staffs associated with it. It is absolutely and only for them that MANT could stride forward with giant leaps over the years. I would also express my heartfelt gratitude to the Funding Organizations for their undying trust on MANT. Let this binding continue in all times to come.

DR CHANDIDAS MUKHERJEE
SECRETARY, MANT

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OPERATION OF MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS

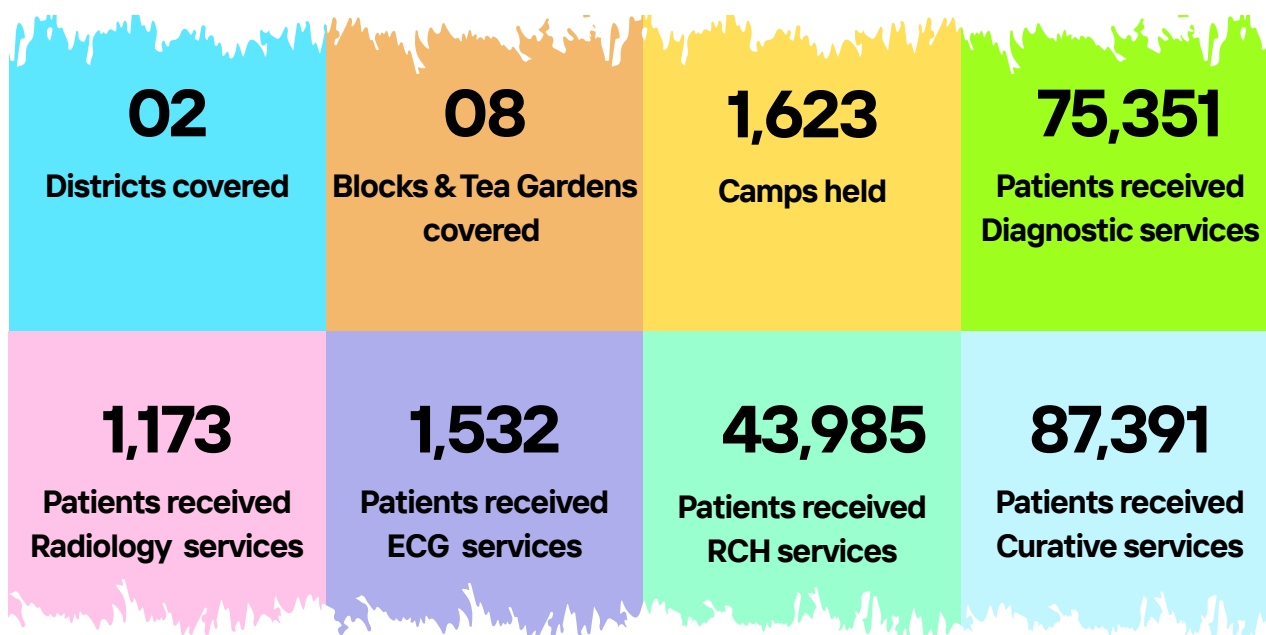


OVERVIEW

The Mobile Medical Clinics provide accessible primary healthcare services to marginalised rural communities in hard-to-reach areas, including closed and sick tea gardens, in **Jalpaiguri** and **Uttar Dinajpur** districts, West Bengal. The project particularly serves elderly persons, pregnant women, children and adolescents, ensuring that essential healthcare reaches last-mile populations.

ACTIVITIES

The project team, comprising medical officers, nursing staff, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, radiologists and other support personnel, delivers a comprehensive range of healthcare services. These include **medical consultations and curative care, diagnostic and laboratory services, reproductive and child health services, radiology and ECG services, medicine distribution and family planning counselling.**



HIGH IMPACT RURAL EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME

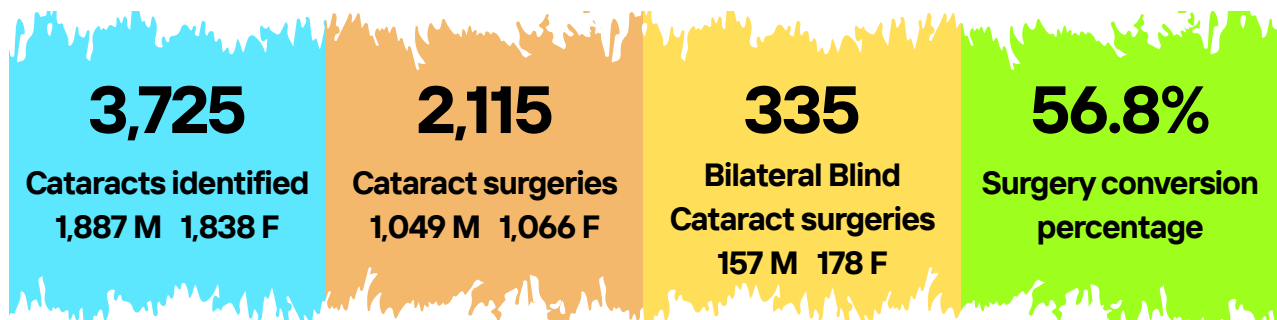


OVERVIEW

To significantly reduce the prevalence of preventable blindness and strengthen community eye care in **Jhargram** and **Purulia** districts of West Bengal.

