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**H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA**

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to reconfirm that Institute of International Social Development supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption.

With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in Country/Local Networks; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

We have been running projects and programs to support the MDGs over the past 15 years and are working to support and promote the UN 2030 Agenda.

Sincerely yours,

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INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT 2012-2015

REPORT 2011-2012

SUSHIKSHA FOR 2011 – 12

Educational Scholarship was distributed under Sahajog Shiksha Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India, by the IISD to the guardians (policy holders of Janashree Bima Yojana, LICI) of eligible students of IX to XII .An amount of Rs.600/- only for six months each were given to the five students from class IX to XII of the poor farmers of Purba Midnapur district, West Bengal.

SUSWASTHYA FOR 2011 - 12

Health Insurance was renewed of more than 5,000 families in Tamluk and Haldia Subdivisions of district Purba Midnapur, West Bengal. The beneficiaries were selected after baseline survey in the areas conducted by the Development councils.

Under this scheme the beneficiaries will have access to basic health care and hospitalization facilities. Accessibility and affordability to health care facilities of such poor families without any economic consideration will immensely benefit them.

SHRAMDAAN FOR 2011 – 12

Betel Leaf insurance was renewed by the Insurance company with the support of the Institute as a joint venture between the ICICI Lombard general insurance company and our organization to benefit the betel leaf growers of East Midnapur by way of financial compensation in case of no yield due to bad weather or natural disaster. More than 250 policies were made as pilot to encourage betel leaf cultivation and trade with the support system.

Vehicles of self reliance namely cycle vans were given to 28 poverty stricken families in East Midnapore after a survey by the local Development Councils and East Midnapur media association. Donors were from our Geneva chapter.

Flower expert Mr. Ton Vliet from PUM, Holland selected a poor flower grower for 10 days training in Netherlands to provide technology for sustainable and longer shelf life of flowers, to grow export quality flower and to develop marketing skills. One IISD Official assisted the farmer in Netherlands and they came back after a successful training. IISD has opened a floriculture training centre at Purba Midnapur and has provided a Lap Top & a Projector Machine for the centre.

Our handicraft hub at Bolpur Subdivision of Birbhum district comprising of IISD's affiliated 500 handicraft artisans, took up assignments during the period and documented all their strengths and weaknesses through meetings, interactive sessions and resolutions.

PROGRAMME

I	World Health Day (07.04.2011) Institute arranges a Health Check Up Camp at registered office, Kolkata jointly with Suvosree Homeopathy Centre, Kasba and was supported by Prathama Ladies Performing Arts. Around 150 patients came for check-up. The patients came with general problems including general problems, gynae, skin etc. Free medicines were distributed. The patients were advised about health awareness also. Doctors prepared a kit containing some emergency medicines to keep at home for preventive health care of the whole family. They suggested some harmless medicated cosmetic products to the patients.
II	Cycle Van Distribution in Observance of Independence Day at Tamluk Nagar in Purba Midnapur (15.08.2011) 3 (Three) vehicles of Self reliance were distributed to imply our support and solidarity with the people who are suffering. A rural doctor of Nandigram in Purba Midnapur was happy to receive one cycle van as a village ambulance. The Orphanage of Heria was overwhelmed to receive one cycle van as a communication vehicle for the little children. One vehicle of Self Reliance was given to an unemployed who signed a written agreement not to consume alcohol, or resort to domestic violence or misuse the manifold increased income. This programme was graced by our Geneva Chapter Mr. Thomas Eisenhut.
III	Visit of Mr. Thomas Eisenhut (27.07.2011 to 03.09.2011) Mr. Thomas Eisenhut from our Geneva Chapter came to visit & survey for a new project i.e. Project Tiles and also to take feedback from the Cycle Van drivers. He stayed here more than a month and visited different Homes of Cycle Van Driver. He went to their homes, talked with them and lived with them in their homes to note their socio-economic conditions & living conditions. He met with all the family members including women and children to know whether the living condition has improved or not, the children are going to school or not etc. For the new Project Tiles he surveyed the local area, saw and took photographs of the condition of the houses, interacted with the family members and then he recommended in his project report the names of some really needy poor people for tiles. He documented the essential things for future to continue the work.
IV	World Literacy Day (08.09.2011) In observance of World Literacy Day Scholarship of Rs.100/- per month for 6 months was distributed to five talented students. It was supported by Life Insurance Corporation of India under the Sahajog Siksha Yojana of Janashree Bima Yojana Policy. This was distributed by the IISD officials at Purba Midnapur.

