

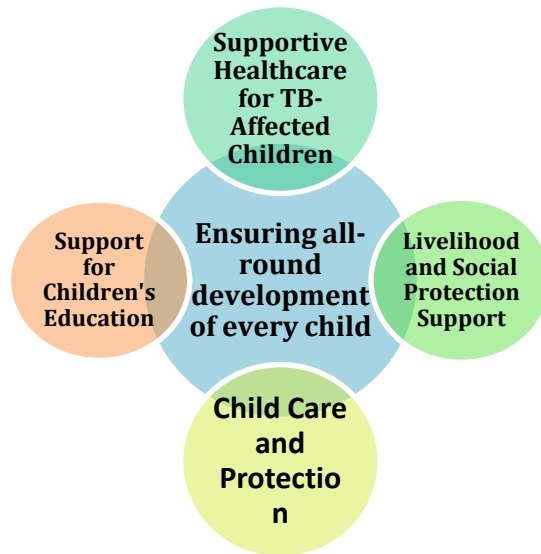
Towards Creating Enabling Environment for the TB Infected Children

Jayaprakash Institute of Social Change in partnership with German Doctors e.V initiated a novel project of supporting the vulnerable children infected/affected by TB in four states namely, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Karnataka to create an enabling environment for children. The objective of the Project is to prevent child destitution, abuse, exploitation and to offer holistic child protection including counselling and guidance, provide assistance to ensure that the child continues his/her education and to offer child care within the family/ extended family environment. The objective is also to preserve families and encourage parents to fulfill their responsibilities towards the growth and development of their children.



What are the services provided?

The Educational Sponsorship Project envisages creating self-esteem and resilience among the children from the vulnerable background through education and psycho-social support. In addition, some children whose families can't support them adequately for their development are also placed in the hostels/institutional care facilities. Additionally, all of the children involved in this program/project receive assistance from private tuition or remedial coaching sessions. Each child involved in the project receives a monthly cash



support. The project staff provides the children with appropriate guidance in child safeguarding measures, as well as individual counseling for the enhancement of social skills, the development of self-confidence, and the progression of better coping behavioral patterns on a regular basis. Moreover, in order to strengthen families, support services and livelihoods, programs are linked with the vulnerable families of the project's beneficiaries. Linkage with various Govt. program of each child and his/her families is one of the main focus area of the project for the sustainable development of the family. At present the project supports 30 children in Kolkata, 15 children in Jharkhand, 2 children in Bihar and 1 child in Karnataka. Apart from the sponsorship activities, German Doctors is also supporting children in Child Care Institutions in India for quality care in health, education, nutrition and psycho-social support.

Who are these Children?

These children mostly suffered from Tuberculosis and now cured after prolonged treatment. A major cause of



Tuberculosis can be traced in the poor economic conditions and ignorance among the large segments of population. Poorly built environments, including hazards in the workplace, poor ventilation, and overcrowded homes have also been found to increase exposure to TB. Another major reason for the high incidence of TB in India is the

inability of the majority of those infected to afford the treatment drugs prescribed. Children in India are deprived in many ways – mainly in the areas of health and nutrition. Health here refers to both the physical and mental health. The families are unable to support the children to achieve the very basic needs due to the lack of proper income, education, orientation and awareness. The target group was chosen based on these criterions.

Achievement

Prevention of Child Marriage

- Through regular counselling support, child marriage of two girls was successfully prevented, ensuring their continued safety, education, and well-being.

Emotional Support for Differently-Abled Children

- who were struggling with despair due to their health conditions, received regular counselling support. This helped them regain confidence and move forward positively in their lives.

Educational Milestones Achieved

- 2 children complete Graduation 8 children complete Higher Secondary and 13 children y have completed their secondary education — marking significant academic achievements for each of them.

Youth Employment in Various Sector

- 3 children have successfully gained employment in the various sector, reflecting the impact of skill development and vocational support provided through the program.