ACTIVITIES

The Eye Care Community Outreach activities include awareness generation through IEC and door-to-door campaigns, broadcasting and narrowcasting through community radio (in the Santali language), and engagement with ASHA workers, AWWs, and SHGs, followed by screening camps for the 45+ population to identify Cataract and Bilateral Blind Cataract surgeries (BLBC) cases. Identified cases are referred to Rotary Midnapore Eye Hospital, Susrut, and Government Hospitals for refraction services, cataract surgeries, post-operative care, and distribution of spectacles and low-vision aids. The program also includes training of frontline workers and volunteers, MIS-based tracking, regular review meetings, and coordination for effective implementation and monitoring.



NOURISH HER

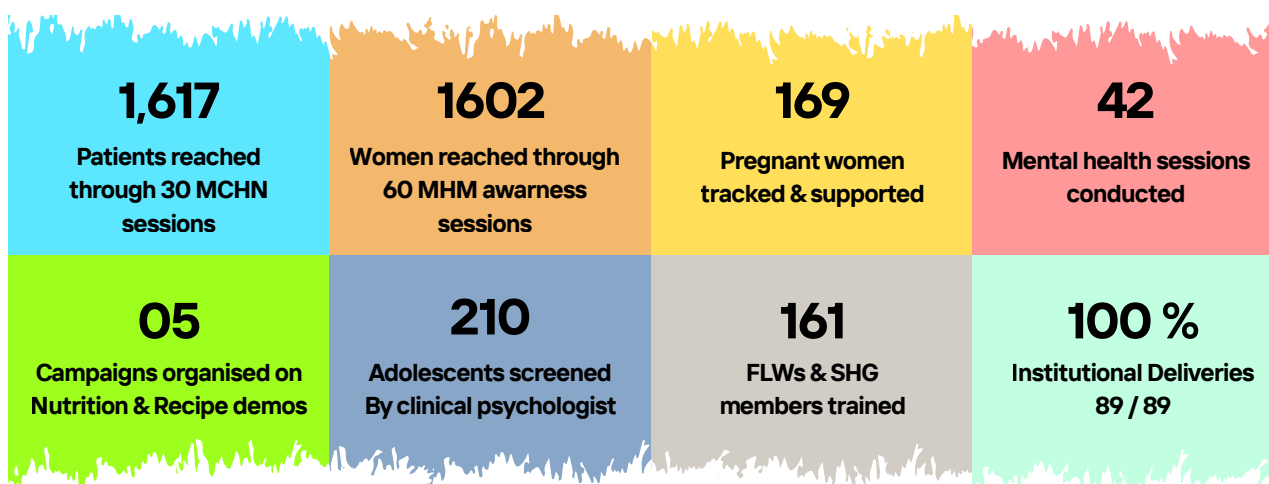
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

OVERVIEW

To **improve maternal, child, and adolescent health & nutrition** outcomes through integrated community-based healthcare, nutrition, counselling, and capacity-building interventions in 5 villages of the **Panpur-Keutia Gram Panchayat in the Barrackpore-I Block** of North 24 Parganas.

ACTIVITIES

Conducting maternal and child health camps, nutrition screening and counselling, adolescent health and menstrual hygiene sessions, mental health support, kitchen garden promotion, community awareness campaigns, and training of frontline workers and stakeholders.



SNAKEBITE

AWARENESS, RESPONSE, PREVENTION & ACTION



Phase I (1 Year | Ended October 2025)

Nationwide Study to Estimate the Incidence, Mortality, Morbidity, and Economic Burden of Snakebite in India

OVERVIEW

Generate evidence on the incidence, mortality, treatment-seeking behaviour, and economic burden of snakebite in India.

ACTIVITIES

Conducted data collection and analysis to estimate snakebite incidence, mortality, treatment patterns, reporting gaps, and the economic impact of snakebite envenoming in **Bankura, Purba Bardhaman, South 24 Parganas and Jalpaiguri**

Phase II (4 Years | Started November 2025)

Zero Snakebite Death Initiative: Community Empowerment and Engagement for Mitigation of Snakebite Envenoming under SARPA

OVERVIEW

Eliminate preventable snakebite deaths through community awareness, preparedness, and timely access to life-saving care.