V	<p>Cycle Van Distribution at Seba Peeth (27.09.2011)</p> <p>Six Cycle Vans were distributed to six unemployed poor people for poverty alleviation and self reliance at Seba Peeth, Tollygunge in observance of an auspicious Day of Mahalaya (Ode to Ancestors). Eminent persons, film personalities, media persons and social workers were present apart from local public. The programme was coordinated by the local NGO Seba Peeth.</p>
VI	<p>Business Seminar on “Youth Empowerment & Employment” (28.09.2011)</p> <p>A Business Seminar on “Youth Empowerment & Employment” was organized by the Institute was followed by an “interactive lunch session” at Salt Lake Nicco Park, Kolkata as it is the most relevant and burning issues of the present day. The seminar was graced by Mr. Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament & Joint Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India. Host of the meeting Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri Secretary General of IISD presided over the session. Mr. Rahul Sinha, eminent personality of the State and Mr. Tathagato Roy a scholar also graced the occasion. The event was coordinated by Mr. Amitava Roy. Eminent personalities, businessman and students participated in this seminar.</p>
VII	<p>Observance of UN Day through distribution of Certificates (24.10.2011)</p> <p>Institute observed the UN Day through distribution of certificates to the flower growers. IISD sent Mr. Jhantu Ram Parai, a flower grower of Purba Midnapur to PUM Netherlands along with an assistant for flower training programme for 15 days. After successfully completion of the training programme he has explored a new horizon in the pathway of his life for a better future.</p>
VIII	<p>Cycle Van Distribution at Tamluk Nagar (14.12.2011)</p> <p>11 Vehicles of self reliance was given to the unemployed poor youth at March Hospital of Tamluk Nagar in Purba Midnapur for better life with access to absolute Human Rights. In this programme the Guest-in-Chief was Sri Dhananjay Kumar Singh, National Leader of Cooperative Movement and Guest-of-Honour was Sri Nawin Sinha, National Leader of Social Development. Apart from local people many eminent persons from Kolkata and Purba Midnapur were participated in the programme.</p>
IX	<p>Seminar on Cooperative Movement on Flower Growers & Traders, Betel Leaf Growers & Traders and Cooperative & NGO Members (14.12.2011)</p> <p>Institute organized three seminars in Purba Midnapur. One seminar on “Cooperative Movement on Flower Growers & Traders” was held in Deulia Flower Market for discussing technology for sustainable longer shelf life of flower and increasing the scope of income of the flower grower and trader with support of Kolaghat Development Council. Another seminar was organized on “Cooperative Movement on Betel Leaf Growers & Traders” in Mecheda Pan Market with support of Sahid Matangini Development Council for discussing technology to preserve the leaves till it reaches market and increasing the scope of income by using it in new ways. The last seminar was held on “Cooperative Movement on Cooperative & NGO Members” in March Hospital with support of Tamluk Nagar Development Council about the development of management and responsibilities of the members. All the three seminars were graced by Sri Dhananjay Kumar Singh, National Leader of Cooperative Movement, Sri Nawin Sinha, National Leader of Social Development and Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri, Secretary General IISD. Besides Mr. Vasant Kalmbi, Businessman, Mrs. Soma Ghosh, Business person, Mr. Samir Banerjee, Eminent CA, Mr. Jiban Kumar Sen, Eminent Jeweller, Debjyoti Chakraborty, eminent Media person and Mr. Tapan Kumar Ghosh, Cooperative activist also graced the occasion.</p>

