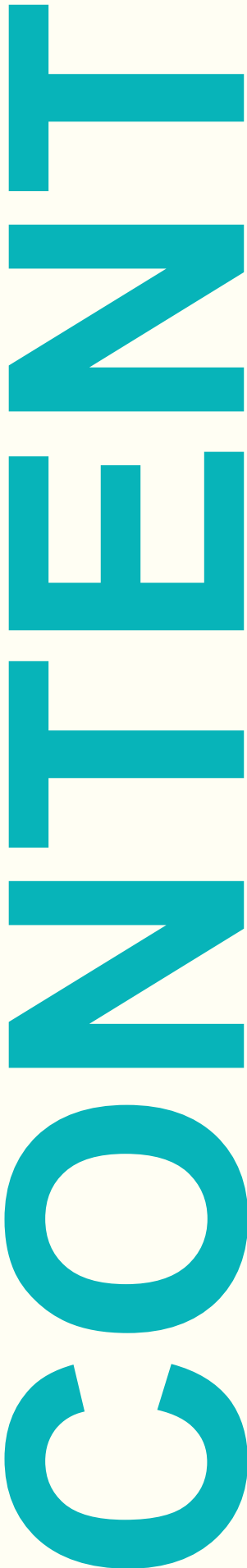


# Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre



# Annual Report

April 2025 - March 2026



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## Introduction

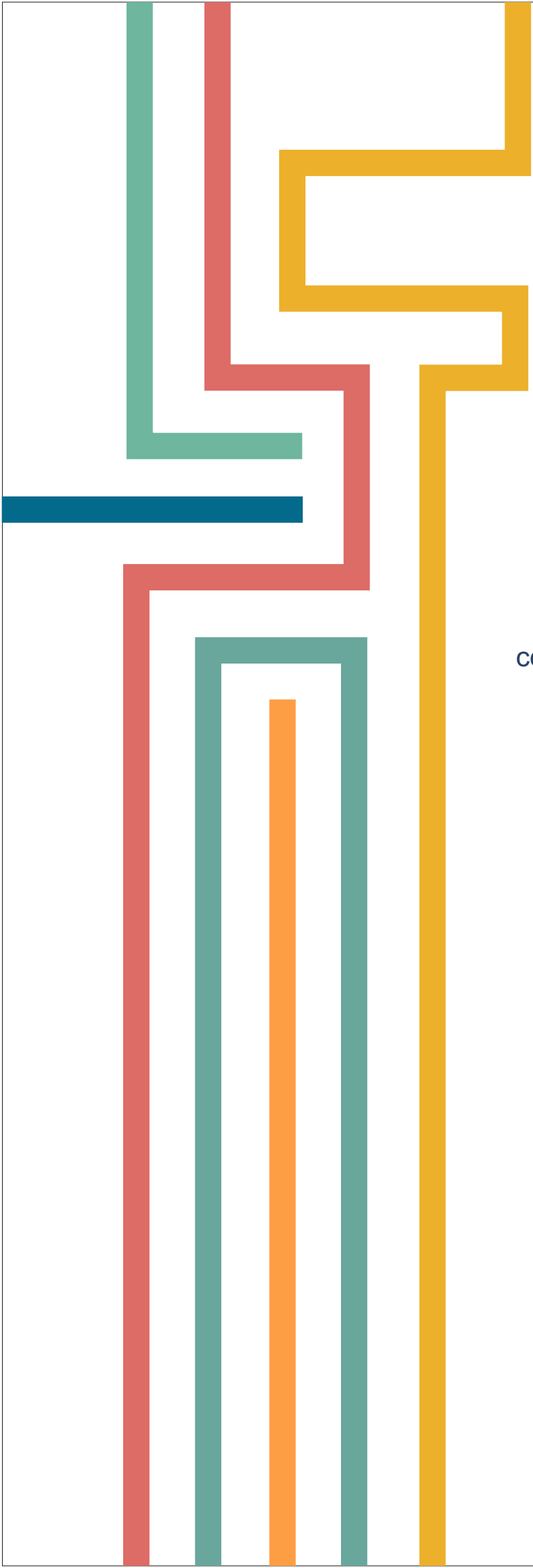
Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre is a non-profit seeking Non-Governmental Organization established in the year 2006 and registered in 2009 to foster sustainable development. It is a social development wing of the Loreto sisters, established to work for the development and social justice for the poor and needy of tea plantation areas. In 2025-2026, DMWSC strengthened collaborations with government departments and NGOs to enhance program delivery in tea plantation areas. The organization conducted awareness programs for women and adolescent girls, offered family counselling, and provided support to survivors of domestic violence. Sessions on child rights and gender sensitization were also organized to build a more informed and supportive community. Since its inception, the organization has worked towards development and social justice for marginalized communities. By empowering women to claim their rights, it fosters change from within and contributes to broader sustainable development goals.





## **Our Mission**

Inspired by the vision of Mary Ward, we work towards building an equitable world where the rights of every woman and child is protected and ensured.



