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## PROJECT PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Name of organisation:	Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust
Title of Proposed Project	Genesis Eduventure Public School
Amount Needed	Rs. 3,54,19,974.00
Amount already committed:	Rs. 1,11,38,646.00
Amount Still to be Raised	Rs. 2,42,81,328.00
Location of Implementation	Garankathi Village, Kultali, Sundarban, South 24 Parganas
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## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT FROM THE TRUSTEE BOARD

### To The Sponsors and Partners

We the undersigned have collectively participated in the preparation of this proposal.

We affirm our commitment to bring the project to its fruition.

We undertake to supervise and monitor the progress of the project till it is fully completed and commence its operation.

Approved and authorised by the following boards of trustees' members:

For Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust

Trustees & Board Member	Designation	Signature
Dr. Purnendu Roy	Founder & Trustee Member	
Mrs. Nilakhi Roy	Founder & Trustee Member	
Ms. Olivia Dunlop	Trustee Member	
Mr. Simon Dunlop	Trustee Member	

## BACKGROUND

According to The World Bank Report (Report No. 88061-IN - Building Resilience for Sustainable Development of the Sundarbans) “the Sundarbans region is one of the richest ecosystems in the world. The region contains arguably the world’s largest remaining area of mangroves, and is known for its exceptional biodiversity, including numerous threatened species such as the emblematic Royal Bengal Tiger and several species of river dolphin. About 40 percent of the nearly 10,000 square kilometres of the Sundarbans forest lies within West Bengal; the rest is in Bangladesh. The forests of the Sundarbans form a powerful natural barrier that protects Kolkata Metropolitan Region’s roughly 14 million inhabitants and other human settlements from cyclones, rising sea tides, and other adverse natural events that otherwise would have taken a massive toll on human life and property.

While the Sundarbans region is celebrated for its ecological attributes, it is a difficult place to live in. The inhabited portions of India’s Sundarbans are characterized by severe poverty, which both contributes to and arises from the vulnerability of the population to a growing range of natural hazards. Resilience is characterized by a capacity to adapt to changing conditions and persistent stresses by responding effectively. However, the resilience of those residing in the Sundarbans has been undermined by a long series of persistent pressures. Sea level rise, salinization of soil and water, cyclonic storms and flooding have combined over the past century to render this region as one of the most hazardous areas in the Indian subcontinent.

The same report depicts that the living standards of residents of the Sundarbans are dismal. The findings of a household survey conducted as part of this Non- Lending Technical Assistance (NLTA) indicate that, of a typical group of a thousand residents, 190 get only one meal a day, for 60 of whom it would be a substandard meal. Of those thousand, 510 (mostly children) suffer from some form of malnutrition. If the sample came from the “richest” administrative block of the region, 310 of those thousand would still be below the poverty line; a sample in the poorest parts of the region would see 650 of those thousand live below the poverty line.

## EDUCATION: AT A DISMAL STATE

According to a report compiled by Centre for Science and Environment (Living with changing climate impact, vulnerability and adaptation challenges in Indian Sundarbans, 2012) “drop-out rates in different blocks reveals a miserable scenario. Drop-out rate at the upper primary level is very high in every block in Sundarbans and in many cases it is more than double the rate of drop-outs at the primary stage. Canning-II, an educationally backward block, has a drop-out rate of above 50 percent in the upper primary level. The State Human Development Report describes the situation as “alarmingly high”. There are other reasons behind a high incidence of drop-outs as well. There is always pressure to leave school and join the work force as early as possible. For example, more than 90 per cent of students dropping out in Kakdwip block labour in their own homes or find work outside for a paltry income. Inaccessibility to higher education is often cited as the cause behind non-enrolment and drop-out from the higher education system. In 2009 the average area served by an upper primary institution in Sundarbans is 11.75 sq. km while that for degree or technical institutes is a whopping 250 sq. km. “...It is most unfortunate that higher level education infrastructure is almost non-existent in many remote blocks of South 24 Parganas,” notes the district’s Human Development Report. Even after a consistent effort by the West Bengal State Government as well as other institutions like NGOs, the situation is almost same in 2023.

## TIGER VICTIMS



Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/>

10,000 kg of prey is required to sustain the life of 90 kgs of predator (Carbon and Gittleman, 2002). The above observation marks the importance of the size of the area that is required by the Royal Bengal Tigers to sustain their lives without disturbing the lives of human being. This is not happening as the wandering areas of this beautiful but deadly predator is being taken by us gradually resulting in frequent conflict in between inhabitants of Sundarban and the Tigers.

