

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025





ABOUT US



The year 2024–2025 marked yet another inspiring chapter in the journey of Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti, a grassroots trust committed to social development and humanitarian service across the rural and coastal belts of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. With unwavering dedication to the principles of inclusion, dignity, and compassion, the organization expanded its outreach across sectors—delivering sustainable impact in health, education, women's empowerment, skill development, environmental awareness, and relief programs. Backed by the support of local communities, volunteers, and partners, our team implemented a wide range of activities tailored to the real needs of underserved populations. This year's efforts also strengthened the organization's role as a trusted changemaker among vulnerable households living in challenging conditions, particularly in island and semi-urban areas of Gangasagar, Radhakrishnapur, Harinbari, and beyond.

This report presents a comprehensive view of the work carried out during 2024–2025, capturing our milestones, thematic interventions, and the lives we were able to touch through collective action.





MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION



PRIYARANJAN DAS
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER
OF NGO



AGAMANI DAS
SECRETARY



Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti began as a humble dream — a dream where every underprivileged individual could access dignity, healthcare, education, and opportunity. Today, we are proud to contribute across multiple sectors — from health camps and skill training to women empowerment and relief work. We are bringing change — slowly but steadily. In the coming years, we aim to reach more communities, create deeper impact, and grow with the support of like-minded partners."

"This year has been a step forward in our mission to serve the underserved. With every small effort, we are building stronger, healthier, and more empowered communities. Thank you to everyone who stood with us."

"At Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti, we believe that responsible financial management is the foundation of impactful social work. Throughout the year, we have maintained complete transparency, ensured efficient allocation of funds, and supported initiatives that bring meaningful change to people's lives. We are committed to strengthening our financial systems as we grow and reach more communities in need."



SWAPAN PATRA
MEMBER

Being part of Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti has been a journey of learning and service. Each project, whether big or small, has touched lives and inspired us to do more. As a team, we are united by our vision of inclusive development and lasting change."



NAYAN MAPA
MEMBER

"This year reminded us that real change happens at the grassroots. I've witnessed firsthand how our efforts in health, education, and women empowerment have brought hope to many. I am proud to be part of a team that believes in action, not just intention."



KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Health & Hygiene Awareness
- Education Support for Marginalized Children
- Women Empowerment & Skill Training
- Environment & Tree Plantation
- Community Celebrations & Social Campaigns
- Disaster Relief & Welfare Distribution
- Food & Nutrition Programs
- Menstrual Hygiene Awareness





CHILD WELFARE & EDUCATION SUPPORT

Education lies at the heart of lasting social transformation, and Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti has remained steadfast in its mission to nurture and uplift underprivileged children through consistent, quality educational support. During the year 2024–2025, our efforts reached over 150 children from remote, low-income, and marginalized communities who otherwise lacked access to foundational learning.

We ran regular tuition and remedial learning sessions in community spaces, helping children keep pace with their academic curriculum, especially those from single-parent households, fisher families, and first-generation learners. Our volunteers and part-time educators played a pivotal role in building literacy, numeracy, and general knowledge skills in an inclusive, joyful learning environment.





To bridge the material gap that often prevents children from attending school consistently, we distributed complete school kits—including school bags, notebooks, pens, uniforms, and water bottles—to over 200 children. These supplies ensured not just continuity in education but also restored dignity and motivation among children who felt left out due to lack of resources.

Summer learning camps were held in June and December breaks, focusing on storytelling, creativity, group games, puzzles, and confidence-building exercises. These camps also doubled as safe spaces for peer bonding, physical activity, and psychological wellness.

In addition, we conducted village-level awareness drives and parent-teacher interactions to promote the Right to Education (RTE), child protection laws, and the importance of regular school attendance. Our focus was not only to get children back into school but also to create community-level accountability around dropout prevention.

By fostering supportive ecosystems around each child—through learning, nutrition, parental awareness, and emotional growth—we aim to raise a generation that is not only educated but also empowered to break the cycle of poverty.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & CLEAN VILLAGE MOVEMENT

As climate change and environmental degradation increasingly impact coastal and rural communities, Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti has taken a proactive role in fostering environmental responsibility through education, action, and grassroots mobilization. Our Clean Village Movement—launched with the goal of promoting sustainability and hygiene—has grown into a well-recognized community initiative across South 24 Parganas.