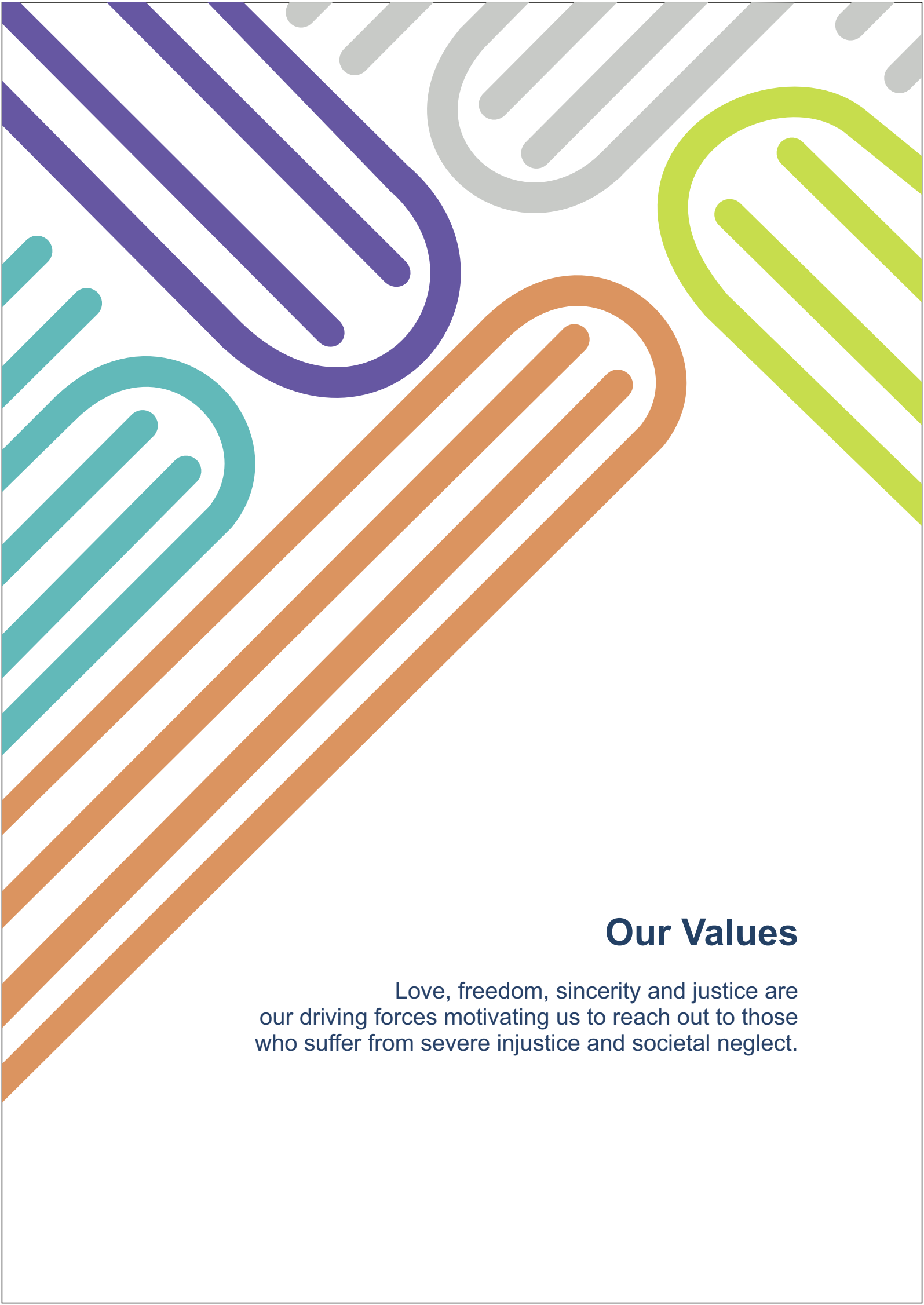
## Our Vision

To foster women and child friendly communities, where they are enabled to make informed choices for their development and growth.

To initiate action that would counteract human trafficking.

To build the networking and develop a partnership with friends, students, alumni, volunteers, and like-minded organisations that work for development, justice, and peace.

To develop a pragmatic and sustainable approach to all development initiatives.



## **Our Values**

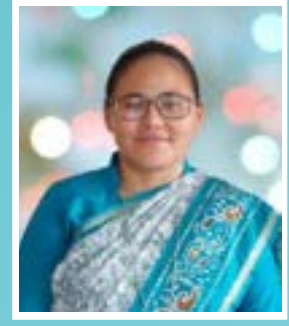
Love, freedom, sincerity and justice are our driving forces motivating us to reach out to those who suffer from severe injustice and societal neglect.



**Sr Monica Suchiang**  
President



**Sr Sushila Kerketta**  
Secretary



**Sr Biviyana Lepcha**  
Director



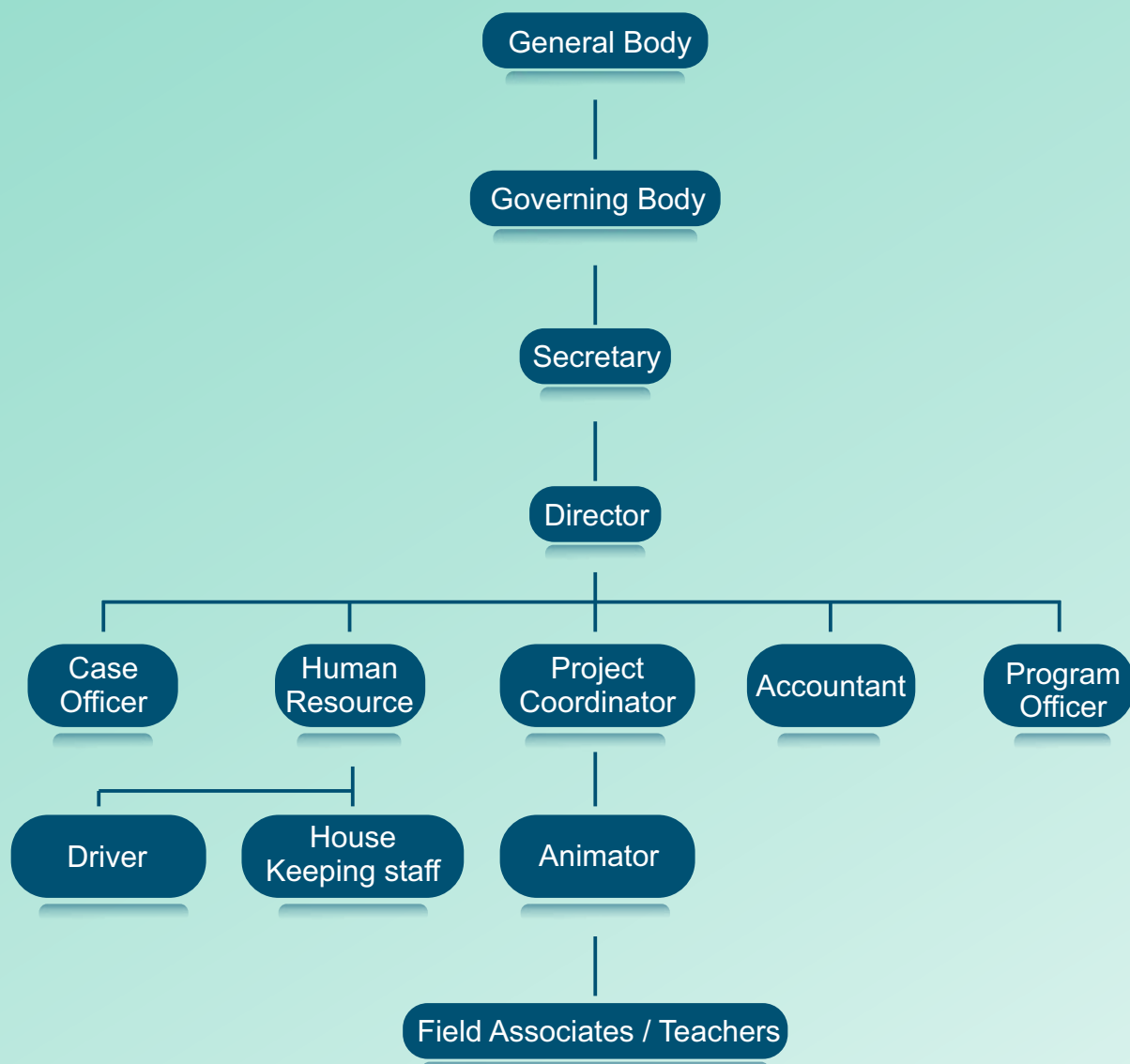
## Rooted as One Family Tree

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# Governing Body

Position	Name
President	Sr. Monica Suchiang
Vice President	Sr. Amia Anita Tete
Treasurer	Sr. Jeba Thaines
Member	Sr. Anjuman Gidh
Member	Sr. Flora Anthony
Secretary	Sr. Sushila Kerketta
Vice Secretary	Sr. Swati Lakra

# Organogram





*M. Suchiang*

**Sr. Monica Suchiang**  
President  
Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre

## Message from the President

It gives me great joy to present the Annual Report of the Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre for the year 2025-26, as it marks 17 years of dedicated service. Over the years, the Centre has become a significant presence in the tea garden communities of Darjeeling, responding with commitment and compassion to some of the most pressing social challenges faced by these communities. Its continued engagement reflects a strong understanding of local realities, especially of those who remain marginalized and underserved.

The Centre's work across its key areas—education, health and hygiene, protection of women and children, and advocacy—has significantly enhanced the quality of life within the tea garden communities. Its initiatives empower children and youth, promote better health practices, strengthen protection systems, and amplify community voices for greater awareness and accountability.

As we reflect on 17 years of service, we recognize that such sustained impact is the result of collective effort. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the staff, community workers, and volunteers whose dedication and perseverance have been central to this journey. I also acknowledge with gratitude our partners, donors, and well-wishers whose continued support has enabled the Centre to grow and respond effectively.