ACTIVITIES

Community awareness campaigns, training on snakebite prevention and first aid, capacity building, strengthening referral linkages, and promoting coordinated community and health system responses under the SARPA framework in **South 24 Parganas, West Bengal**

11,230

**Snake bite
cases reported**

78.07%

**attributed to
non-venomous snakes**

21.93%

**attributed to
venomous snakes**

1.25%

Mortality rate

5,760

**ASHA covered through 48
orientation sessions**



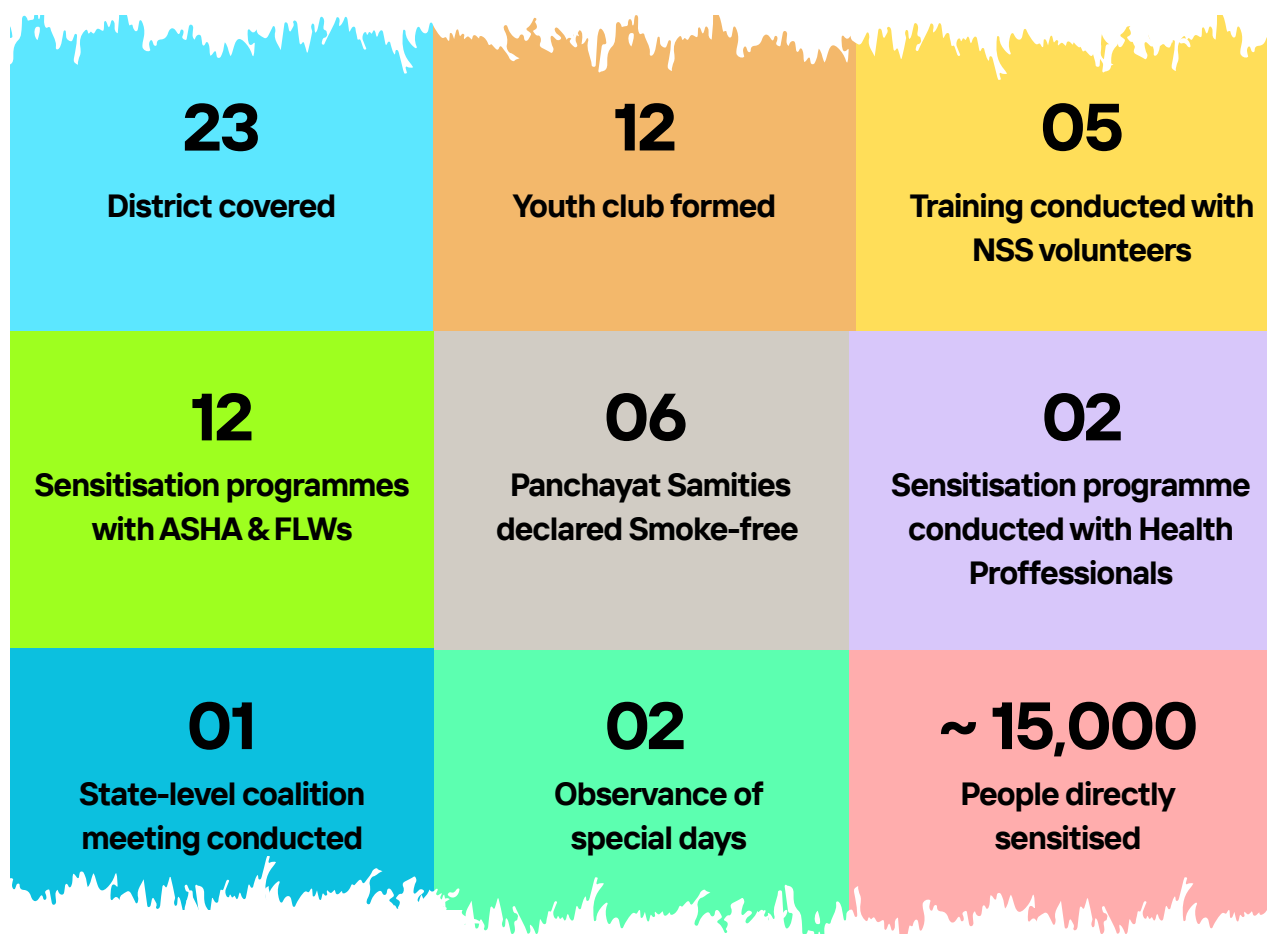
TOBACCO CONTROL

OVERVIEW

To support effective implementation of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) at state and district levels through technical assistance, capacity building, and strengthened monitoring, reporting, and evaluation systems, while promoting policy development, enhancing enforcement mechanisms, and generating evidence-based insights to guide decision-making and reduce tobacco use prevalence.

ACTIVITIES

Strengthened tobacco control in **West Bengal** through effective governance, policy engagement, law enforcement, capacity building, community mobilisation, youth engagement, public awareness campaigns, institutional partnerships, and multi-sectoral stakeholder coordination.



OVERVIEW

The project encompasses the comprehensive evaluation of Targeted Interventions (TIs) and Link Worker Schemes (LWS) across **Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal** with support from the National AIDS Control Organisation through the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

ACTIVITIES

152 TI/LWS evaluations were completed during the FY 2024–26 period. Of these, 74 assessments were conducted in FY 2025–26, resulting in the continuation of 72 TI/LWS projects and the discontinuation of 2 TI/LWS due to critical performance gaps. The initiative also included regional capacity-building training to strengthen the skills and competencies of evaluators.