India is going to surpass China within few years in terms of population, and the effect of such growth has been felt almost every region of this huge diversified democracy. Sundarban is also no exception. The growing population in the area has given birth of new villages, has eradicated considerable portion of the mangrove forest and consequently has reduced the area that were reserved for Royal Bengal Tigers considerably.

This has resulted in a conflict in between one of the largest predators on the earth and the inhabitants of Sundarban. While both the species are fighting to survive the resources has become scarce and this has lead the tigers to come to the villages very often in search of foods. On the other hand, the residents of Sundarban, owing to the poorest financial conditions, are compelled to enter into the region reserved specifically for Tigers and that has resulted loss of lots of lives because of tiger attack. A report in Times of India (By Dipawali Mitra / TNN / Updated: Sep 11, 2022), states that “As a result of the man-animal conflict the Sundarbans now has around 4,000 tiger widows – women whose husbands were killed by tigers while fishing, catching crabs or collecting honey.”

The Tiger victim families are the most economically backward classes in Sundarbans and the children of these families are, in fact leads a miserable life with no one to earn for their livelihood.

## WHAT IS NEEDED TO DEVELOP THE CONDITION

The World Bank Report (Report No. 88061-IN - Building Resilience for Sustainable Development of the Sundarbans) observes that “providing educational and health services in the stable zone is needed to enhance human development capacity and to allow residents to pursue new livelihood opportunities created in the stable zone and in urban areas. Financial assistance for health and education (which are described below) could be offered to residents of the Sundarbans to promote improved health and schooling so that, in the long run, residents are equipped with the human capital necessary to pursue better paying jobs in Kolkata and other urban areas.

However, there are numerous challenges to educating students in the transition zone. Poverty-stricken households have difficulties obtaining funds needed for school fees, books, uniforms, and transport. The lack of a reliable water-based transport system causes students to miss school regularly. In addition, boys often drop out of school to earn money, and girls are married off; the latter occurs partly because of social norms and partly to relieve financial burdens. In terms of infrastructure, there are inadequate water supply and toilet facilities in primary and secondary schools. There has been a lack of emphasis on secondary education in the region.

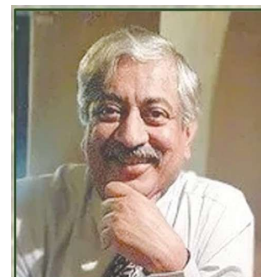
Indeed, research conducted under this NLTA found a marked dropout rate by which the 90 percent enrolment at the primary level markedly declined with transition to higher levels of education. College and vocational education in the region is almost entirely non-existent. The non-availability of any formal training institutions for skill development prevents residents from securing employment in more technical fields. In addition, lack of English education in schools is a major barrier to employment.”

# “PAY IT FORWARD”

## Our Motto : Save the Tiger Victim Families of Sundarbans Help us to Help them | Donate to Save

Since I lost my father at an young age, I know the pangs of distress that I went through when I was pursuing my MBBS Degree without any support from anyone, cried in hunger, had only boiled potatoes for lunch and dinner as I couldn't afford any other food, I understood what it is to be alone & fatherless in this world but when I became a successful General & Laparoscopic Surgeon, earned money I pledged to help the underprivileged and the downtrodden of our society, be it a helpless woman or a man or a child who is in need of Healthcare Services or Education or Food or any other means of livelihood to survive in this world.

I have helped everyone who have come to me and have told each one of them to "PAY IT FORWARD" what I have done for them, they should help other people in the similar way by paying it forward and helping other needy people. I have tried my best to help people in need.



**DR. PURNENDU ROY**  
Founder & Trustee Member  
Genesis Educational &  
Charitable Trust

### - Dr. Purnendu Roy | A note from the Founder & Trustee Member of GECT

Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) was established on the 21st of April, 2009 to serve the downtrodden of our society. The charitable trust has been relentlessly working for the last 14 years and counting with the poor and backward classes along with the underprivileged women and children.

We are presently taking care of 800 widowed and underprivileged women and 1000 children in Sundarbans providing them with the basic necessities of life and making them self-sustained as directed by the UNESCO and Sustainable Development Goals.



We have completed most of our projects like Free of cost Treatments, Procedures, Surgeries, Health Camps, free of cost Vaccination. Under the category of Education for All, are School Bags, School Books, Exercise Book, Shoes and Socks, School Uniforms, Stationery Kits, Library with Books, School Infrastructure Development, Computer laboratory with Desktop Computers, Computer Teachers, Projectors, Screens, Android Phones and Internet, Healthy Food as mid-day meals, Health Drinks, Rations, Clothing, Sanitation, Hygiene, Clean Drinking Water, Recreational Activities for the children, providing proper food, medication, and treatments to save 50 Horses of Old Calcutta.