This journey has not been easy. There have been many challenges along the way, yet the resilience, dedication, and perseverance of all involved have ensured that the mission continues to move forward with strength and purpose.

While we celebrate this milestone, we remain mindful of the ongoing hardships within the tea garden communities. The need for sustained engagement, deeper outreach, and strengthened systems continues. With faith and renewed commitment, we look ahead to building on this strong foundation and expanding our efforts for greater impact. May we continue to walk in the spirit of Mary Ward—courageous in conviction, steadfast in service, and united in our commitment to building a more just, compassionate, and inclusive society.



## Message From Director

In a world increasingly defined by speed, competition, and material pursuit, our work at Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre calls us to pause and reflect on what truly sustains human dignity. Progress, in its truest sense, cannot be measured by numbers alone. It must be guided by purpose, compassion, and a deep sense of responsibility towards one another.

As an organisation rooted in community engagement and social transformation, we believe that true development is not merely about advancement, but about ensuring that every individual, especially the most vulnerable, experiences dignity, justice, and opportunity. This requires more than programmes and interventions; it demands a collective commitment to values that uphold humanity itself.

True leadership is not defined by authority, but by the ability to uplift others. Each initiative we undertake, each life we touch, must reflect our commitment to fairness, empathy, and the collective well-being. We are not isolated in our journeys; we are deeply interconnected, and the strength of our society lies in how we care for and stand beside one another.

Over the past year, our efforts across education, women empowerment, child protection, health, and livelihood have been guided by this very conviction. We have witnessed resilience in communities, courage among women, and hope in the eyes of children, reminding us that meaningful change begins when compassion is translated into action.

Let us continue to build a culture where kindness is not perceived as weakness, where integrity is never compromised, and where service to others is honoured above self-interest. Growth without values creates imbalance, but progress guided by conscience leads to lasting and inclusive development.

I invite every member of our extended community, staff, partners, well-wishers, and community members, to reflect deeply, act with awareness, and contribute with sincerity. When our actions align with higher principles, we do more than create impact, we nurture a more just, compassionate, and enlightened society.

We remain deeply grateful to our funding partners, collaborators, and well-wishers whose continued trust and support make our work possible. We also acknowledge the commitment of our community leaders, grassroots volunteers, and dedicated staff, whose collective efforts sustain and strengthen our mission on the ground.

Together, let us lead with wisdom, serve with humility, and move forward with a shared vision of dignity, equity, and hope for all.

**Sr. Biviyana Lepcha**  
Director  
Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre

## Our Approach

Influencing, knowledge, behaviours, attitude and practices towards women and children.

Sensitizing community for women and child friendly environment.

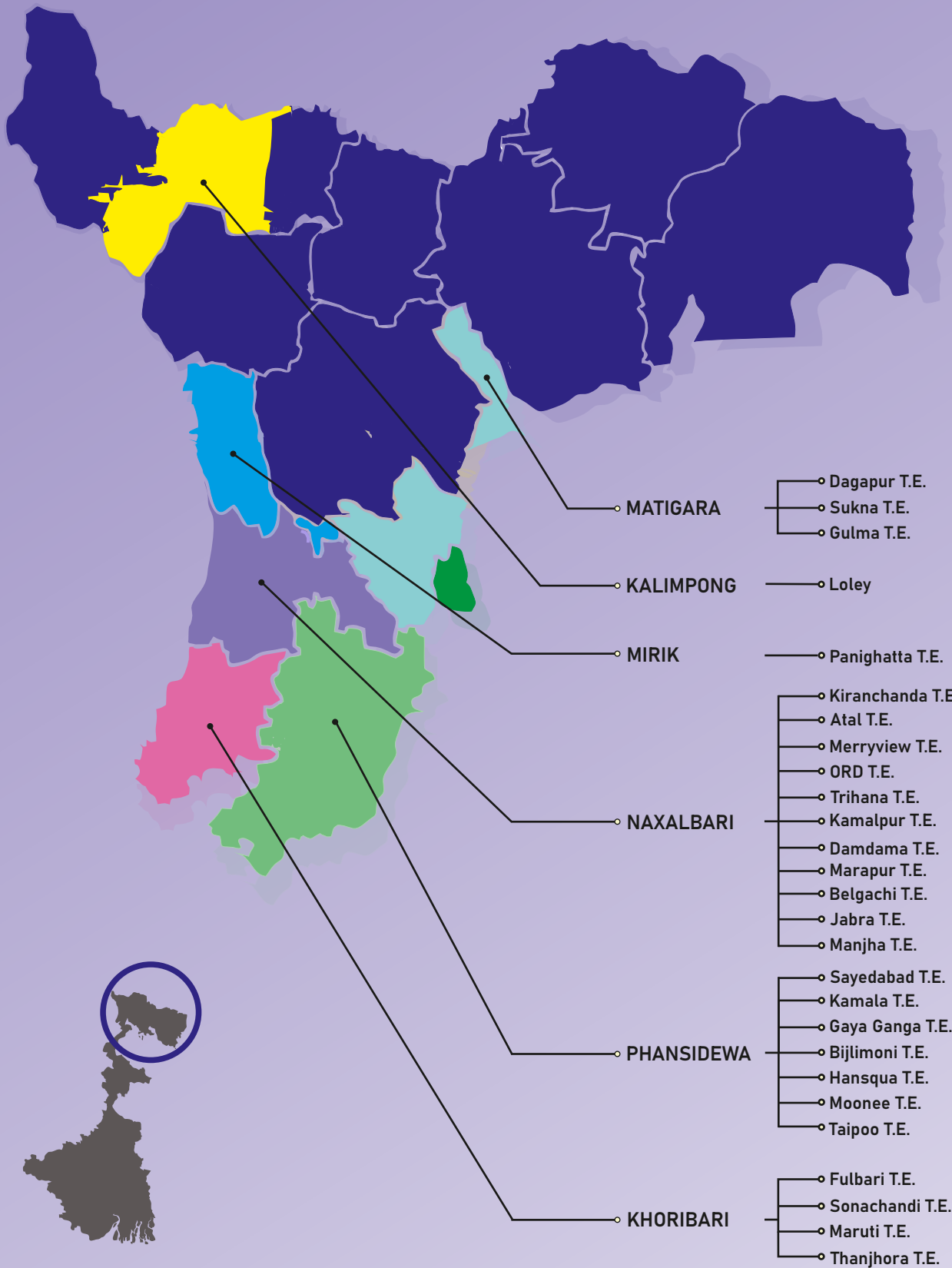
Liaison with government in order to protect rights & entitlements.

Encouraging civil society to take proactive action for welfare of women & children.

Addressing immediate and critical needs of the needy.

Adopting a participatory, rights-based approach to empower communities from within.

Encouraging families to support development & welfare of women & Children.



# AREA OF INTERVENTION

## Monitoring and Coordination visit



On 28th and 29th April 2025, Providential Development Team, Ms. Zeenat Bano and Sr. Priyanka Topno, visited the Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre and its field areas. The visit aimed to review ongoing project activities, interact with beneficiaries, and discuss future development plans. It included meetings with project staff, observation of field interventions, and discussions with community members on programme impact and sustainability.

On 9th October 2025, the Province Leader, Sr. Monica Suchiang, visited DMWSC along with Sr. Sanjoyti Kerketta. During the visit, they interacted with office staff and reviewed the overall functioning and programme implementation of the organisation.



On 13th November 2025, Ms. Reena Kumari Singh and Mr. Sanjay Baxla from the KMWSC Programme Team visited DMWSC and its project areas, including Merryview Tea Estate, Bijlimuni, Sayedabad, Kiranchandra, and Taipoo Tea Estate. The visit focused on monitoring programme implementation and understanding the organisation's field-level work.



