# **ESPT**

# **Eco-System Protection Trust**

**About**

**Who are we?**

The Eco System Protection Trust is a charitable organization that is committed to protecting the environment and promoting integrated rural development. The organization places a special emphasis on child education and child rights in the rural areas of the Dhubri district, specifically in the Chapar-Salkocha Development Block.

Unfortunately, many people in our society are unaware of the essential educational provisions and rights that children need. To address this issue, the Eco System Protection Trust offers a variety of activities, sessions, and programs to help make a change. The main objectives of the organization are to protect the environment, promote socio-economic development, and improve the education and health conditions of marginalized and poor rural people. Given that the Dhubri district is prone to flooding, disaster response is an important area of intervention for the Eco System Protection Trust.

**History**

Eco-System Protection Trust (ESPT) was founded by Mr. Khoshbub Alam Ahmed in the year 2002. Over time, he was joined by a team of dedicated social workers, including Mrs. Argina Sarkar, Mr. Amitabh Das, Mr. Ajay Basumatary, and Mr. Raju Narzary. Together, they explored various ways to intervene in different causes affecting communities. Eventually, ESPT was registered as a Public Charitable Trust under the Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920 on March 18, 2017. Since then, the organization has focused its efforts primarily on working with children in schools and communities, as well as with youth, Adivasi, and Minority Communities. Their work centers around promoting sustainable development practices.

**Mission, Vision & Values:**

**Vision**

A self- reliant society existing in a sustainable eco-system valuing respect and dignity of all.

**Mission**

To promote environmental and social well-being by building human potential and spreading empathy among most vulnerable communities.

**Our Core Values:**

Throughout the years, the bedrock of our organization's quality of work has been our core values. We firmly believe that our values foster humility and keep us firmly grounded, allowing us to better serve society. Our core values are-

* Transparency
* Respect and Dignity
* Accountability
* Diversity
* Compassion
* Empowerment
* Inclusion and Team spirit.

**Our team:**

* **Co- founders:**

Mr. Khoshbub Alam Ahmed & Mrs. Argina Sarkar

* **Board of Trustees:**

Mr. Khoshbub Alam Ahmed

Mr. Amitabh Das

Mr. Ajay Kumar Basumatary

Mr. Raju Narzary

* **Sikshar Puhar- The Light of Learning team:**

Arida Begum

Chaina Khatun

Esuya Tirkey

Hafizul Islam

Husneara Begum

Shehnaz Ahmed

* **Promotion of Child Rights team:**

Abhijit Kalita

Alminara Begum

Joydip Kalita

Jitul Ahmed

Saleha Khatun

**Our Donors**

Our gratitude goes out to all the generous donors who have supported us throughout the years. The following institutions have been some of the key contributors to our initiatives over time:

**Education:** IDeA- the ant - Caring Friends

**Promoting Child Rights:** IDeA- the ant - Caring Friends

**Disaster Relief and Response:** Goonj, IDeA- the ant

**Message from the Managing Trustee**

I began my involvement with the community in 1996, when I worked as a resource person for four years in DPEP at Chapar Block in Dhubri. During this period, while visiting schools and interacting with the community, I observed that the traditional teaching methods and stakeholders' apathy toward improving the school environment and education system had led to increased school dropouts, child marriages, child labour, and other related issues. This made me realize that to achieve integrated rural development, working with children is crucial, and we are currently focusing on their well-being for the greater development of the society.

In the near future, we hope to work on a larger scale in the field of Child Rights and take initiatives in the area of Mental Health. Poor mental health not only impacts a person's ability to lead a fulfilling life but also has severe physical and social repercussions. Additionally, as Dhubri is a food-prone region, with a large number of people dependent on agriculture for their livelihood, we aim to work in the livelihood sector as well.

I am grateful to all the supporters and well-wishers who have contributed to our work over the years and urge more individuals to join us on this journey.

**What we do?**

**Primary Education:**

Shikshar Puhar- The light of learning team works towards improving the quality of education in the government primary schools, and minimise the learning gap among the children. Some of the key activities undertaken are-

**Support to government school teachers:** The team conducts demo-classes to teachers to enhance students' learning outcomes and create joyful learning environments.