We have built 13 washrooms for the Girls at the Girls Orphanage and also for the School Students in Amlamethi School. We have placed tube-wells in three places which is Mathurakhunda, Bharatgarh, and Bijoyagar to provide clean drinking water to the villages as the drinking water was high in salinity.

Since 2019, every month we have distributed "Ritu" Sanitary Napkins free of cost to around 9600+ women that we have served so far. We also provide rations every month to the tiger victim families at Sundarbans. GECT promotes higher education through our college i.e. Genesis Institute of Management and Technology (GIMT) which has a course named Masters in Hospital Administration, a 2 years and 4 Semesters course affiliated to The West Bengal University of Health Sciences (WBUHS). Students of all categories can come and study in this college i.e. Genesis Institute of Management and Technology (GIMT).

We have opened the 1st Health Cafe in Kolkata, West Bengal to celebrate the strength of the Tiger victim widows and their children and the proceeds of the cafe goes towards their development in Sundarbans.

We organize recreational activities and annual sports day with cultural event for the underprivileged kids to showcase their talents. To create awareness about Sundarbans (the largest mangrove forest in the world) under the UNESCO World Heritage Site, we have made a documentary movie on the lives and livelihood of the tiger victim families living in Sundarbans. The documentary movie has been selected by the Cannes World Film Festival along with other International Film Festivals. We are looking forward to the grand launch and opening of our next project : Genesis Eduventure Public School, which will have Montessori to Class 8, where the Construction is in Progress at Kultali, Sundarbans for the 1000 underprivileged children.



## STORIES OF THE DIVINE CURSE :

The tiger victim widows and the fatherless children are suffering in Sundarbans. We are presenting two of the cases out of the 800 tiger victim families that we are supporting in Sundarbans for the last 8 years and counting.

### Case No 1 : Tiger Attack

She had sensed something would go wrong that day, she tried to restrict Srinath from going out but unfortunately, he did not listen to her...

**RITA  
MONDAL**

a tiger victim widow and a mother of two, struggling for life....



### Case No 2 : Tiger Attack



“ The tiger attacked my husband but couldn't take him away because of a fightback from my brother-in-law. But my husband eventually died. ”

**Koushalya  
Mondal**  
a tiger victim widow

## Project : Health Check up Camp | Vaccination & Free Surgeries



Surgeries performed in Genesis Hospital Kasba Kolkata for the Underprivileged who could't afford Treatments, Procedures, Surgeries and Covid Vaccination. (From 2009 till date)

Health Camp organized by Genesis Hospital, Kasba, Kolkata in collaboration with Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust for the Tiger Victim Widows and Children of Sundarbans along with the Audiometry Test done for the underprivileged children so that they can hear again. (From 2009 till date)



# Project : Education For All

Since the year 2015, Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) has been providing educational materials such as Stationery Materials, Books, Exercise Books, Pencil Bags, Pencils, Erasers, Sharpners, Rulers, School Bags, School Uniforms, and Library filled with books which are in different languages such as Bengali, English , Hindi. The quest for knowledge is satisfied as the young minds of the students are bequest of learning, innovating and inventing while they study in the local village schools.

The best place to study is in their own schools and the only reason they come to the school is to get the one square meal from their school that is being provided by GECT. We want all the students to not only have a wholesome meal but also to get proper education so that they can have a good career graph in the future.



## Project : Ahaar for All



For the last 8 years and counting, we have been providing Rations to 800 tiger victim families of Sundarbans. These tiger victim widows are in dire need of Food as they do not have anyone in their families who can support them in their day to day life. They have lost their fathers, husbands, and sons to the Royal Bengal Tigers of Sundarbans also known as the man-eaters. Many have lost their lives to the forests, the reasons are unknown. GECT has been providing Raw Rations like Rice, Dal, Soyabean, Salt, Mustard Oils, Potatoes, Onions, Puffed Rice, Poha, Health Drinks for the children, often cooked nutritious wholesome food to give them the best as they cannot afford 3 square meals per day.



The Healthy Drinks that we provide for the underprivileged children are loved and enjoyed by these children as they have never had healthy drinks before therefore are highly malnourished. GECT is trying their best to provided as much as possible to give the children in Sundarbans a proper wholesome diet and make them healthy children then only they will be able to concentrate on the Educational aspects which is under tremendous negligence both from their uneducated poverty stricken families and society as large.

## Project : Back to School

Distribution of School Shoes and Socks - In the year 2017, Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) in collaboration with a pharmaceutical organization donated 350 pairs of school shoes , socks and school uniforms to the underprivileged children of Mathurakunda Surendra Smriti Vidya Niketan School in Amlamethi Village in Sundarbans. These children attend school barefooted in rain, hail and storm to get their basic primary education free of cost in a bengali medium school affiliated with West Bengal Board of Secondary Education which has classes I to VIII. Their main incentive to come to school and walk those miles before they can enter the school barefooted is the 1 square meal that they get as a mid - day meal which includes boiled rice, 1 piece of egg, vegetable curry and lentils supported by NGO' Charitable Organizations such as GECT.