X	<p>Visit of IIDS Geneva Members (08.01.2012 to 20.01.2012)</p> <p>Mr. Guillume Lambert & Cedric Annan of IIDS Geneva, Switzerland came to visit, survey & taking feedback from the cycle van drivers. They met the cycle van drivers, observe the conditions of the cycle vans and were satisfied with improved condition of living of the beneficiaries. Some of them had brought another Cycle Van for more economic upliftment by the income of the Cycle Van given. They also surveyed the houses of recommended persons for Project Tiles. They went to their houses, met the family members, considering their living condition and finalized the names of the beneficiaries of Project Tiles. They also took a short trip of some historical places and museums of Kolkata.</p>
XI	<p>Distribution of Agricultural Apparatus at Tamluk Block, Purba Midnapur on (14.01.2012)</p> <p>Poor farmers who has to hire the agricultural equipments and is not able to earn much were donated with axle, basket and wooden rod used for the cultivation and many other purposes. 22 Apparatus sets were distributed to 22 needy farmers of Tamluk Block in East Midnapur. The programme was graced by our IIDS Geneva Members Mr. Guillume Lambert & Cedric Annan.</p>
XII	<p>Cycle Van Distribution at Tamluk Nagar, Purba Midnapur on (23.02.2012)</p> <p>7 Cycle Vans were handed over by the Guest-in-Chief Mrs. Christina Claus and Guest-in-Honour Shri Om Prakash Rawat to 7 poor persons to ensure their family the Right to live with Education, affordability of Health Care and Nutrition in Radhaballavpur, at Tamluk Nagar. They use the vans to carry persons from one place to another, sale vegetables and food items etc. The programme was supported by Tamluk Nagar Development Council.</p>
XIII	<p>Cycle Van Distribution at Kolkata (Meghalaya House) (03.03.2012)</p> <p>1 Cycle Van was distributed from Meghalaya House, Kolkata to Panarhat Kusumika School of Panarhat, 24 Parganas South. This van is to be used as a vehicle for carrying little children from their home to the school. The programme was graced by Mr. Clinton S. Tad Brown, Council for Political and Economic Affairs, USA, Mrs. Uma Sengupta, Elected District Representative, New York, USA, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri, Secretary General, IISD. A short Cultural Programme was arranged. Many eminent persons were present in the ceremony. The event was supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta Maidan. The beneficiary was identified by Rotary Club of Bhowanipore.</p>

REPORT 2012-2013

PROJECTS

SUSHIKSHA FOR 2012 – 13

Educational Kits were distributed by IISD to the orphans of the Nandakumar Orphanage. More than 50 toddlers received pencils, erasers and colored pencils for their academic activities. This enabled them to continue studies without short fall in study materials. The materials were purchased by Registered Office Kolkata.

SUSWASTHYA
FOR 2012 - 13

Rural India is void of safe drinking water. India's huge and growing population is putting a severe strain on all of the country's natural resources. Most water sources in rural areas are contaminated by sewage and agricultural runoff. Spread of most of the communicable diseases in India is related to unsafe drinking water. In order to decrease the amount of disease spread through unsafe drinking water Institute took an initiative to provide safe drinking water in some of the rural areas at Purba Midnapur. Institute has taken an initiative to launch a water treatment plant to provide safe drinking water in the Tamluk and Haldia subdivision.

SHRAMDAAN
FOR 2012 – 13

Vehicles of self reliance namely cycle vans were given to 08 poverty stricken families in East Midnapore after a survey by the local Development Councils. There being no significant recurring expenses and without any investment this is an innovative way to make people reach the above poverty line status instantly. Donors were from our Geneva chapter.

Farmers were given agricultural apparatus so that they could earn their livelihood without depending on hired equipments. 22 sets of agricultural apparatus were given out. Sponsors were from our Geneva chapter.

Our handicraft hub at Bolpur Subdivision of Birbhum district comprising of IISD's affiliated 500 handicraft artisans, took up assignments during the period and documented all their strengths and weaknesses through meetings, interactive sessions and resolutions.