CHILD PROTECTION

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

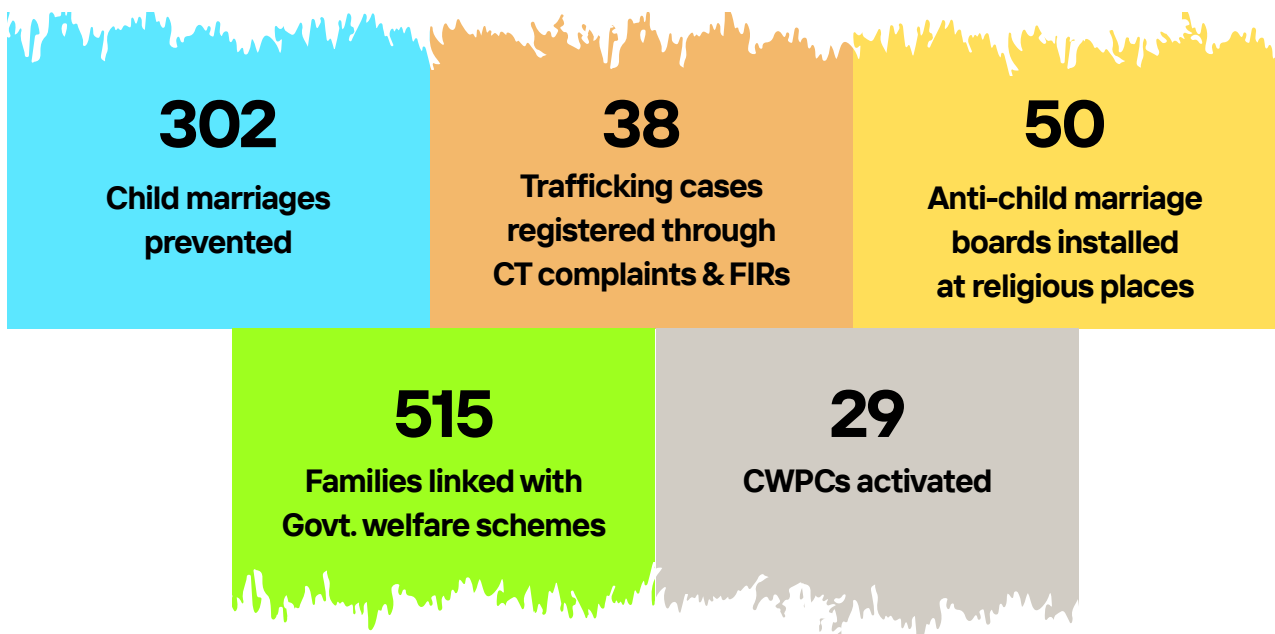


OBJECTIVE

MANT is committed to create a safe, healthy, and protective environment for every child at **Bankura district in West Bengal** by preventing child marriage, combating child trafficking and child sexual abuse, and promoting children's entitlements, well-being, and development.

ACTIVITIES

Prevention of Child Marriage, Child Labour, and Child Trafficking through identification, counselling, legal support, awareness campaigns, and coordinated action with government agencies and relevant stakeholders.