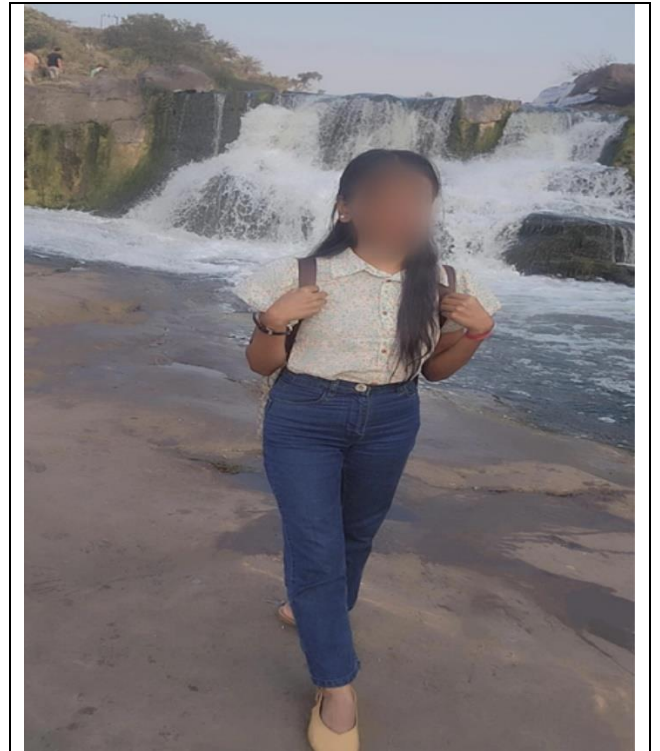
Babita Rajbanshi: A Dream Beyond Adversity

In the heart of Howrah Maidan lives Babita Rajbanshi — a first-year Accountancy (Hons) student at Calcutta University with a dream to become a **Chartered Accountant**.

After losing her father, Babita's family struggled with debt. Her mother began working as a domestic help, but it wasn't enough to support Babita's education. Still, Babita rose above adversity, excelling in her higher secondary exams.

✉ **With support from German Doctors and Project 36**, her college admission became possible. 🔄 Today, she inspires others to **pursue education and rise beyond poverty** with courage and determination.

"Her journey is not just her own—it's a light of hope for many others."

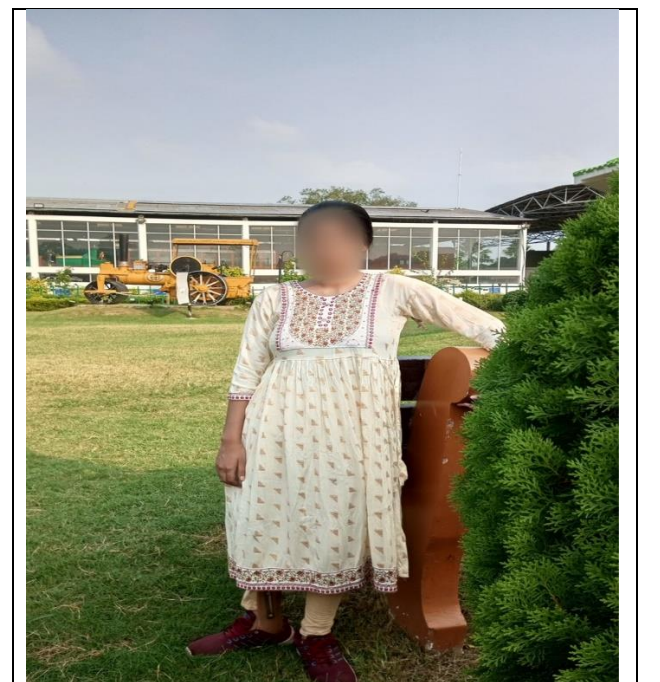


★ Rakhi Sharma: Rising Through Resilience

From Fakir Bagan, Howrah, Rakhi faced a life-altering diagnosis—**Spinal TB and D7 Kyphosis**. Bound to a wheelchair, her journey seemed uncertain. But with surgery, physiotherapy, and unstoppable willpower, she fought back—**walking again, climbing stairs, and chasing her dreams**.

Despite pain and poverty, Rakhi passed her **Secondary and Higher Secondary exams** and now studies **Psychology (Hons.) at Munger University**.

Her journey is a true story of strength, hope, and perseverance.



✦ Priska Minj: From Rural Roots to Rising Star

Hailing from a small village in Jharkhand, **Priska Minj (26)** turned challenges into stepping stones. Despite financial struggles, she earned a **History (Hons)** degree, completed **computer training**, and is now sharpening her English skills.

🎯 **Landed her first job** with a salary of ₹7,500 — and more growth ahead!

With support from **JPISC and German Doctors**, Priska is not just employed—she's **empowered**, healthy, and hungry for more.

A true example of grit, growth, and going beyond limits.



✦ Rupa Pandey: Beating the Odds

At 20, Rupa from Howrah turned life's challenges into stepping stones. Raised by a single mother and paused schooling due to hardship—but never lost hope.

- ✓ Rejoined school via **NIOS**, cleared Class 10 & 12
- 📁 Completed **computer training**
- 📁 Overcame documentation issues with help from **JPISC & German Doctors**
- 🏃 Now ready to chase her dreams with resilience and skills

Rupa's story is proof that determination + support = transformation.