On 19th November 2025, KMWSC team Ms. Samata Bali and Ms. Khushi Goel, visited DMWSC's pad manufacturing unit at Belgachi Tea Estate, to gain first-hand knowledge of the production process. They observed different stages of manufacturing, interacted with staff members, and learned about quality control measures and systems in place.

## Monitoring and Coordination visit

On 19th February 2026, Ms. Samanta Bali from the KMWSC Programme Team visited the DMWSC office to review organisational activities, with a particular focus on Human Resource management and office-level functioning.

### Director's Field Visits



- On 13th January 2026, the Director visited the field areas of Bijlimuni and Sayedabad Tea Estates, interacted with community peoples, and reviewed project progress.
- On 15th January 2026, the Director visited Taipoo and Damdama Tea Estates to interact with beneficiaries and progress of ongoing activities.

## Significant Initiatives by DMWSC

- The Internal POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Committee has been formed and functioning to ensure a safe and respectful workplace.
- The Purchase Committee has been formed and is functioning with proper documentation and processes to ensure transparent and efficient procurement.



On 18th October 2025, DMWSC organised a gender sensitisation workshop for the staff of Loreto Panighatta School. The workshop aimed to enhance understanding of gender equality, encourage respectful behaviour, and promote an inclusive working environment at workplace.



On 6th January 2026, a POSH Committee meeting was held at the office, attended by the newly appointed external member, Mr. Kamal Chettri. The meeting focused on strengthening internal mechanisms for ensuring a safe and respectful workplace.



On 2nd January 2026, the Director and HR team conducted an orientation session for office staff through a PPT presentation. The session covered key aspects of the MOA and POSH Policy, along with basic workplace rules and organisational values.



On 10th January 2026, a Capacity Building Training was conducted for all staff members of DMWSC. The training included discussions on the Child Protection Policy, HR Policy, and other organisational guidelines to improve staff knowledge and efficiency.



On 8th–9th May 2025, a two-day workshop was conducted by DMWSC at Loyola Pastoral Centre, Matigara. A total of 65 participants from all the project areas were sensitized on child rights, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and child protection laws through interactive sessions and group activities.

## Development Meeting



- On 10th and 11th June 2025, the first South Asia Province Development Centres Meeting was organised at KMWSC. The meeting served as a valuable platform for exchanging ideas, sharing experiences, and promoting cross-learning among participating centres.
- On 11th March 2026, a Loreto Development Networking meeting was held at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. The meeting focused on improving teamwork, planning for the future, and ensuring sustainability. It highlighted a shared commitment to working together, learning from each other, and continuing development work.

## Key Achievements of DMWSC

**Project: Streams of Hope – Water for Life in the Mountains of Lolay** has been started to improve access to safe drinking water in selected areas of Lolaygaon, Kalimpong, through a sustainable rainwater harvesting system. The project will address seasonal water shortages, reduce dependence on distant or unsafe sources, and ensure year-round availability of clean water, thereby improving hygiene, health, and living conditions. It will also reduce the burden of water collection, especially for women and children. The project will benefit 600 people, including 350 children, and is supported by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

**Nurturing Young Minds –** A tuition class project has been started to provide academic support to children from disadvantaged families through after-school tutoring. The project aims to improve learning, confidence, and study habits, while encouraging continued education and reducing the risk of school dropout. The project directly benefits 16 children aged between 4–10 years.



*At 30, Sneha Tirkey from Panighatta carries a story that resonates deeply with many women who dream quietly while fulfilling endless responsibilities. Growing up in the tea gardens, Sneha's childhood was marked by hardship and limited opportunities. Education took a backseat in the struggle for daily survival, and like many young girls, she was married off early, stepping into a new life with hopes for a better future. Sneha moved into a joint family after marriage—a home filled with people, responsibilities, and routines. In this large household, every member had a role, a duty, a purpose. But for Sneha, the endless cycle of cooking, cleaning, and caregiving*

*consumed her days. She found herself caught in a world where her dreams had no time or space to breathe. She longed for an identity of her own, a chance to be more than just a homemaker. That opportunity arrived when she learned about DMWSC's EEIY Tailoring Project. For Sneha, joining the course felt like taking the first step toward reclaiming herself. What began as a simple class soon became a turning point in her life. Through consistent training, guidance, and the supportive environment of the EEIY program, Sneha rediscovered her confidence. She developed strong tailoring skills, learned to manage her time, and started nurturing ambitions she once buried under household duties. For the first time in years, she saw a path where her identity could grow—an identity she could proudly call her own. Today, Sneha runs her own tailoring business from home. The woman who once felt invisible in the crowd of family responsibilities now stands as an example of strength and self-reliance. She contributes financially to her household, takes pride in her work, and holds a respected place in her family—one that she earned through dedication and hard work. Ethical Enterprise Initiative for Youths and Children project of DMWSC played a transformative role in Sneha's life. It gave her not just a skill, but a platform to shine, a voice to be heard, and the courage to dream again. Sneha's journey is a reminder that when a woman is empowered, she doesn't just change her own life—she uplifts her entire family and community.*

## Distinguished Visitors



On 5th November 2025, Margurite O'Connor, Lynn Long, Fr. Stuart Salier & Fr. Ramesh from Sydney, Australia, visited DMWSC. They interacted with staff members and explored various project areas like Kamala, Gayaganga, Fulbari, Merryview, Atal,

Panighata, tea estate to understand community initiatives, ongoing activities, and the impact of the organisation's development programmes.

On 23rd November 2025, Ms. Helen from Ireland and Senior Accountant Mr. Rana Louis Mandal visited DMWSC. The visit provided them with an overview of the organisation's work and on-going projects in the Darjeeling district.

On 9th March 2026, an introductory meeting was held with Ms. Maria from Spain and Mr. Raju from the Life in Harmony Foundation. The Director and staff presented the organisation's vision, projects, and key focus areas. The visitors also toured field areas including Kiranchandra, Atal, Bijlimoni, Thanjhora Tea Estate Factory, and Taipoo Tea Estates. They interacted with beneficiaries to understand their living conditions, challenges, and the impact of DMWSC's interventions. A feedback session was conducted where the visitors shared their observations, reflections, and valuable suggestions, contributing to further strengthening the organisation's work.



## Engagement of Interns and Volunteers



On 4th April 2025, 30 students from the Department of Bachelor of Social Work, Salesian College, Siliguri visited DMWSC and its field area of Atal Tea Estate for an orientation programme. The visit provided them with an overview of the organisation, its objectives, and the various projects being implemented at the community level.

On 19th February 2026, an orientation session was conducted for 18 students of Salesian College, Siliguri. The session aimed to familiarise the students with the vision, mission, and key activities of DMWSC, along with insights into its field interventions and community engagement processes.

In March 2026, interns from Salesian College visited Sukna and Dagapur Tea Estates under the EEIY Project as part of their field engagement. During the visit, they participated in jute training sessions alongside students, gaining hands-on experience in product-making. They also conducted interactive awareness sessions on health and hygiene, education, physical fitness, anemia, and personal health practices. The visit was both engaging and impactful, enhancing the knowledge, skills, and confidence of community members while providing valuable exposure to the interns.