SRIJAN

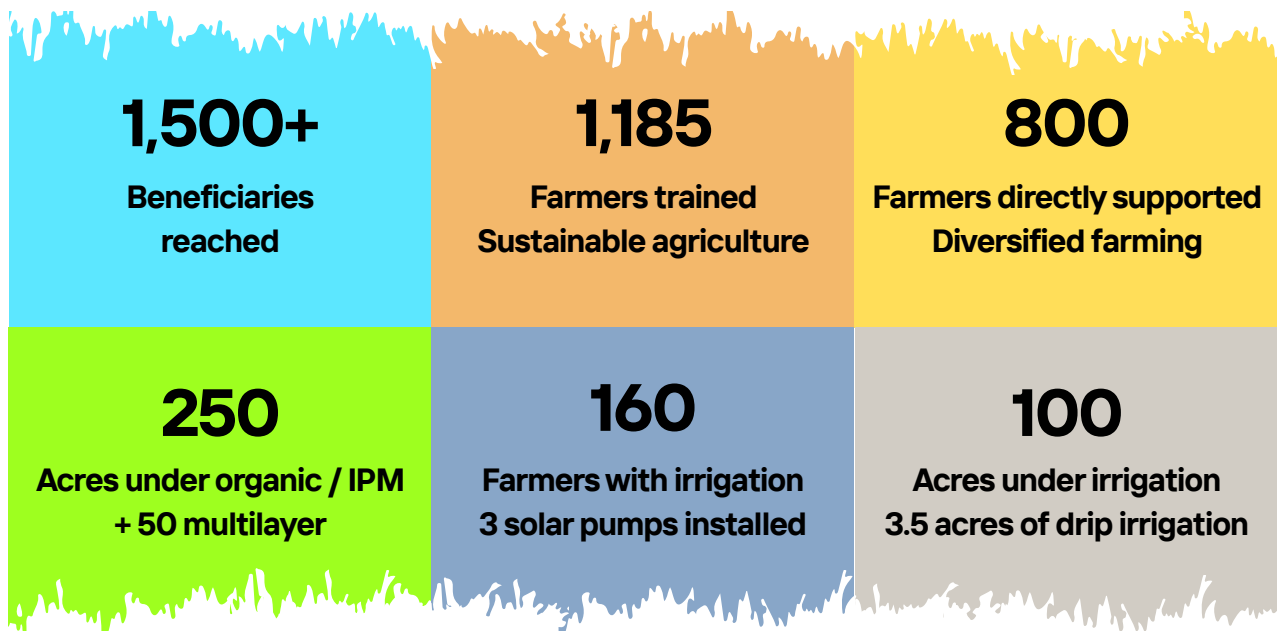
SUSTAINABLE USE OF LAND & WATER

OVERVIEW

Project SRIJAN is a community development initiative by MANT, funded by HDFC Bank Parivartan, working across **100 boarder villages in Tapan, Balurghat, and Kumarganj blocks of Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal.**

ACTIVITIES

Enhance the incomes of **3,000 marginal farmers** by promoting sustainable agriculture, water resource management, chemical-free farming, and **fishery-based livelihoods across 1,000 acres.**



OVERVIEW

Flipping the Science Model in **Purulia, India**: Grounding Mission Science in Tribal Rainfed Landscapes - Asia Science Mission & Sanjeevan Initiative.

ACTIVITIES

Key activities included integrating scientific evidence with community knowledge, conducting household and SES-Insight surveys, identifying priority intervention sites, and developing village-specific implementation strategies & delivering scalable solutions for climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and human wellbeing. The next phase will focus on block-level multi-stakeholder workshops and community consultations in Durjaypara and Chhotokadam to refine intervention plans, strengthen institutional collaboration, and support sustainable implementation.



ENHANCED ROCK WEATHERING

TURNING ROCK INTO CLIMATE AND SOIL SOLUTIONS



OVERVIEW

Assessment of Current Practices in Enhanced Rock Weathering (ERW) and Developing Good Practices and a Policy Framework for **India**

ACTIVITIES

Research on ERW feasibility in India, Convenings & Consultations with stakeholders, Develop a set of guidelines, Collaborate with state governments, Design and deliver training sessions, Develop and distribute resource guide on ERW best practices, Produce and disseminate materials through digital & print media, Community workshops and information sessions in pilot states

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**Assessment report
published**

01

**Policy brief
published**

01

**National level seminar
organised**



NITYANANDA JANAVANI COMMUNITY RADIO 91.2 FM



OVERVIEW

Nityananda Janavani is a MANT-operated community radio station broadcasting in Bengali and Santali located at Purulia. It addresses important issues impacting listeners' lives, covering health, agriculture, education, livelihood, water and sanitation, and women and child care through engaging formats like radio dramas, podcasts, discussions, capsules, songs, and jingles.

Mental Health Program (MPOWER)

75
Villages covered

160
Sessions held

5,040
Direct participants

Supported by
Aditya Birla
Education Trust

Water Health and Sanitation program (WASH)

100
Villages covered

42
Narrowcast

~500
Direct participants

Supported by
SMART-UNICEF

Transforming MENTalities

5
FGDs' done

4
Episodes Broadcast

~500
Direct participants

Supported by
University of
Hyderabad



100 + radio listening centers

**Nityananda
Janavani**

91.2 FM

Unheard Sweetness

Integrated Edutainment Approach

Village Narrowcasting:
Stories, Voices and Impact

Runs 6 hours a day

~ 2,00,000

people reached
each month

15+

Special radio programs,
including special days and
awareness programs

25+

Facebook live
programs

EMPOWER THREAD

SEWING MACHINE-BASED LIVELIHOODS



OVERVIEW

The initiative aims to **empower marginalized women by providing sustainable livelihood opportunities** and enhancing participants' skills in sewing, design, and production, enabling them to create high-quality, market-ready garments and lifestyle products and enhance their income.

ACTIVITIES

Activities include procurement of sewing machines, providing handholding training and raw material support, as well as forward linkage assistance to 50 women artisans of **Puncha and adjacent blocks of Purulia, West Bengal**



GOODERA

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMS



Through this partnership, MANT has facilitated the distribution of **educational materials, science learning kits, supported tree plantation drives to promote environmental sustainability,** and helped organise various community outreach activities **in and around Kolkata and other metro cities like Bengaluru, Pune.** These initiatives have benefited schools, students, and underserved communities while strengthening employee volunteer engagement and creating measurable social impact.



SOLAR STREET LIGHTS & DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY



Installation of five solar street lights at **Maldah**, and one digital radiography system at **Pearson Memorial Hospital, Visva Bharati University, Bolpur, Birbhum**. These initiatives were supported by HDFC Bank Parivartan CSR (P1395).