FACILITATION OF COOPERATIVE

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2012 as the 'International Year of Cooperatives' highlighting the contribution of cooperatives to socio-economic development, particularly their impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and

social integration. In this context to achieve the aim of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations this year our Institute has facilitated a Multistate Consumer & Credit Cooperative for their Registration and is aimed to further facilitate its beneficiaries through Rationing of essential grocery commodities in the state of West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar in India. The Institute's aim to facilitate cooperative is as follows:

- ❖ To increase public awareness about cooperative.
- ❖ Promote socio-economic development and poverty elimination.
- ❖ Promote ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibilities, sharing with others and caring for others among the members of the cooperative.
- ❖ To create a platform of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs.

PROJECT TILES

A decent place for living is the third most basic need of a person after food and clothing. Roof gives a family protection from summer, winter, rain and security of life and possessions. The problem of inadequate housing is more acute in rural areas. After a survey and recommendation by one of our interns Mr. Thomas Eisenhut from Geneva, Switzerland the Institute has started another project Tiles for the roofs for the shanties of the rural poverty stricken families. Institute concentrated on constructing low cost sustainable house roofs through which the families get security, protection and happiness.

PROGRAMME

I	<p>Health Camp at Moynagarh on 15.04.2012</p> <p>Institute arranges a Health Check Up Camp at Moynagarh Royal Family premises in Moynagarh, Purba Midnapur jointly with Bagbazar Gaudiya Math, Kolkata. It was a General Health Check up Camp with special care for Children and it started at 9 am and continued till 8 pm. Total 130 patients came for health check-up, out of which 80 were general patients and 50 were children. Two doctors – one General Physician and one Child Specialist were present and they also advised about general health awareness to avoid getting ill.</p>
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II	<p>World Day for Victims of Torture on 26.06.2012</p> <p>A seminar was arranged by the Institute in the Registered Office, Kolkata with some women from the local slum area. The Secretary General, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri discussed about the problems regarding domestic violence which is predominant everywhere in Society. She discussed about how women get tortured both emotionally and physically in their in-laws house and how they can protect themselves, where they can go to protest against this violence. Nowadays women are not forced to tolerate these tortures and reach to the end of their life as there are proper laws to protect themselves from such violence.</p>
III	<p>Visit of Vice President of IISD From 12.11.2012 to 23.11.2012</p> <p>Mr. Shomik Chaudhuri, Vice President came to visit & survey the present work of the Institute, how all the Programmes & Projects were going on, to take feedback about the success of the Cycle Van Project under 'Shramdaan' and to discuss about the future Projects & Programmes to make all a success. He stayed here for few days. He went to some rural areas to note their socio-economic conditions & living conditions to take necessary actions for the New Future Projects. He met with all the family members including women and children. He documented the essential things to continue the work.</p>
IV	<p>World Disabled Day on 03.12.2012</p> <p>Institute organized a seminar on 'How to overcome disability and win in life' with some disabled children and their parents at the Registered Office, Kolkata. Many eminent scholars attended the seminar and explained with some examples that how disability has retreated before the positive will power to become successful in life. The parents were advised to encourage their children in every aspects of their life.</p>
V	<p>Human Rights Day on 10.12.2012</p> <p>Seminar was called by IISD at the Registered Office on 'Humiliation of Human Rights'. Eminent scholars and Secretary General Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri discussed on the topics. They said that it is very unfortunate that violation of human rights still continues in different parts of the world. India was taken as a case study. Large sections of India's population are deprived of basic necessities of life i.e. food, shelter, security of life, health care, education etc. These are the basic human rights every person should enjoy to lead an honourable life as a human being and it is necessary for all round development of human being. A touch on violation of Human Rights in certain Nations were also discussed with a stress on threat on ethnicity of the marginalized or minority of the population.</p>
VI	<p>Cycle Van and Agricultural Apparatus Distribution at Purba Midnapur on 01.01.2013</p> <p>Eight Cycle Vans were distributed to eight unemployed poor people for poverty alleviation and self reliance, education to children, affordability of health care, food and nutrition at Radhamoni in Purba Midnapur. Local administrative heads, eminent persons, media persons and social workers were present apart from local public. They have signed a written agreement not to consume alcohol, resort to domestic violence or misuse of manifold increased income. Beside Cycle Vans 22 farmers were handed over a set</p>