**Supplementary classes:** Facilitate supplementary learning classes, using joyful learning methods in the intervention schools. Also, to identify the children with learning difficulties and monitor the learning improvement, we conduct ASER test quarterly among the students.

**Develop Teaching Learning Materials (TLM):** To make the teaching learning process more interesting, attractive and motivate school teachers,low-cost teaching-learning aids are made for teachers to facilitate the school curriculum.

**Creative-corner:** creative display boards in the intervention schools where art, drawings, short stories, poetry etc. made by the students is displayed.

**Mobile Library & Libraries in school programme**: Under the mobile library program, the Education Volunteers carry sets of books to different parts in the intervention villages and conduct Read-aloud, and story-telling sessions with children as well the adults in the community.

Under the Libraries in school program, small library corners have been set up in each of the intervention schools. Library sessions in schools are conducted by Education Volunteers twice a week; and on other days children are encouraged to read by themselves or to be assisted by the school teachers.

**Community engagement:** One of our goals is to provide a caring and nurturing environment for children beyond the school grounds. To achieve this, we ensure active participation and ownership from parents, the community, and the SMC. We focus on strengthening and activating SMCs with parental involvement

**Nutrition Garden:** In order to promote a healthy environment for the children, we have set up nutrition gardens in our intervention schools with the help of School Management Committees, teachers, students, the community, and Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

**Shiksha mela:** Every year, the Shiksha Mela is held to highlight the significance of joyful learning and the vital roles that both parents and teachers play in a child's education. Additionally, children showcase their talents by performing various art forms during the event

**Promoting Child rights:** The team for promoting children's rights collaborates with young individuals, stakeholders, and communities to raise awareness, safeguard, and secure the rights of children. Their goal is to create child-friendly environments in rural areas. Some of the intervention strategies under this program have been forming Children and Youth groups, Community and government stakeholder engagement, Exposure & learning visits for children, Children’s Newsletters, Participation in local governance system, Development of children and youth through sports, Child Protection Committees

**Environment Protection:** To stay connected with nature and respecting the environment, we have established a tradition of planting a sapling prior to the commencement of any program. Additionally, each year on World Environment Day, we plant saplings in public areas and strive to increase awareness about the importance of preserving and safeguarding the environment.

**Disaster Relief & Response:**

**Flood relief:** Dhubri is a flood prone district. To minimize the effect of seasonal flood, we undertake different flood response activities. Apart from distribution of essential items like food, medicines, we have installed 5 hand pumps with high raised platforms in intervention villages. Multiple organisations like IDeA- the ant, Action Aid- India, and Goonj have been supporting us in the disaster relief and response.

**CoVid-19 relief:** During the CoVid-19 pandemic with the support of IDeA- the ant, we reached out to more than **700 families** from **8 riverine and tea garden villages** with essential relief items. With the support of local youths, ASHAs and AWWs we distributed total **285 activity kits** among the children in our intervention villages. Education Volunteers conducted sessions with the children on how to use the activity kit and regularly conducted follow up session of the activities. To educate the community about positive parenting, we distributed parenting booklet and other awareness materials about the pandemic. Additionally, to keep us informed about the situation we formed CORONA committees in our intervention villages, and regularly organized follow up meetings with them.

**Cloth For Work:** Under Goonj’s CFW initiative, we motivate individuals from our intervention villages to work in village developmental activities, such as road repairing and construction, culvert repairing, construction of river embankments etc. in their villages. The villagers eagerly accept the work, and in recognition of their efforts, Goonj provides them with clothing and other useful materials.

**COMPLIANCE:**

**Legal Compliances & Financial Reports:**

* Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920.
* 12AA of Income Tax Act, 1961
* 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961
* Registration with NITI Aayog.
* CSR-1 Registration.

**Contribute**

* Volunteering & Internship
* Support/Donation:

**Account details are as follows-**

**Account Name:** Eco System Protection Trust

**Bank Account No:** 07280110190043

**Bank Name:** UCO Bank

**Branch:** Chapar

**IFSC code No:** UCBA0000728

(All donations are exempted from tax under the 80G of IT Act, 1961)

**Contact:**

Our office is located at Kazipara, Chapar which is approximately 71 k.m. from Dhubri. Our closest railway station is New Bongaigaon Railway Station, and the closest airport is Guwahati Airport, Assam.

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