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**Solar street lights
installed**

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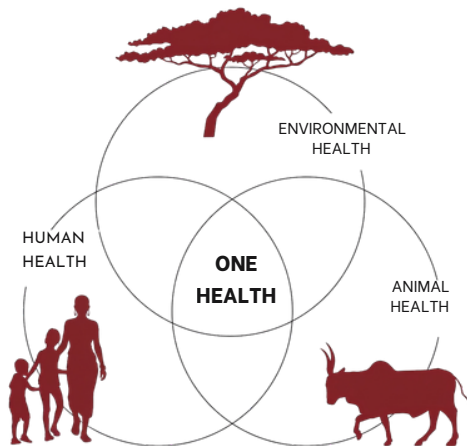
**Digital radiography
system installed**



CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH



Environment & Climate Change



Tribal Health

Research Areas



Mental Health



Eastern Rice
Regional Institute for
Capacity Building & Evaluation

Return on Investment, Cost Benefit & Cost Effectiveness Analysis

50+

Paper published

30+

Study conducted

20+

Collaboration

PROJECTS IN PIPELINE

DVC

Skill development

TATA TRUSTS

Community health

AZIM PREMJI FOUNDATION

Natural resources management

ENERGIVA

Enhanced rock weathering

NABARD

RSVC regarding

Commonwealth Foundation

Climate justice

University of Nottingham

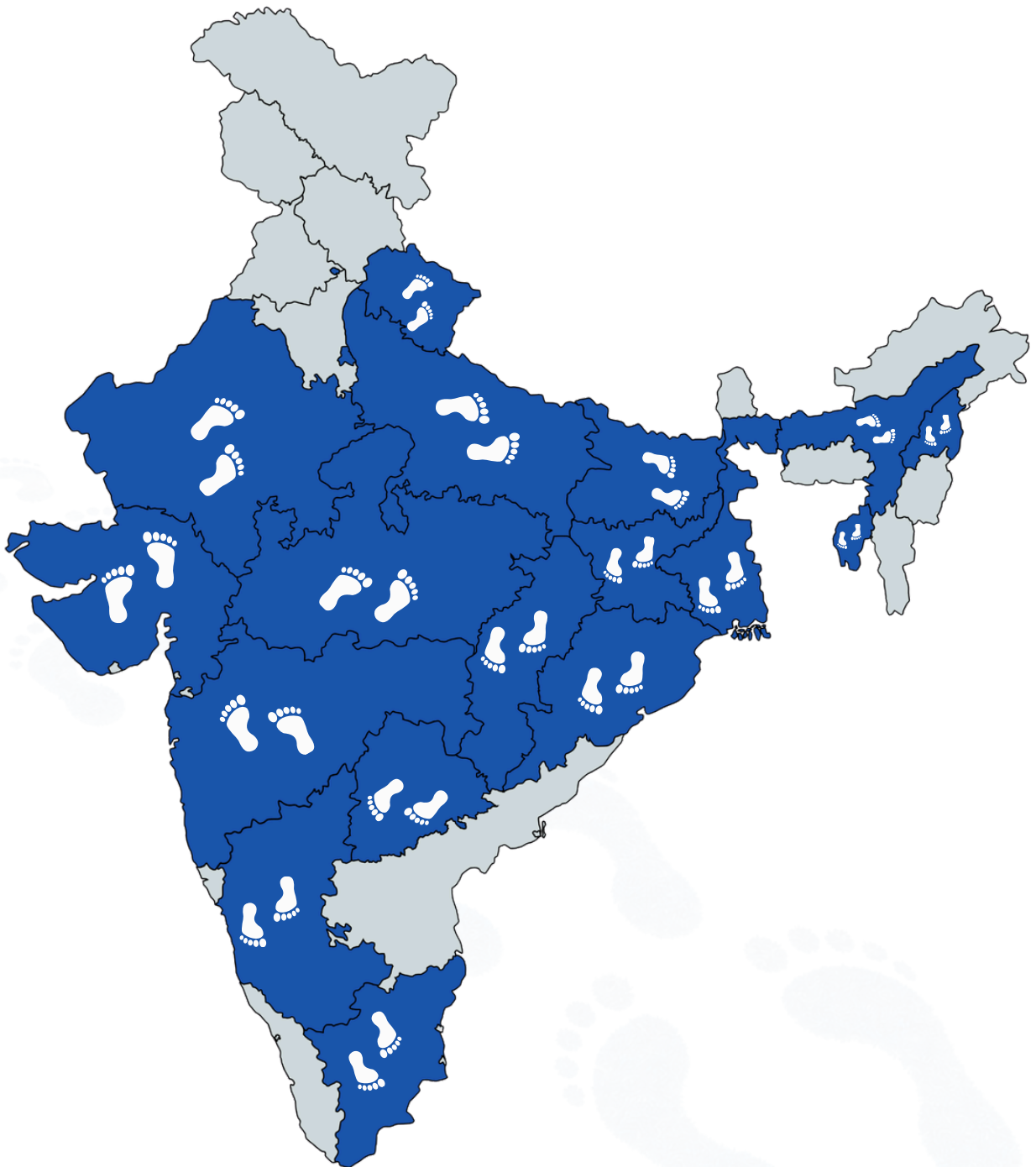
Community health

NOREC

Exchange fellowship program

FOOTPRINTS

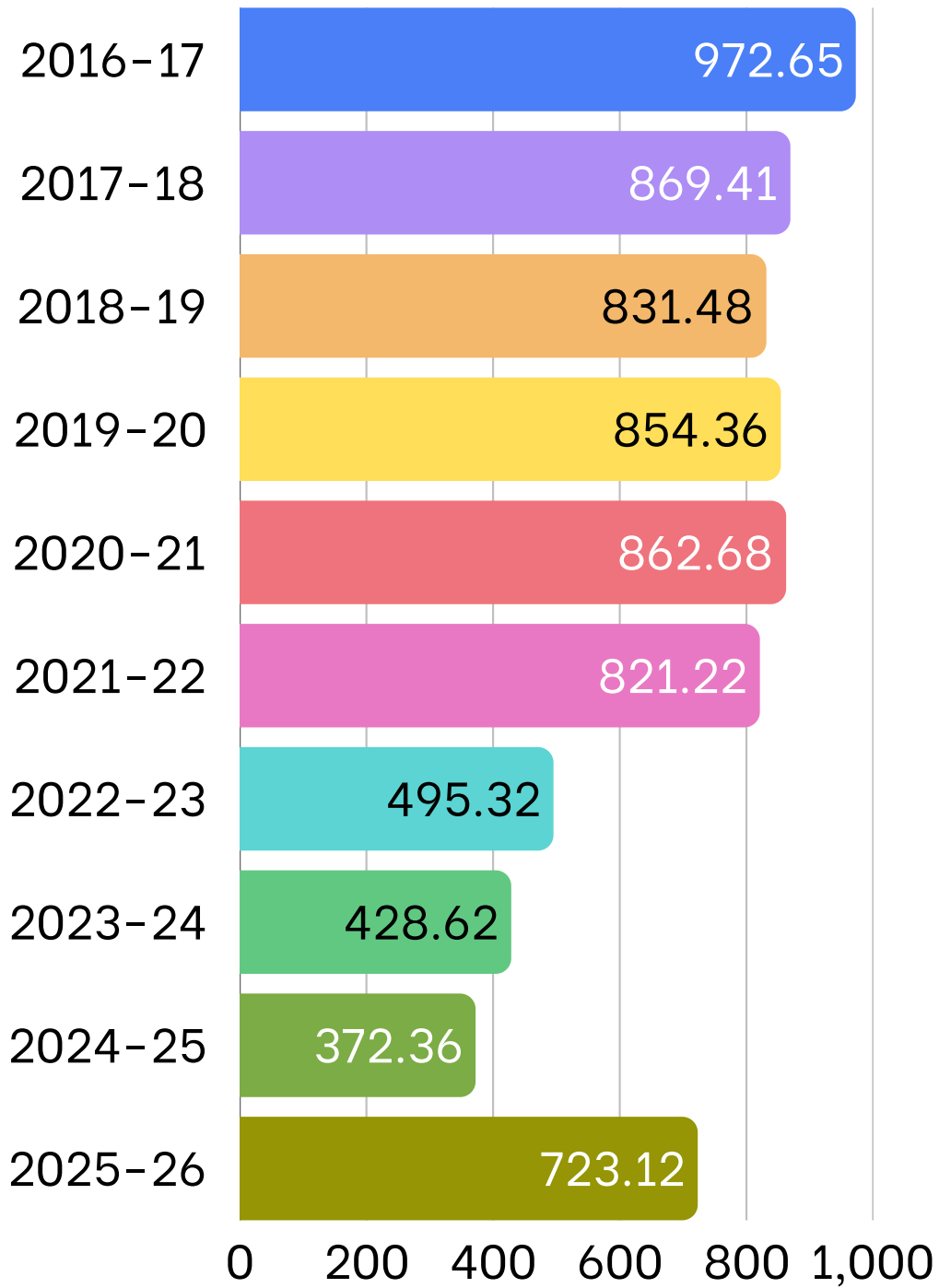
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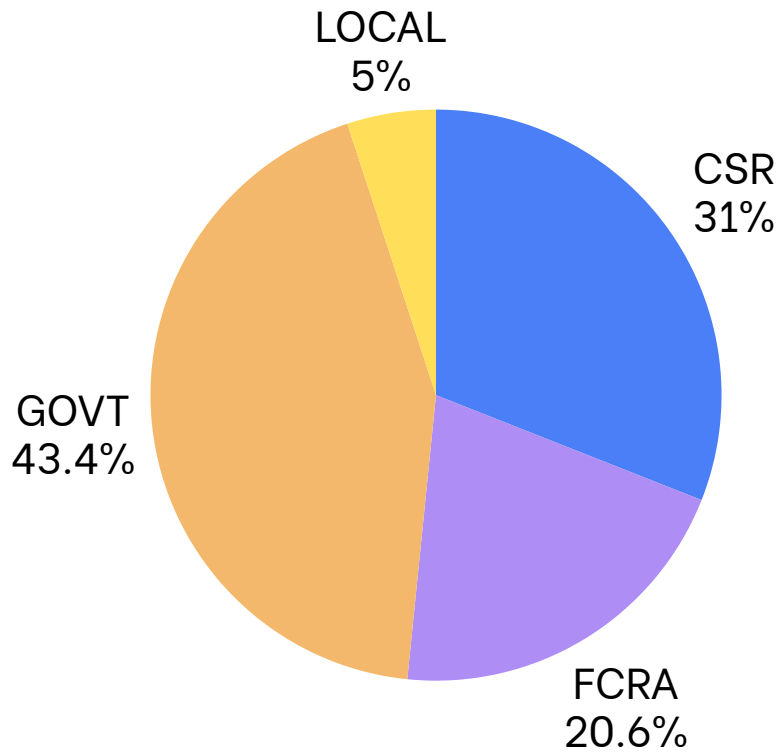
OUR
POLICIES