Intern	Name of the University	Month of Internship
Abishek Dhakal	Salesian College	April, 2025
Yasika Chhetri	Salesian College	April, 2025
Shruti Gurung	Salesian College	April, 2025
Pratik Rana	Lovely Professional University	June - July, 2025
Sujit Oraon	Indira Gandhi National Open University	September, 2025
Sakshi Agarwal	Salesian College	January - April, 2026
Haya Quazi	Salesian College	January - April, 2026
Rinku Rai	Indira Gandhi National Open University	November - December, 2026
Anmol Dewan	Salesian College	March - April, 2026
Deep Minj	Salesian College	March - April, 2026
Florance B Kujur	Salesian College	March - April, 2026
Ranit Pradhan	Salesian College	March - April, 2026
Sahil Chhetri	Salesian College	March - April, 2026
Sudeep Kujur	Salesian College	March - April, 2026
Yangzimo Tamang	Salesian College	March - April, 2026

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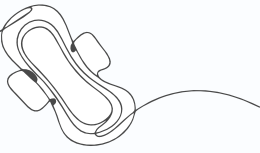
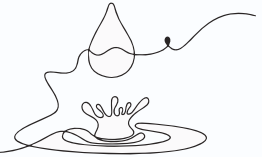
# On Going Projects

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**Collective Voice**

**Streams of Hope**



**Menstrual Hygiene Management**

**Utthaan**



**Nurturing Young Minds**



**Tuition Learning Centre**



**Ethical Enterprise Initiative  
for Youth & Women**



**Safe Migration**





# **Collective Voice**

## **Empowering Communities Across the Tea Gardens**

# Collective Voice



A community empowerment programme that organizes women, youth, and girls into groups for leadership building, education support, and collective action to address social issues such as child marriage, school dropout, and vulnerability.

**Project areas:** Kamala T.E., Gayaganga T.E., Sayedabad T.E & Bijlimuni T.E.

## **Objectives:**

- Build community leadership to claim rights and entitlements.
  - Form Community-Based Organizations to promote community welfare.
  - Strengthen rights movements through research, surveys, and trainings.
  - Foster stakeholder convergence for participatory planning and action.
- Build stakeholder capacity for informed, rights-based dialogue and action



### **Women's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 40
- Total Participants: 635 women
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Women's empowerment, health and hygiene, menstrual hygiene management, domestic violence awareness, rights and entitlements, and livelihood opportunities.



### **Youth's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 88
- Total Participants: 1,187 youth
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Prevention of drug and substance abuse, leadership development, career guidance, life skills education, cyber security and social awareness.



### **Children's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 80
- Total Participants: 1,395 children
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Basic education support, child rights, personal hygiene, moral values, and interactive learning activities.



### **Adolescent Girls Group Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 26
- Total Participants: 333 participants
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Adolescent health, menstrual hygiene, nutrition, self-confidence, life skills, and gender awareness.



### **Legal Awareness Programs:**

- On 9th May 2025, a Legal Awareness Programme was organised at Gayaganga Tea Estate, with the participation of 90 community members. The programme aimed to enhance awareness on legal rights, responsibilities, and access to justice among the participants.
- On 18th July 2025, a Legal Awareness Programme on Cyber Crime was organised at Gayaganga Tea Estate, with approximately 60 youths participating. The session focused on enhancing knowledge of cyber laws, online safety, and preventive measures.
- On 22nd September 2025, a Legal Awareness Programme was conducted at Bijlimuni Tea Estate, with 55 participants. The session focused on increasing awareness of legal rights, access to justice, and relevant laws.

### **Career Guidance Workshop & Capacity Building Training**



On 24th May 2025, a Career Guidance Workshop was conducted at Goshpukur GP, with 50 youths actively participating. The session focused on providing guidance on educational pathways, skill development opportunities, and career planning.



On 10th July 2025, a Capacity Building Training was organised at Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre under Project Collective Voice. The training covered key areas such as Leadership Development, Communication Skills, and Team Management, with 42 participants in attendance.

## School Awareness

- On 16th July 2025, a School Awareness Programme on Gender Sensitisation was conducted at Madati High School, reaching 112 students. The programme aimed to promote gender equality, Child Rights, stopping child marriage, mutual respect, and positive attitudes among students.



- On 30th October 2025, an Awareness Programme on "Prevention of Child Marriage" was organised at St. Mary's Girls' High School, with 400 students from Classes 8, 9, and 10 actively participating. The session highlighted the legal implications, social consequences, and the importance of education in preventing child marriage.



## Community Awareness

- On 16th and 17th October 2025, Community Awareness Sessions were conducted at Sayedabad Tea Estate and Bijlimuni Tea Estate, with a total of 110 participants. The sessions focused on preventing child marriage, gender equality, gov. social schemes and encouraged community participation and collective action.



- On 25th July 2025, a Community Awareness Programme was conducted at Sayedabad Tea Estate, with around 57 participants. The programme addressed community responsibilities and key social issues like child marriage, school dropouts, drug abuse affecting children and youth.

- On 19th August 2025, a Community Awareness Programme was conducted at Kamala Tea Estate, with 60 participants. The session focused on social responsibilities and community development concerns.

## Eye Check-up Camp

- On 3rd August 2025, an Eye Check-up Camp was organised at Sayedabad Tea Estate, benefiting 44 individuals. The camp aimed to promote eye health and provide basic vision screening services to the community.

- On 16th November 2025, a one-day Eye Check-up Camp was organised at Kamala Tea Estate under the Collective Voice Project in collaboration with Lions Club Bagdogra. A total of 105 individuals benefited from the camp.





On 31st August 2025, International Youth Day was observed at Gayaganga Tea Estate, with the participation of 120 youths. The event encouraged youth engagement, leadership, and active involvement in community development initiative.



- On 14th October 2025, a Networking Meeting with Asha workers, gram panchayat members, and other stake holders, was held at Goshpukur GP to strengthen coordination, collaboration, and information sharing among stakeholders.

- On 30th October 2025, a Networking Meeting was organised at Bidhannagar GP to enhance local-level coordination and strengthen partnerships among stakeholders.

## Streams of Hope

### Water for Life in the Mountains of Loyal

This project aims to improve access to safe drinking water in selected areas of Loyalgaon through a sustainable rainwater harvesting system. It will address seasonal shortages and reduce dependence on distant or unsafe sources. The initiative will ensure year-round availability of clean water, improving hygiene, health, and living conditions. It will also reduce the burden of water collection, especially for women and children. Community training and shared ownership will support proper maintenance and long-term sustainability.

**Target Beneficiaries:** 600 people, including 350 children from Loreto School Loyal

On 4th February 2026, Sr. Biviyana Lepcha and the Coordinator, Mr. Kaushik Roy Chowdhury, visited Loyal in Kalimpong as part of a field visit under the Water Harvesting Project.



During the visit, they interacted with local community members to understand their needs and reviewed the progress and impact of the project.



The construction of a water storage tank is currently in progress to improve access to safe and reliable water for the community. This initiative aims to address water scarcity issues and contribute to the overall health and well-being of the people in the area.



# Menstrual Hygiene Management

**Breaking Barriers,  
Building Confidence**

## Menstrual Hygiene Management



A community health initiative that promotes menstrual awareness, hygienic practices, and access to safe, affordable absorbents through education sessions, community engagement, and local production support.

**Project areas:** Fulbari T.E., Thanjhora T.E., Maruti T.E., Sonachadi T.E., Kamala T.E., Gayaganga T.E., Sayedabad T.E & Bijlimuni T.E..

### **Objectives:**

- Promote menstrual hygiene awareness and safe practices.
- Reduce stigma and ensure access to reusable pads.
- Build women and girls as MHM leaders and advocates.
- Improve sanitation facilities and engage men and boys.
- Support livelihoods and eco-friendly menstrual solutions.