## Project : Washrooms for the Students

In the year 2017, Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) in collaboration with a German based company pitched in funds to create and construct washrooms for the Girls who were bathing in the open around a open well with no enclosures or toilets they would defecate in the open fields in Subndarbans as they were not privileged having a washroom wither in their school or the Girl's Orphanage that they were staying in. We decided to donate Washrooms to the underprivileged children of Mathurakunda Surendra Smriti Vidya Niketan School in Amlamethi Village in Sundarbans and also in the Girl's Orphanage. The smiles on the faces of these girl's were to die for as they were never so happy in their lives to get their separate washrooms which had all the modern sanitary wares such as a shower, wash basins, Commodes and they no longer had to bathe or defecate in the open.



## Project : School Infrastructure & Kitchen Reconstruction

The infrastructure of 'Mathurakhanda Surendra Smriti Vidya Niketan' in Sundarbans remained underdeveloped for years. The students had to sit on brick floors across all the classes together experiencing the most uncomfortable situation while studying. GECT surveyed and promised to come up with a better solution. Now the school walls are plastered, flooring is properly done, classes are partitioned and all the wooden benches have been provided to the students. We feel proud to present a better education environment to the children.



## Project : Clean Drinking Water

The people in Sundarbans through the ages have been consuming saline water for drinking and for all other purposes as they have been subjected to saline water from the rivers and ground water. When we surveyed in the villages of Sundarbans, we got to know that many people young and old were suffering from severe diseases like cardiovascular disease, diarrhea, abdominal pain, high blood pressure, cholera, skin diseases in slow infant growth, mortality as the water contains high concentration of dissolved salts mainly sodium chloride. The villagers lacked awareness regarding salinity induced health affects so we started this project of Tubewell construction in 3 places such as in 5 No. Bharatgarh Tribal Village of Basanti block, Sundarbans. There were no tubewells in this region and the villagers had to travel more than 1.5 k.m. for water. One of the biggest problem of the area was now solved.

Another Tubewell was constructed in Mathurakhanda, Sundarbans. This was the biggest water layer discovered in recent times in this region. It fills our heart with immense satisfaction to see the happy faces of the villagers. The next Tubewell we successfully constructed was a deep Tubewell for the villagers of Bijohnagar, Sundarbans which was in tune with UNESCO and SUSTAINABLE GOALS No. 6 Clean Water & Sanitation. We hope to provide more Tubewells in the other villages of Sundarbans in the near future.



## Project : Blanket Distribution, Mosquito Net Distribution , Saree Distribution & Cake cutting ceremony before Durga Puja

For the last 8 years and counting, GECT has been religiously distributing New Sarees to the Tiger Victim Widows, New Clothes to the fatherless children before the grand event of Durga Puja which is celebrated throughout West Bengal as a gala colourful event but as a widow these women cannot participate in the festivities so we have an event to recognize their self-sacrifices, their strength, their weakness by providing them with new sarees and a cake cutting ceremony, Ahaar as Rations, cooked wholesome food for all, every year. The mosquito nets are distributed during the monsoons and winter months along blankets as they do not have the basic necessities of life to protect themselves from the mosquitoes or mosquito borne diseases and the severe cold in the months of December to February.





## Project : Animal Husbandry

In the year 2019, GECT came up with the Animal Husbandry Project to create a self-sustainable and reliable source of income for the tiger victim widows of Sundarban targeting around 450 widows who could now rear Black Bengal Goats, in their backyards, they could raise the Chicks in the organic incubators, well ventilated poultry area, leave the fish minnows in their ponds so that the fishes could grow, the chicks would become hens or roosters, or the young goats could be reared, mated and sold.

The milk of the goats could be sold or given to the children in the family. This process and project was extremely successful and now the widows have a good source of income, earning approximately Rs. 10 –15 thousand per month achieving the goal of the UNESCO and SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Goals No. 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities but there are many more women who still need our help to become self-sustained.