	of sickle, axe and basket as farming equipments so that they can avail contracts for farming and earn their living.
VII	<p>Language Day on 21.02.2013</p> <p>To bring more independence in the lives of the poor women artisans with regard to reading, doing signature, maintaining their own household accounts a workshop in English Language was organized for the rural artisans so that they are able to do the basic communications in the urban market or in neighboring and overseas Nations. More than 100 artisans attended the workshop which was conducted by the Secretary General at the Registered Office, Kolkata.</p>

Few Programmes on Handicraft Development are to be considered for implementation.

REPORT 2013-14

PROJECTS

SUSHIKSHA FOR 2013 – 14

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SUSWASTHYA FOR 2013 - 14

Institute has taken an initiative for few Awareness Camp on 'Health & Hygiene in the Rural Area' in different part of Purba Midnapur throughout the year. Rural people are void of basic awareness of health & hygiene. In most places in interior villages they do not have proper sanitation system, the pets are moving here & there in their houses & outer premises. The Secretary General, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri and some eminent Social Activists participate in the awareness camp and discussed about proper sanitation, to keep clean their

houses & pets, hygiene while cooking & taking foods, protection of children from different health hazards etc. Institute also distributes some cleaning goods among people.

SHRAMDAAN **FOR 2013 – 14**

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FACILITATION OF COOPERATIVE

Provided free office space and office staff as a facilitator to the Cooperative. This ensured the following:

- ❖ To increase public awareness about cooperative.
- ❖ Promote socio-economic development and poverty elimination.
- ❖ Promote ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibilities, sharing with others and caring for others among the members of the cooperative.
- ❖ To create a platform of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs.

PROGRAMME

I	<p>Health Camp at Purba Midnapur on 21.05.2013</p> <p>Institute arranges a Health Check Up Camp at Tamluk, Purba Midnapur. It was a General Health Check up Camp with special care for Children & Old people and it started at 8 am and continued till 8 pm. Total 150 patients came for health check-up, out of which 70 were old patient, 40 were general patients and 40 were children. Three doctors – two General Physician and one Child Specialist were present and they also advised about general health awareness to avoid getting ill.</p>
II	<p>World Day for Victim of Torture (Farmers' Meet at Nandigram) on 03.08.13</p> <p>Near about 300 poor Farmers from different part of Purba Midnapur were deprived of the Prime Minister's Debt Relief Fund. All these poor farmers are in great trouble. The Secretary General, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri calls a meet with all these farmers and discussed about how to get relief from the problem. 2 advocates were invited to discuss the drawbacks and legal procedure to overcome their problems by submitting letters to the proper authority, preparing correct documents needed and whatever else needed. Some Social Activists and some Media Persons were also participate in the meeting.</p>
III	<p>Visit of Vice President of IISD from 11.12.2013 to 23.12.2013</p> <p>Mr. Shomik Chaudhuri, Vice President came to visit & survey the present work of the Institute, how all the Programmes & Projects were going on, to take feedback about the success of the Cycle Van Project under 'Shramdaan' and to discuss about the future Projects & Programmes to make all a success. He advised to stress on the project 'Sushiksha'. He stayed here for few days. He documented the essential things to continue the work. He also discussed about some new ideas about the Programmes.</p>
IV	<p>World Disabled Day on 03.12.2013</p> <p>Institute organized an awareness seminar on 'How to overcome disability and win in life' with some disabled children and their parents at the Registered Office, Kolkata. Many eminent scholars attended the seminar and explained with some examples that how disability has retreated before the positive will power to become successful in life. The parents were advised to encourage their children in every aspects of their life. The Parents were informed about the advancement of latest upgradations in Science & Technology in this field.</p>
V	<p>Human Rights Day on 10.12.2013</p> <p>Seminar was called by IISD at the Registered Office on 'Humiliation of Human Rights'. Eminent scholars and Secretary General Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri discussed on the topics. They said that it is very unfortunate that violation of human rights still continues in different parts of the world. India was taken as a case study. Large sections of India's population are deprived of basic necessities of life i.e.</p>