### • **Pad Manufacturing Unit:**

Belgachi Tea Estate.

### • **Total Sanitary Pads Manufactured:**

11,685 pieces



### **Women's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 80
- Total Participants: 1058 Women
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Menstrual hygiene, use of sanitary pads, women's health, and hygiene practices.



### **Youth's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 93
- Total Participants: 1011 youth
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Awareness on menstrual hygiene, breaking myths, and personal hygiene.



### **Adolescent Girls Group Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 115
- Total Participants: 1427 Girls
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Menstrual health, nutrition, hygiene, and confidence building.



### **Sakhi Saheli Group Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 78
- Total Participants: 873 participants
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Menstrual hygiene, safe use and disposal of sanitary pads, and peer support.



### **Community Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 9
- Total Participants: 391 participants
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Importance of menstrual hygiene, community awareness, and reducing stigma.

## Motivation and Leadership Training



On 25th April 2025, a Motivation and Leadership Training session was organised with the participation of 42 individuals. The session focused on rights awareness, menstrual health education, and leadership development. Participants were encouraged to act as peer educators and role models within their communities.



On 14th May 2025, Motivation and Leadership Training sessions were conducted. The sessions aimed to empower adolescent girls and women leaders by enhancing their understanding of rights, building leadership skills, and strengthening their confidence to take active roles in community development.

### ***Distribution Details: :***

- Belgachi Tea Estate: 2,235 pads distributed to 447 beneficiaries
- Manjha Tea Estate: 900 pads distributed to 180 beneficiaries
- Marapur Tea Estate: 1,250 pads distributed to 250 beneficiaries
- Jabra Tea Estate: 1,350 pads distributed to 270 beneficiaries
- Simulbari Tea Estate: 1,100 pads distributed to 220 beneficiaries
- Lingview Tea Estate: 1,850 pads distributed to 370 beneficiaries
- Marionbari Tea Garden: 1,550 pads distributed to 310 beneficiaries
- Saptiguri Tea Estate: 1,450 pads distributed to 290 beneficiaries



# **Utthaan**

**Supporting justice  
and access to essential  
services for community  
in need**

# Utthaan



Provides legal assistance that can help people to break economic and other disabilities by ensuring justice to all. It includes rescue and restoration of trafficked victims, dispute resolution, networking with Government agencies and NGOs. It promotes and protects the human rights of vulnerable and marginalized communities—particularly women, children, and tea plantation workers—by enhancing awareness, strengthening community-based protection mechanisms, and improving access to justice and essential services, thereby fostering safe, inclusive, and violence-free communities.

**Project areas:** Thanjhora T.E., Maruti T.E., Fulbari T.E., Sonachadi T.E., Atal T.E., Merryview T.E.

## **Objectives:**

- Prevent trafficking, domestic violence, child labour, and abuse.
- Provide rescue and rehabilitation through NGO, police, and shelter linkages.
- Strengthen rights movements through research, surveys, and trainings.
- Train community members, barefoot lawyers, and staff.
- Conduct awareness campaigns to promote protection and informed action.



### **Women's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 108
- Total Participants: 1778 women
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Women's empowerment, Child rights, awareness on domestic violence, and prevent trafficking .



### **Youth's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 86
- Total Participants: 1095 Youth
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Cyber safety, Drug and substance abuse awareness, leadership skills, career guidance, and life skills.



### **Children's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 150
- Total Participants: 2596 Children
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Education support, child rights, child protection, child labour and fun learning activities.



### **Village Level Child Protection Committee Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 19
- Total Participants: 269 People
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Village-level planning, community participation, and development activities.



### **Disability Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 10
- Total Participants: 110 People
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Disability rights, inclusion, access to services, and support systems.



### **Workshop on Child Protection**

On 14th April 2025, a workshop on Child Protection and Online Safety was conducted at Bagdogra with 50 participants. The session focused on online risks, cyber safety, preventive measures, and reporting mechanisms, encouraging safe digital practices.

### **School Awareness**



- On 22nd and 29th April 2025, awareness sessions were conducted at JR Hindi School for 370 students (Classes VI–X). The sessions covered child rights, child labour, personal safety, and responsible online behaviour, helping students understand their rights and protection mechanisms.
- On 24th April 2025, an awareness session was held at Hatighisha High School for 70 students on child protection, child rights, and personal safety.
- On 26th November 2025, a school awareness programme was conducted at Kharibari Primary School. The session focused on child rights, child labour, education, and promoting positive behaviour among students.
- On 18th February 2026, a school awareness programme was conducted at Merryview Tea Estate Primary School, focusing on child rights, prevention of child labour, and encouraging responsible behaviour and regular school attendance.

## Legal Awareness



- On 14th October 2025, a Legal Awareness Programme was conducted at Fulbari Tea Estate, focusing on child marriage, human trafficking, gender equality, and the importance of proper documentation. The session aimed to strengthen awareness on legal rights and preventive measures.
- On 14th January 2026, a Legal Awareness Programme was organised at Fulbari Tea Estate, further reinforcing knowledge on legal rights, access to justice, and the importance of essential documents.
- On 16th January 2026, a Legal Awareness Session was conducted at Sonachandi Tea Estate. The session focused on legal rights, protection mechanisms, gender equality, and support systems available for vulnerable groups

## Community Awareness



- On 25th April 2025, a community awareness programme was conducted at Thanjhora Tea Estate. The session focused on basic human rights, child marriage, early marriage, gender equality, and the importance of essential documents such as Aadhaar, birth certificates, and other identity documents.
- On 15th May 2025, a community awareness programme was conducted at Merryview Tea Estate, addressing social issues including child protection, gender equality, and community responsibilities.
- On 12th September 2025, a community awareness programme was conducted at Maruti Tea Estate, focusing on human rights, early marriage, and the importance of legal documentation and access to government services.
- On 17th October 2025, a community awareness programme was conducted at Sonachandi Tea Estate, addressing child marriage, gender equality, and community participation in social development.



**Gender Sensitisation Workshop**

On 22nd January 2026, a Gender Sensitisation Session was organised for women's groups, with 51 participants. The session focused on gender equality, women's rights, and strengthening women's roles as informed and confident members of their families and communities.

**Observance of Important Days and Community Events**



On 5th June 2025, World Environment Day was observed at Sonachandi and Maruti Tea Estates with 60 participants, promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.



**World Day Against Child Labour**

On 12th June 2025, World Day Against Child Labour was observed across all project areas, raising awareness on child rights, education, and elimination of child labour.

**Anti-Drug Abuse Day**



On 26th June 2025, Anti-Drug Abuse Day was observed across Naxalbari, Kharibari, and Phansidewa blocks, creating awareness on the harmful effects of substance abuse.



On 29th August 2025, International Youth Day was celebrated at Maruti Tea Estate with 250 participants, encouraging youth leadership and community engagement.



5th December 2025, International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed at Atal Community Hall, promoting inclusion and awareness of disability rights.



On 10th December 2025, Human Rights Day was observed at Sonachandi Tea Estate, strengthening awareness on human rights, dignity, and equality.

**Project:  
Nurturing  
Young  
Minds**

Provides academic support to children from disadvantaged families through after-school tutoring, helping improve learning, school performance, confidence, and study habits while encouraging continued education and reducing the risk of school dropout.

**Target Beneficiaries:** 16, Children aged between 4-10



On 5th September 2025, a Teachers' Day celebration was held with the tuition centre children at the DMWSC centre. The programme included small performances, speeches, and activities organized by the children to express their gratitude and respect towards their teachers. The celebration created a joyful atmosphere and helped strengthen the bond between the students and teachers.