## Project : Save the Old Horses of Calcutta



## Project : Computer Laboratory, Projector, Screen, Mobile Phone

Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) in the year 2019 surveyed as to how many students are going to school and found that nearly 60 - 70% of the students preferred not going to school but roamed care free in the village mud roads of Sundarbans. We saw the plight that neither the parents nor the children were educationally inclined so we thought lets start educating them in their own localities through online mode of education thus we provided Desktop Computers in 4 locations in Sundarbans and 2 locations in Kolkata i.e. Mathurakunda Surendra Smriti Vidya Niketen School, Amlamethi, Boys and Girls Hostel, Shibganj, Grankanti, Kultali, Jadavpur & Kasba in Kolkata. We started Online Educational Classes for Science, English, Mathematics, Computer Applications for the underprivileged students. We provided all the gadgets required to conduct the classes in the villages. Though it was exceptionally tough with frequent power cuts, no internet available, no electricity most of the time but we pulled along and still continued educating the children even through Covid times also till date continuing the classes through our faculties in the villages and in the online mode.



# Project : Helping the bereaved tiger victim family | Fruit & Indoor PlantDistributions | Life Jacket Distribution

GECT has always been standing tall beside the tiger victim widows, when they lose their fathers, husbands, sons to the Royal Bengal Tigers in Sundarbans also known as the man-eater. The feeling of a lost loved one for a wife, mother, daughter or sister is beyond our comprehension, we cannot imagine the bereavement they go through but the solace that we can give them at the least is to complete the shraad ceremony for these families, providing the fruit and plant saplings for the underprivileged families and the life jackets to the widowed women who will have to go to the forest area and the rivers to catch fishes and crabs in the midst of the forest in small boats of only 2 - 4 occupants to either earn a livelihood or die of starvation. They have a difficult choice to make but the decision can either lead them to become self sufficient or devoid of food.



## Project : Lion King 3D Movie

GECT in collaboration with Book A Smile gifted an event to the underprivileged children of Sundarbans the opportunity to watch a 3D movie in Hindi known as THE LION KING which was children oriented. This was the 1st time these children experienced the ambience of a Mall and entered a cinema hall. The teachers who accompanied these children also were thrilled with the movie experience as it was the 1st time for them too. The bright happy faces and beautiful smiles of the children made our day meaningful. There is no greater happiness in seeing these children enjoy themselves in a movie theatre with cold drinks and pop corn. It was an once in a lifetime experience for them. Later, we provided them with lunch which was Fried Rice and Chilli Chicken, the 1st time that these children have ever tasted this type of Indian Chinese food. A beautiful day well spent and thoroughly enjoyed. Kids Day Out !

All the smiles were gifted by Book A Smile & Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust.



# Project : Amphan & Yaas Relief

During the lockdown period when COVID-19 was at its peak, a storm named Amphan and Yaas destroyed and devastated the entire Kolkata and West Bengal. In Sundarbans, the thatched hut houses was blown away leading to people living on mud roads with no shelter, no food, floods all around. The Government, NGO's, Charitable Trusts along with individuals came forward to help one and another. GECT reached out to all the tiger victim widows and their families with Rations, Tarpaulines, Heavy Ropes to tie up Huts, Masks,, Sanitizers, First aids , clothing which was the need of the hour.



# Project : Ritu | Sanitary Napkins

On the 15th August, 2019 Independence Day, GECT took the initiative to provide free of cost Sanitary Napkins to the young girls, young women and the widowed young women in Sundarbans. We always talk about being an Independent Woman in the 21st century but are we really Independent? It's disheartening, when we were approached by teenagers from this village in Kultali requesting our Trustee Member - Ms. Olivia Dunlop for cheaper sanitary napkins as the girls couldn't afford to buy sanitary napkins every month during their menstrual cycle.

We started our survey as to how many women required the sanitary napkins, we were alarmed at the numbers. Most women used unhygienic cloths, some used burnt ashes during their periods in these villages, knowing this we couldn't stop ourselves from giving out the best sanitary napkins free of cost. In each of these packets, we provide 7 pieces of XL Sanitary Napkins which is eco friendly in nature and the packets are made out of paper that easily decomposts and does not create landfill issues for the environment. The sigh of relieve which we saw in the eyes of these shy young girls and women and widows was overwhelming.

We started providing the best quality of sanitary napkins to help these girls and women have an easy period month after month. Now we are have started to sell these Sanitary Napkins at a marginalized cost to bear the expenses incurred and employed young mothers from the villages to sell these sanitary napkins thus they are able to make a livelihood and our project is accepted and successful by one and all i.e. Ritu - Sanitary Napkins by Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust.

The feedback after it was used by the girls and women were fantastic and they even said that they start fighting amongst their own siblings for the sanitary napkins. The girls and women who are underprivileged have to be taken care of in all aspects of our lives. GECT is just helping these people with the least necessity of life but the most important one adhering to the UNESCO and Sustainable Goals No. 6 Sanitation.