	food, shelter, security of life, health care, education etc. These are the basic human rights every person should enjoy to lead an honourable life as a human being and it is necessary for all round development of human being. A touch on violation of Human Rights in certain Nations were also discussed with a stress on threat on ethnicity of the marginalized or minority of the population.
VI	International Language Day (Declassification of Netaji Files) 11.02.2014 A Press Meet was arranged to raise the voice for Declassification of Netaji Files kept with both Central Govt. and State Govt. to observe the International Language Day. The Secretary General Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri along with one researcher and some eminent social activist demand for declassification of the Netaji Files kept with State Govt. as well as Central Govt.

REPORT 2014-2015

PROJECTS

SUSHIKSHA FOR 2014 – 15

Educational Kits were distributed by IISD to the orphans of the Nandakumar Orphanage. More than 75 toddlers received pencils, erasers and colored pencils for their academic activities. This enabled them to continue studies without short fall in study materials. The materials were purchased by Registered Office Kolkata.

SUSWASTHYA FOR 2014 - 15

Institute has taken an initiative for few Awareness Camp on 'Health & Hygiene in the Rural Area' in different part of Purba Midnapur throughout the year. Rural people are void of basic awareness of health & hygiene. In most places in interior villages they do not have proper sanitation system, the pets are moving here & there in their houses & outer premises. The Secretary General, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri and some eminent Social Activists participate in the awareness camp and discussed about proper sanitation, to keep clean their houses & pets, hygiene while cooking & taking foods, protection of children from different health hazards etc. Institute also distributes some cleaning goods among people.

SHRAMDAAN
FOR 2014 – 15

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PROGRAMME

I	<p>Observation of World Health Day on 07.04.2014</p> <p>Institute arranges a Health Check Up Camp at Sahid Matangini, Purba Midnapur. It was a General Health Check up Camp with special care for Children & Old people and it started at 8 am and continued till 8 pm. Total 160 patients came for health check-up, out of which 75 were old patient, 40 were general patients and 45 were children. Three doctors – two General Physician and one Child Specialist were present and they also advised about general health awareness to avoid getting ill.</p>
II	<p>Observation of World Environment Day on 05.06.2014</p> <p>The Institute distributed more than 100 plants to farmers along with leaflets on saving the green at Kolaghat, Purba Midnapur. With the initiative of the Institute 50 medicinal plants were planted in a park maintained by local Panchayat at Kolghat. The Secretary General, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri gives a speech on importance of tree – we have to save tree to save our lives, because if there is no tree there is no life exist on The Earth.</p>
III	<p>Observation of International Tolerance Day on 16.11.2014</p> <p>Near about 300 poor Farmers from different part of Purba Midnapur were deprived of the Prime Minister's Debt Relief Fund. All these poor farmers are in great trouble. The Secretary General, Miss Rajyashree Chaudhuri arrange a meeting in the registered office of the Institute with all these farmers and discussed how the farmers can get relief from the problem. Some eminent persons including some lawyers were invited. They discuss to overcome their problems.</p>