## Tuition Learning Centre



An educational support programme that offers remedial classes, homework assistance, and a safe learning space for children from disadvantaged communities to strengthen academic performance and reduce school dropout.

**Project areas:** Taipoo, Kiranchandra, Hansqua, Moonee, Trihana, O.R.D terai T.E, Damdama tea estate under Naxalbari & Phansidewa block.

### Objectives:

- Improve exam performance and learning outcomes.
- Strengthen literacy and numeracy skills.
- Increase school enrolment, especially among marginalized children.
- Improve attendance through academic support and motivation.
- Enhance educational access, development, and long-term empowerment.

- Total Number of Students Enrolled: 337
- School Re-admission: 10 students from the centre were successfully re-admitted to formal schooling.
- Total Number of Classes Conducted: 2,440 class days were conducted during the reporting period.



### World Day Against Child Labour

On 12th June 2025, World Day Against Child Labour was observed across tuition learning centres, raising awareness on child rights, education, and elimination of child labour.



**Ethical Enterprise  
Initiative for  
Youth & Women**


**Empowering Young  
Women Through  
Skills, Savings  
& Sustainable  
Business**



## Ethical Enterprise Initiative for Youth & Women



A livelihood development programme that provides vocational training, entrepreneurship guidance, and skill-building opportunities (such as tailoring and jute products) to help youth and women develop sustainable income sources.

 **Project areas:** Sukna T.E., Dagapur T.E, Gulma T.E., Panighatta T.E.

### **Objectives:**

- Promote community-based income opportunities.
- Provide handicraft and skill training for young women.
- Strengthen marketing linkages to build youth confidence and self-reliance.
- Network youth to reduce unsafe migration risks.
- Support girls' education and entrepreneurship to prevent early marriage and migration.



### **Training session**

On 24th September 2025, a training session was conducted at DMWSC for youth and women. The session focused on capacity building, awareness generation, and skill development to strengthen their active involvement in community initiatives and livelihood opportunities.



On 7th February 2026, a Capacity Building Training was conducted for EEIY students at Dagapur Tea Estate. The session aimed to enhance their skills, confidence, and participation in project activities.

On 17th August 2025, International Youth Day was celebrated at Sukna Tea Estate Jute Centre, with around 60 participants. The programme focused on youth empowerment, leadership development, and encouraging active participation in community initiatives.

On 30th August 2025, a combined celebration of Women's Day and Youth Day was organised at Panighatta. The programme brought together women and youth, promoting gender equality, leadership, and collective participation in community development processes.




# **Safe Migration**

**Empowering communities to prevent trafficking and promote safe, informed migration**

# Safe Migration



A prevention and protection initiative aimed at counteracting human trafficking and related social issues by promoting safe migration awareness, proper documentation, informed decision-making, and community vigilance, while linking vulnerable individuals with support systems.

 **Project areas:** Hansqua T.E., Taipoo T.E., Moonee T.E., Kamalpur T.E., Kiranchandra T.E., Ord T.E., Tirhana T.E., Damdama T.E.

## **Objectives:**

- Prevent trafficking, exploitation, violence, and unsafe migration.
- Link vulnerable groups to government schemes and entitlements.
- Promote livelihoods through skills, entrepreneurship, and SHGs.
- Reduce dropout, support enrolment, and empower adolescent girls.



### **Women's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 63
- Total Participants: 957 women
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
SHG group formation, Safe migration practices, risks of trafficking, women's rights, and safety measures.



### **Youth's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 65
- Total Participants: 882 Youth
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Safe migration, cybercrime, skill development awareness, prevention of trafficking, and skill development.



### **Children's Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 65
- Total Participants: 1016 Children
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Child rights and protection, child labour, cybercrime, education, and awareness on trafficking and safety.



### **Village Level Child Protection Committee Meetings:**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 28
- Total Participants: 420 Children
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Village-level planning, migration tracking, stopping child marriage.



### **Child Vigilance Committee Meetings: :**

- Total Meetings Conducted: 20
- Total Participants: 334 People
- **Key Topics Discussed:**  
Child safety, prevention of child trafficking, and protection measures.

## Legal Awareness



<i>Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>No. of Participnats</i>
10.04.2025	Damdama Tea Estate	Social issues, safe migration, and community responsibilities.	35
12.05.2025	Kamalpur Tea Estate	legal rights, access to justice, and awareness of support systems.	42
12.06.2025	Kamalpur Tea Estate	legal rights, child protection, and access to justice.	54
08.06.2025	Taipoo Tea Estate	legal rights, safe migration, and preventive measures.	60
10.09.2025	Hansqua Tea Estate	Child marriage, child labour, and relevant legal provisions.	53
15.09.2025	Taipoo Tea Estate	Child labour, human trafficking, and the importance of documentation.	65
20.09.2025	Marionbarie Tea Estate	Networking between State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, and District Legal Services Authority.	500
12.02.2026	Taipoo Tea Estate	Child labour, child trafficking, and child marriage, along with their legal implications.	35
16.02.2026	Damdama Tea Estate	child marriage and awareness of government welfare schemes for women and children.	48



### Skill Development Training

On 13th September 2025, a Skill Development Training Programme was organised at DMWSC, with 45 youths participating from 8 tea gardens. The training focused on improving employability skills, leadership, and self-confidence among youth.

## School Awareness



- On 25th April 2025, a School Awareness Programme was conducted at Bagdogra Balika Vidyalaya, focusing on child protection, child rights, and safe practices among students.
- On 17th July 2025, a School Awareness Session was conducted at Matigara Hara Sundar High School, with more than 250 students and teachers participating. The session addressed issues such as child marriage, human trafficking, and cyber-crime.
- On 23rd July 2025, a School Awareness Session was conducted at Naxalbari Nepali High School, with over 200 students participating. The session focused on child marriage, trafficking, and cyber-safety.



### Gender Sensitisation Training

On 6th May 2025, a Gender Sensitisation Training Workshop was conducted with 37 youth participants. The session focused on gender equality, gender sensitivity, and promoting respectful attitudes among young community members.

### Child Protection Workshop

On 18th July 2025, a Child Protection Workshop was organised at Hetmuri Singhijhora Gram Panchayat by DCPU, Darjeeling, with 80 participants including key stakeholders. The discussion focused on early pregnancy, child marriage, and school drop-out issues.

## Observance Days



### World Day Against Trafficking

On 30th July 2025, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed at Bagdogra Bihar More (Traffic Park), with more than 250 youths from 14 tea garden areas and representatives from different organisations. The programme focused on awareness of trafficking risks and preventive strategies.



### International Youth Day

On 24th August 2025, International Youth Day was celebrated at Damdama Tea Estate, based on the theme of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Around 85 youths participated, representing 8 tea plantation areas. The programme promoted youth leadership and awareness of global development goals.



### International Girl Child Day

On 24th October 2025, International Girl Child Day was observed at Kiranchandra Tea Estate, with 60 adolescent girls participating in a leadership session. The session focused on confidence building, leadership development, and safe migration awareness.

# LEGAL CLINIC

APRIL 25 - MARCH 26

## Summary of Cases Handled

Total client seeking legal assistance	181
Total registered cases	75

Type of Cases	Total Registered Cases	Solved Cases	Cases in Court
Domestic Violence	46	26 Solved	4 Cases are in Court proceeding
Human Trafficking	07	07 Solved	
POCSO	06		6 Cases are in Court proceeding
Missing Cases	06	05 Recovered	
Child Marriage	06	06 Stopped	
Land dispute issues	03	02 Solved	
Rape Cases	02		2 Cases are in Court proceeding

## Media Coverage



7<sup>th</sup> March 2026: OBR 2026 observed by DMWSC was featured in Uttar Banga Sambad.