## Project : Gifts to the Children during Festivities

GECT always provides for the underprivileged children of Sundarbans with the following items :

1. Diwali Sweets during Dipawali festival
2. New Clothes during Durga Puja
3. Hampers during Independence Day
4. Eco friendly fire crackers during Kali Puja
5. Rakhi's during Raksha Bandhan
6. Indian Sweets on the occasion of Children's Day
7. Kites & Latais during Vishwakarma Puja
8. Cake and Winter Lunch during Christmas
9. Holi – Ecofriendly colours and sweets for underprivileged childrens.



## Project : Recreational Activities: Annual Sports & Talent Hunt

Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust awarding the talented young minds of classes X and XII who have passed their board examinations with flying colours and the cultural event showcases the multi-faceted talents of children from the age group of 3 to 10 years. The teenagers have been awarded with certificates, medals and trophies for their excellence in the field of education and sports. Young mothers participated in the 100 metres race and also won attractive prizes and gifts along with Medals.





## Project : Produces of Sundarbans Organic Farming & Selling of Products

Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) promotes the cultivation of organic vegetables and food products such as Brinjals, Cabbages, Chillies, Tomatoes, Crabs, Prawns, Honey, Jaggery, Coconut and other fruits which grow in Sundarbans. We sell these organic products to our friends relatives and whoever wants to promote the organic farming in the various villages of Sundarbans which is one of the only source of livelihood for the tiger victim widows and their families in Sundarbans. GECT plans to help more of these distribution activities by selling the products not only from Sundarbans but from West Bengal to the other states of India. All we need is your help, to help the tiger victim widows of Sundarbans so that they do not have to enter the forest area anymore in search of food. The produces of the farmers and the widows are also purchased by our Health Café (Ecclesiastes Café) the 1<sup>st</sup> Health Café in Kolkata West Bengal. We promote the Organic Honey, Jaggery, Vegetables, Prawns, Eggs that are farm fresh locally hatched in the backyards of the tiger victim widows homes farm which they are provided with self – sustained source of income.



# Our Documentary Movie "The Victims of Sundarbans"



A documentary movie which depicts the lives and the livelihoods of the tiger victim widows and underprivileged children of Sundarbans !

The Victims of Sundarbans has got many accolades Regional, National and International awards from 68 film festivals and the most notable ones are **Cannes World Film Festival, Melbourne Independent Film Festival, Hollywood World Film Festival, Stockholm Short Festival, London Movie Awards, Florence Film Awards, Manchester Film & Creativity Festival, Milan Shorts Film Festival, Indian Independent Film Festival, Denver Monthly Film Awards, Indie Movies Spark Film Festival, New York Istanbul Short Film Festival, WRPN Womens International Film Festival, Sundarban International Film Festival, Birsamunda International Film Awards, Tokyo International Cinema Awards, nternational Film Carnival Calcutta, Mexico Film & Creativity Festival, Cambridge Script Festival, Palm Beach Shorts, Washington Film Festival, 8 & Halfilm Awards, London Indie Film Festival, Barcelona Independent Film Festival, Star Hollywood Film festival, ravancore International Film Awards (TIFA), Paris International Short Festival, New Orleans International Film Awards, Washington DC International Cinema Festival, Hollywood International Golden Age Festival, Munich Short Film Festival, Dubai Independent Film Festival, Golden Jury Film Festival, Hottomela International Film Festival, Switzerland Film Fest & Screenplay Competition, Star Hollywood Film Festival, Equality International Film Festival 2023, Mexico Film & Creativity Festival, Switzerland Fim Fest & Screenplay Competition, Tokyo International Cinema Awards and others.**

## Awards Winners :

- Cannes World Film Festival
- Cannes Arts Fest
- Cannes Independent Short
- Milan Shorts Film Festival
- Indian Independent Film Festival
- Denver Monthly Film Awards
- Indie Movies Spark Film Festival
- New York Istanbul Short Film Festival
- WRPN Womens International Film Festival
- Sundarban International Film Festival
- Birsamunda International Film Awards
- Melbourne Independent Film Festival
- Tokyo International Cinema Awards
- Hollywood World Film Festival
- International Film Carnival Calcutta
- Mexico Film & Creativity Festival
- Cambridge Script Festival
- Palm Beach Shorts
- Washington Film Festival
- 8 & Halfilm Awards
- London Indie Film Festival
- Barcelona Independent Film Festival
- International Film Carnival - Calcutta
- Anatolia International Film Festival
- London International Filmmakers Festival
- Travancore International Film Awards (TIFA)
- Paris International Short Festival
- New Orleans International Film Awards
- Washington DC International Cinema Festival
- Hollywood International Golden Age Festival
- Munich Short Film Festival
- Dubai Independent Film Festival
- Golden Jury Film Festival
- Hottomela International Film Festival
- Switzerland Film Fest & Screenplay Competition
- San Francisco Independent Filmmakers' Contest
- Star Hollywood Film Festival
- New York International Women Festival
- Florence Indie Film Festival
- Equality International Film Festival 2023
- Mexico Film & Creativity Festival
- Switzerland Film Fest & Screenplay Competition
- Travancore International Film Awards (TIFA)
- Cannes Independent Short
- Tokyo International Cinema Awards
- Manchester Film & Creativity Festival
- Stockholm Short Festival
- Austin International Art Festival
- Manchester Film & Creativity Festival
- Florence Film Awards
- London Movie Awards
- San Francisco Independent Filmmakers' Con...
- Austin International Art Festival
- Hollywood World Film Festival
- Stockholm Short Festival
- Cannes Arts Fest