Throughout the year 2024–2025, the Foundation organized weekly cleanliness drives covering school premises, temple courtyards, local markets, and village roads. Community members, volunteers, SHG women, and schoolchildren actively participated, collecting plastic waste, cleaning clogged drains, and spreading awareness about sanitation as a shared civic responsibility.

We also launched anti-plastic campaigns in more than 10 villages, educating shopkeepers, households, and youth on the environmental harm of single-use plastics. Cloth and jute bag alternatives were promoted through street plays, posters, and distribution during public events. Households were encouraged to adopt waste segregation at source to enable better recycling and reduce landfill burden.



In a bid to promote zero-waste living and organic food practices, we conducted training sessions on home composting and kitchen gardening. These sessions—targeted at women’s SHGs and youth clubs—encouraged the use of household waste to create compost for growing vegetables, herbs, and fruits in backyards, rooftops, or shared community plots.

Additionally, recognizing the ecological importance of our coastal landscape, we carried out educational outreach on mangrove preservation and marine ecosystem protection. Special awareness camps were held for fishermen communities and schools in Gosaba, Harinbari, and adjacent islands. These included interactive sessions on the role of mangroves in flood prevention, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods.

This year’s initiatives not only made our villages cleaner and greener but also laid the groundwork for a community-led model of environmental stewardship, where citizens—young and old—actively take ownership of protecting their surroundings for future generations.



LOOKING AHEAD



As we move forward into a new financial year, Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti reaffirms its dedication to building healthier, more self-reliant, and empowered communities across South 24 Parganas and beyond. With valuable learnings from the past year and continued trust from our partners, volunteers, and beneficiaries, our vision for the future is both ambitious and deeply rooted in ground realities.

In the coming year, the organization aims to expand its skill development programs, particularly for rural youth and underprivileged women. New vocational training modules such as mobile repairing, digital marketing, organic farming, and eco-friendly product making will be introduced to enhance employability and promote self-employment. We are also exploring tie-ups with government and private skill missions to scale our impact.

On the healthcare front, we will intensify our outreach in remote and underserved areas, with a special focus on maternal and child health, preventive care, and menstrual hygiene management. Plans are underway to introduce mobile health vans and monthly health surveillance camps in tribal belts and island villages, where access remains a challenge.



Health education will remain a cornerstone, empowering families with knowledge on nutrition, sanitation, and disease prevention. A renewed push will also be made toward deepening community work on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Our goal is to enhance clean drinking water access through the installation of low-cost filters and community water points. Nutritional awareness programs will be rolled out in anganwadis and schools to address anemia and malnutrition in children and adolescent girls. Lastly, we are committed to strengthening local leadership by mobilizing Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and youth volunteers into active community champions. These groups will not only participate in planning and implementing development activities but will also serve as agents of change—ensuring sustainability, accountability, and community ownership of every initiative. With hope, resilience, and shared responsibility, Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti looks forward to creating deeper, lasting change in the lives we touch—one village, one family, and one individual at a time.





ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING & VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION

During the financial year 2024–2025, Gangasagar Unnyani Samiti took significant steps to strengthen its organizational capacity and broaden community engagement through a dynamic network of volunteers and grassroots partnerships. Recognizing that sustainable social change depends not only on programs but also on people and participation, the Foundation focused on deepening its institutional framework and fostering a culture of shared responsibility.

Youth engagement emerged as a core strength this year, with over 120 active volunteers participating in various community-led campaigns—from cultural heritage events and tree plantation drives to menstrual health outreach and anti-plastic rallies. These young changemakers played a key role in amplifying the organization's reach, particularly among school-going children and rural youth groups.

The Foundation also forged new partnerships with local clubs, government schools, anganwadi centers, and frontline healthcare workers to build a wider base of trust and collaboration. These alliances enabled smoother program implementation, improved beneficiary access, and opened up new possibilities for co-created interventions at the village level.



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