7<sup>th</sup> March 2026: OBR 2026 was successfully observed by DMWSC, and the news article regarding the event was published in Dainik Jagran newspaper.

## Special Moments



### Christmas Celebration



On 22nd December 2025, DMWSC celebrated Christmas at office in a joyful and cheerful spirit. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, warmth, and togetherness to reflect and share the true meaning of Christmas -peace, love, gratitude, and hope. Staffs shared gifts among Christmas friends, spreading smiles and happiness, and making the celebration even more special. Moments like these strengthen our bond, build unity, and remind us that we are one DMWSC family.



### Republic Day

On 26th January 2026, Republic Day was celebrated at both the office and field levels. Staff members, community people, children, and youth actively participated in the celebration, promoting a sense of unity, patriotism, and community spirit.



### **Feast Day of Mary Ward**

On 30th January 2026, DMWSC, along with the community, celebrated the Feast Day of Mary Ward with the presence of staff and sisters. The celebration was marked by a prayer service and meaningful sharing on the life and history of Mary Ward, reflecting on her vision, courage, and dedication to service. The gathering provided a moment of inspiration and togetherness, encouraging everyone at DMWSC and in the community to follow her values of faith, justice, and commitment in our daily work and mission. In addition to the office celebration, the Feast Day was also observed in the project field areas with active



In March 2026, DMWSC celebrated Holi at various field areas with beneficiaries and also at the office with staff members. The celebration brought joy and enthusiasm to everyone involved. Active participation from community members helped strengthen relationships, while the presence of children from the DMWSC Tuition Centre made the celebration more lively. The event promoted unity, cultural harmony, and stronger bonds among staff and the community.



On 6th March 2026, the One Billion Rising campaign was observed along with the celebration of International Women's Day at Khoribari High School Playground. The event brought together community members, government officials, and representatives from various organizations to raise awareness about women's rights, dignity, and empowerment. The program was graced by several distinguished guests, including Gangotri Chakraborty, Former Head of the Department of Law, University of North Bengal; Roma Reshmi Ekka, Saha Sabhapati of Phansidewa Panchayat Samity; and Pallab Kumar Das, Inspector of Sashastra Seema Bal (AHTU), Ranidanga. Other notable attendees included Sanjeeb Sinha, Pradhan of Upper Bagdogra Gram Panchayat; panchayat members from Kiranchandra Tea Estate, Taipoo Tea Estate, and O.R.D. Tea Estate; teachers from Submaya School, Bagdogra; officers from Khoribari Police Station and Khoribari Fire Service; representatives from various NGOs; and members of Loreto Convent, Darjeeling. Nearly 1,000 beneficiaries from 30 tea plantation areas participated in the event, making it a large and impactful community gathering. The program featured dance performances, skits, slogans, and choreographed presentations organized by DMWSC, highlighting themes of women's empowerment, unity, and the fight against gender-based violence. The event also included inspiring speeches by the guests, encouraging collective action to promote equality, safety, and respect for women in society. The observance served as a powerful platform for community engagement and awareness, reinforcing the importance of standing together to uphold women's rights, dignity, and justice.



# Networking



On 8th and 9th December 2025, Field Animators and Supervisors from the Safe Migration and Utthan Projects attended a two-day workshop at Seva Kendra, Siliguri. The workshop focused on the Indo-Nepal conference, addressing emerging challenges in child and women repatriation and strengthening coordination among stakeholders.



5th to 19th September 2025, DMWSC project coordinator Mr. John Paul Ekka attended workshop on Gender, Sustainable Development and Women's Empowerment at Jagori Rural Charitable Trust, Himachal.



On 31st January 2026, Staff from Safe Migration Project participated in "Walk for Freedom" rally organized by Trinity India Trust for abolishing human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Where students from schools and other NGOs, SSB(AHTU), Police dept had attended and gave their valuable messages.

# Networking



On 14th of February 26, Staff from Safe Migration project attended NBATCRN General meeting at Sood's Himalayan vista, Kalimpong. Where we had an insightful interaction with the WBCPCR team from the state. It was a fruitful sharing by the networking partners to them.



The visit of the SBI Branch Manager on 19th March 2026 supported initiatives on financial inclusion and facilitated guidance for beneficiaries.

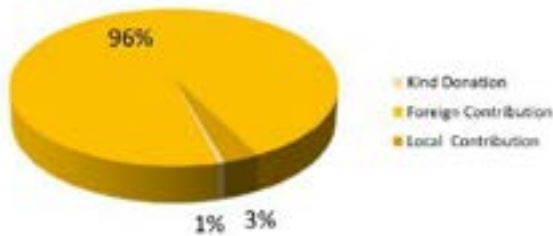


From 5th to 8th August 2025, 18 DMWSC staff members attended the Barefoot Teachers' Training at KMWSC. The training aimed to strengthen teaching methodologies and enhance facilitation and capacity-building skills. During the program participants practiced new teaching methodologies to make learning more accessible and joyful for community children. They also created various action rhymes and Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs) that will be useful in their respective learning centres.

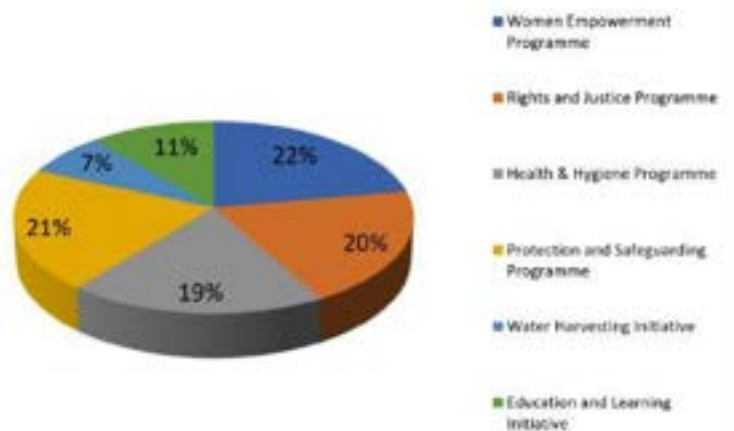


# Finances

### Sources of Funds



### Application of Funds



## Banking information

Description	Payment Account
<b>FCRA - Darjeeling Mary Social Centre</b> A/c No: 40068546861 Address: N.D. Main Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi, NCT of Delhi - 110001	FCRA A/C SBI Delhi New Delhi Main Branch
<b>FCRA - Darjeeling Mary Social Centre</b> A/c No: 38613318472 Address: The State Bank of India (SBI), Pradhan Nagar branch Meghnath Saha Sarani, Pradhan Nagar, Darjeeling, West Bengal 734403	FCRA A/C The State Bank of India
<b>Local Account - Darjeeling Mary Social Centre</b> A/c No: 43765458881 Address: The State Bank of India (SBI), Pradhan Nagar branch Meghnath Saha Sarani, Pradhan Nagar, Darjeeling, West Bengal 734403	Local Donation Account The State Bank of India
<b>Local Account - Darjeeling Mary Social Centre</b> A/c No: 30835331815 Address: The State Bank of India (SBI), Pradhan Nagar branch Meghnath Saha Sarani, Pradhan Nagar, Darjeeling, West Bengal 734403	DMWSC Local Society Account The State Bank of India

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