## Nominee :

- Montreal Women Film Festival
- The Atlantis Awards
- Cannes World Film Festival
- British Film Festival

## Finalist In :

- Cambridge Script Festival

## Semi - Finalist In :

- Equality International Film Festival 2023
- Florence Indie Film Festival
- New York International Women Festival
- Rome International Short Festival

## Quarter - Finalist in :

- Canada Shorts - Canadian & International Short Film Festival
- Cannes World Film Festival
- Red Fox International Film Festival

## Selected In :

- Liberty Film Awards
- Ethnografilm Paris
- Babashaheb Dr. B. R Ambedkar International Film Festival
- Berlin Lift-Off Film Festival
- Sussex International Film Festival 2023
- 8 & Halfilm Awards
- London Bengali Film Festival
- International Star Film Festival
- Brazil International Film Festival
- 13th Mumbai Shorts International Film Festival
- Global Independent Film Festival of India
- Filmfare India International Film Festival (FIFF)
- International Kolkata Short Film Festival
- Indian Panorama International Film Festival

## Honorable Mention :

- Greece International Film Festival



### The Victims of

# SUNBARBANS

A Film by Dilip Ghosh

Screenplay :  
An Original Story  
by Olivia Dunlop

Producers :  
Dr. Purnendu Roy  
Olivia Dunlop  
Simon Dunlop

## UPCOMING PROJECTS OF GECT

- We are planning to distribute crop seeds to 200 tiger victim families approximately.
- We intend to offer proper training (Govt. and private training) and support for a considerable period of time for better yields throughout the year.
- Sundarbans are prone to natural disasters. As a result, a lot of agricultural produce goes to waste every year engulfing the farmers into the vicious circle of debt and poverty. As we cannot prevent disasters, we can at least try to give the farmers a second or rather a third chance to prevent losses. "Polyhouses" can be of great help in this regard and this would be one of our upcoming projects.

1. Solar Panel
2. Home-Stay
3. House Boats
4. 3 Square Meals Project for underprivileged children
5. Affordable Education Project
6. River Run
7. Primary Healthcare Facility
8. Girls and Boys Hostels & Day Boarding
9. Sustainable Projects
10. Vocational Training for Women
11. Sports
12. Ritu | Sanitary Napkins for all Girls | Women in Sundarbans
13. Organic Farming
14. Bee Culture
15. Craftsmanship



## **THE GENESIS EDUVENTURE PUBLIC SCHOOL** **BACKGROUND**

GECT believes that education is the cornerstone for the foundation of socio-economic development drive in any society. According to various reports as well as the survey conducted by GECT in the past 8 years, it is evident that the children of Sundarbans are deprived of the opportunities for proper schooling and education. Various projects have been taken by the West Bengal Government, but given the requirement of educational facilities and the number of schools in that region, in spite of the best effort by the Government, Sundarbans is still suffering from severe shortage of proper educational facilities.

Government schools are there (both primary, secondary and higher secondary) but, the numbers are not sufficient to cater to the needs of the lakhs of underprivileged students. Moreover, English medium schools are one of the most important gateway to make a student employable in the present market and upscaling scenario. The number of English Medium schools are staggeringly low in Sundarbans. Even if there are few schools, all of them, being commercial in nature, are out of the reach of almost 90% of the total number of students residing in that area.

The pre-requisite for developing education standard is to create conducive and student friendly environment and facilities which will help to provide proper high standard education to bring out the best from the students and to motivate them to take giant stride towards a bright future. This requires establishment of quality schools and institutions with quality faculties and dedicated management.

GECT has taken a bold initiative to contribute to the ongoing sustainable development activities in Sundarbans by laying the foundation of a G+2 storied CBSE school for the pre-primary and upper primary students of the Kultali Block of South 24 parganas. The construction of the school has already been started and the target is to opening the school for the underprivileged and poorest section of the Kultali block in the next academic year (2024-2025).