IV	<p>Observation of Human Rights Day on 10.12.2014</p> <p>Institute organized a seminar on ‘Physically Challenged has the Equal Rights in the Society’ at the Registered Office, Kolkata. Some disabled children came with their parents. Many eminent scholars attended the seminar and explained with some examples that how disability has retreated before the positive will power to become successful in life. The parents were advised to encourage their children in every aspects of their life. The Parents were informed about the advancement of latest upgradations in Science & Technology in this field.</p>
V	<p>Observation of International Language Day on 21.02.2015</p> <p>A debate was arranged on “How the Great Men of India are relevant to the Indian Youth of today” at the Registered Office in Kolkata. Some eminent scholars & some researcher participated in the debate – some of them spoke in support of the topic and some in against. They discuss that the Youth are the future of our Country and they need to follow the Principle the Great Men of our Country like, Netaji, Swami Vivekandanda, Iswarchandra Vidyasagar and Raja Ram Mohan Roy.</p>
VI	<p>Observation of International Women’s Day on 08.03.2015</p> <p>A seminar was organized at the Registered Office of the Institute in Kolkata on “Domestic Violence on Women”. Some Social Activist & eminent persons were invited in the seminar. Women mostly get tortured after marriage by their in-laws regarding dowry and may others. The problem is quiet alarming in the Rural Areas of different part of our country. Illiteracy among women and lack of awareness are the reasons behind this situation and it can be improved by awareness campaign especially in the rural areas.</p> <p>International Day of Families, May 15, 2015</p> <p>A seminar was organized at the IISD office in Kolkata on the “Importance of Families”. The present trend of weakening family ties were discussed and efforts discussed with eminent social activists to strengthen the ties once again through awareness campaigns.</p> <p>World Environment Day, June 5, 2015</p> <p>Organized a seminar on World Environment Day at the IISD office in Kolkata to discuss “Global Warming: Its effect and the necessity to reverse it” with eminent environmentalists.</p> <p>International Literacy Day, September 8, 2015</p> <p>Organized a seminar with eminent educationists on the theme, “Literacy and Sustainable Societies” at the IISD office in Kolkata. Discussions were made to spread functional literacy among the people of the disadvantaged strata to make their lives more sustainable.</p>

UN Day October 24, 2015

Organized a seminar at the IISD office in Kolkata to discuss “The role of the UN to bring about Peace” with eminent personalities. Discussions were also made to understand how the UN can play an engaging role in bringing about peace in a volatile world.

World Disability Day. December 3, 2015

IISD arranged an orientation workshop for parents of mentally impaired children on " Government Support schemes" for their wards. It was attended by guardians of 50 children from 11am to 3pm.

Human Rights Day, December 10, 2015

IISD observed by protesting against the Torture on Bangladesh Minorities by terrorist organizations in Bangladesh from 11am to 4pm in a city centre called Hazra Road crossing. It was attended by more than 100 people.

NEW YORK UN REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATION

59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59) on March 9 – 20, 2015 at UN, New York. Participated as an observer.

53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD53) from Feb 4 13, 2015 at the UN, New York. Participated as an observer.

High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (20 November 2014). Participated as an observer.

13th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. May 12-23, 2014 at the UN, New York. Participated as an observer.

58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW58) at the UN, New York from March 10-21, 2014. Participated as an observer.

52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) at the UN, New York, from February 11-21, 2014. Participated as an observer.

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda at the UN, New York, on September 25, 2013. Participated as an observer.

Sixth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 17-19 July, 2013 at the UN, New York. Participated as an observer.

International Migration and Development: High-Level Dialogue (3-4 Oct 2013) and Informal Interactive Hearings (15 July 2013) at the UN on July 15, 2013. Participated as an observer.

High-Level Panel Post-2015 Report Presentation at the UN, New York on May 31, 2013. Participated as an observer.

12th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the UN, New York from 20-31 May, 2013. Participated as an observer.

57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57) at the UN, New York, from March 4-15, 2013. Made an oral submission at the session on March 12.

51st Session of the Commission for Social Development at the UN, New York, from 6-15 February, 2013, as an observer.

3rd Intersessional Meeting of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development at the UN, New York, from March 19-27, 2012 as an observer.

50th Session of the Commission for Social Development from February 1-10, 2012 at the UN, New York, as an observer.

NOTE: Several conferences were attended by our representatives who registered but forgot to take the conference badge as they had the UN pass. So the records do not show them as participants. The error will be rectified going forward.

Also, some written statements were submitted the records of which got lost due to computer crash.