TURNOVER ONE DECADE



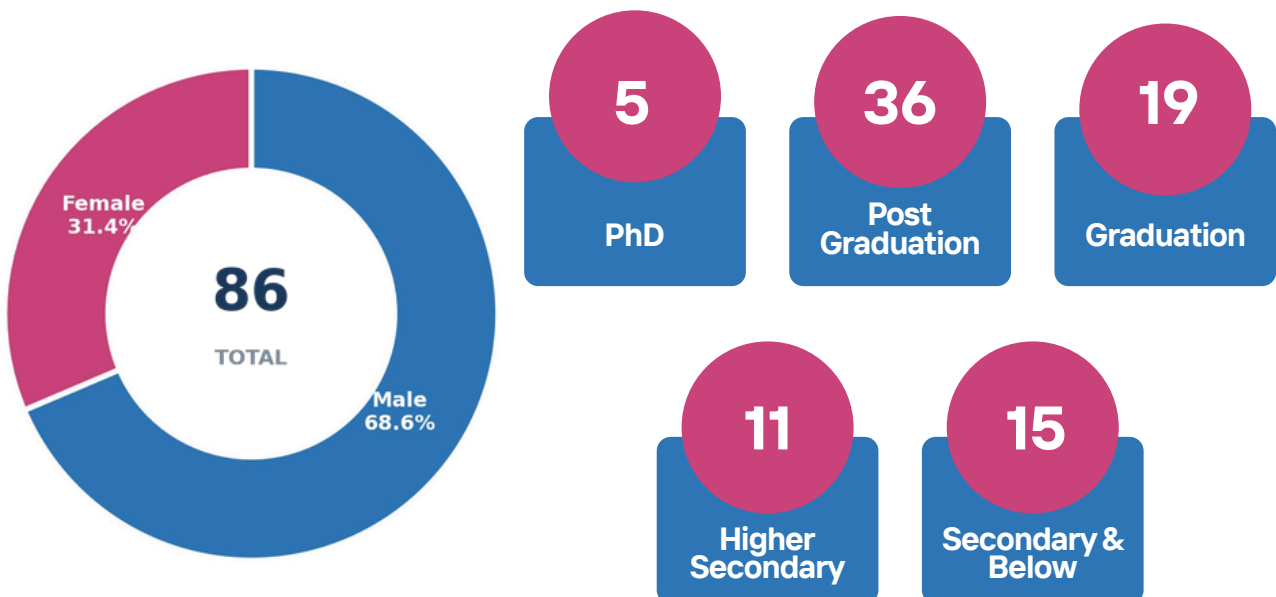
GRANT RECEIVED

2025-26



EMPLOYEE DASHBOARD

2025-26



CERTIFICATION

AFFILIATION

RECOGNITION



Evidence Synthesis and
Implementation for Indigenous Health
A JBI Affiliated Group



MANIPAL
ACADEMY of HIGHER EDUCATION
(Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University)

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE

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PARTNERS ⁷

2025-26

PARIVARTAN
A step towards sustainable progress



EXIDE
Aarogya
Health and Wellness

Sightsavers

energivā
ventures

ASIA
SCIENCE
MISSION
FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Vital
Strategies

JUST
RIGHTS
FOR CHILDREN

Azim Premji
Foundation

NITI Aayog

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RE-IMAGINING FUTURE
भविष्य की पुनर्कल्पना
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CRA

STOP AMR

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NIH
National Institutes
of Health

Goodera
smart
SEEKING MODERN APPLICATIONS
FOR REAL TRANSFORMATION

AMARC
ASIA-PACIFIC

INTERNATIONAL
SUSTAINABLE
ENERGY
FOUNDATION



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