Objective of Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) is to provide top class education in English Medium to the children of the tiger victims and the under privileged students of the area. Survey of Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) suggests that at least one thousand students will be admitted given the opportunity of quality education and free mid-day meal to the admitted students of the school. Genesis Educational and Charitable Trust (GECT) is determined to achieve that goal.



## SCHOOL STRUCTURE

The school will be run by observation and adherence to essential principles and values. These principles and values will be communicated clearly to the respective stakeholders. The basic features of the school include:

**i.** The school will be affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

**ii.** The capacity of the school will be 1000 students per session.

**iii.** In the first phase, the school will take the affiliation for imparting education to the students from Montessori to Class VIII.

**iv.** About 50% of the total intake will be reserved for imparting free education to the children of tiger victim families, who are the most vulnerable section of this area.

**v.** The school will be for all caste, creed, colour and religion students.

**vi.** The school is intended to hold a mix of pupils in this way under the rationale that it is important for our girls to integrate with others and to be encouraged to adopt a sense of equality.

**vii.** The school will operate in two sessions viz. Morning session and Day session

**viii.** The free education to the students will be provided from “Education Fund” especially to be created to provide free education to the underprivileged tiger victim children of Sundarbans. The Trust plans to create “Education Fund” from the donations and contributions to be collected from various organizations who are willing to support this endeavour to enable the poorest children to build competitive capability which will help them to bring them as well as their families to the mainstream life of the society in future.

**ix.** A considerable portion of the operating cost of the school will be collected from the fees of the students who will be coming from economically viable background of this area.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- a) To provide free quality education in well-equipped English medium school to mainly the children of the tiger victim families of Sundarbans.
- b) To construct a Genesis Eduventure Public School with a capacity to take 1000 children from Montessori to Class VIII in each session.
- c) The School will be dedicated to provide good quality education to girls and boys as they are the worst hit by the dismal socio-economic conditions of their families, especially the tiger victim families of Sundarbans.
- d) The school will be dedicated to create a safe inclusive learning environment, give learning preference to just acquisition of knowledge by ensuring interactive class sessions, develop the desire and aptitude of inquiry, experiment and hypothesis and to take calculated risks.

ALL our students, apart from adhering to all rules and regulations governing the school shall be expected to:

- Have an enduring set of values, and learn and live their lives by them;
- Ensure 'personal best' as a consistent goal;
- Be well behaved and self-disciplined;
- Be motivated, think creatively and are confident;
- Be respectful and tolerant of each other and appreciate different cultures, tribes and backgrounds.
- Have a strong sense of community;
- Have a strong sense of personal and social responsibility;
- Take pride in their own and the School's achievements;
- Be involved in the development of the school and help shape their educational experience.



## OUR VALUES, STRENGTHS AND CORE COMPETENCES

The Genesis Eduventure Public School gives value to:

- Discipline and hard work
- Integrity
- Team Spirit
- Transparency and Accountability
- Responsibility to Society and preservation of environment
- Diversity
- Leadership
- Democracy

The main strengths of the school will come from the competent and experienced staff, the supervision and observation of the environment and facilities, and the values and social skills imparted to the students. Overall, the school will centre itself on achieving academic excellence, whilst also developing the students with a set of values and a strict adherence to the values and principles of the school.

Ensuring of limited number of students per class will help us to offer quality education and attention to all the students. This will also allow individuals to be recognised and addressed. Class sizes are restricted to a maximum of 50 students with a ratio of number of teachers to students being 1: 30 as per CBSE Norms.

The design of the school will incorporate current environmentally-friendly technology, including the use of solar energy wherever possible.

Strategies to mitigate potential risks have been considered and adopted. For instance, the insurance of teacher retention has been addressed through adequate salaries and comfortable accommodation.

### SERVICE DESCRIPTION

The school is intended to provide the following, if sufficient funds are allotted and raised in terms of funding which are as follows :

- Education to the students from Montessori to Class VIII
- Mid-Day Meal
- Extra-curricular activities
- Other necessary services to the students and the community as prescribed by the CBSE.

### EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Please see Appendix 1 for details of the curriculum, which will follow the curriculum of CBSE Board

### BENEFITS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The school facilities including hall, school rooms and sports grounds, when not in use, will be hired out at a fee or offered on charity basis to the general public for social events like trainings, non – political meetings and workshops, sports tournaments. The school intend to sponsor short courses on cookery, baking, tailoring, sewing, knitting, business development, hygiene and sanitation, vocational training and upskilling training and education etc., for the local girls, women will be offered during school holidays and weekends.

### BENEFITS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The school will purchase its raw materials including rice, vegetables, eggs, milk, meat, honey etc. from localites. Purchases of all other items will also be procured as far as it is economically viable.

# Glimpse of Sundarbans Special Moments



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