





Autism Society West Bengal

Annual Report 2021-2022



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Message from the Founder Director

Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) is a parent initiated non-profit organization in Kolkata that champions the right of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to participation in areas of education, employment, and social events. The year 2021-2022 was the year where ASWB tried to extend all her services in the online mode. Three months Parent Training was conducted online. Series of webinars were organised. All the major school activities were conducted online so that our students were not deprived of any experience. The ASWB management felt that the pandemic had several collateral damages. Many parents lost their jobs, some had to relocate. Pandemic affected many families economically. ASWB was acutely aware of the concept of neuro-plasticity and how early intervention can have a massive impact on the trajectories of Life, So ASWB went forward and organised free online Parent Training programs so that the child could start the intervention process.

Indrani Basu,

Director ASWB

Message from the Secretary

As Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) would be completing her 20 year journey in 2022 ASWB felt that the time was ripe for us to hear what individuals with autism have to say. Some of the participants of YAAR program that took place every month in the online mode were actively involved in the planning of YAAR. As part of the 7-year journey of YAAR an Emagazine was published where articles of young participants of YAAR were published. In August 2021 we organised an online program 'Ebar Amra Boli/ Now it is our time to Speak' where several individuals with autism expressed their viewpoints either by verbally or by using the PowerPoint. ASWB has been striving to be the voice of people with autism and their families over these long years and now ASWB is happy that she has been able to provide a platform for individuals with autism to participate and to express themselves in different events.

Dr. Mitu De,

Secretary

ASWB Vision

A supportive, social environment where persons with Autism are understood and their right to participation upheld.

ASWB Mission

To enable individuals with Autism and their families to participate in developing strategies to improve their quality of life; optimize their strength through education, advocacy and support.

ASWB services and Beneficiaries 2021-2022

- ➢ 5 days Assessment 13
- ➢ Hourly Intervention 277
- ➢ Counselling 187
- Dikshan 37
- Free Parent Training Prog 18
- ➢ Free Hourly Intervention 33
- Offline Program 125
- Digital Classroom 8
- Parent Training 24
- > 10 Days Parent Training 31
- School Readiness Program 10
- ➢ OT−353
- ➤ YAAR 300
- ➢ Webinar−700

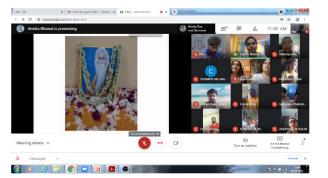
Networking with other organizations

Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) works closely with other organization not only in exchanging and sharing information but also in training and setting up services for individuals with autism.

MAJOR EVENTS IN ASWB'S JOURNEY

DURING 2021-2022: SOME GLIMPSES

Following government orders our school and other services were closed due to the pandemic. Despite these circumstances ASWB strove to organise all the events associated with school in the online mode viz. classes, special day programs like Rabindrajayanti, Indepence day celebration, Teachers' Day celebration Parent Teachers' meeting etc. With some relaxation on Covid restrictions we organized Netaji Jayanti, Republic Day in blended mode & Saraswati puja in blended mode. Finally upon government orders school reopened in March, 2022.

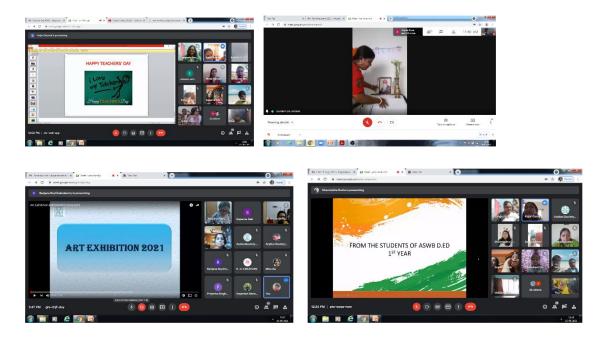








SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Online classes, online Parent Teachers' Meeting, online Special days, online Art exhibitions brought a resemblance of normalcy during covid times.



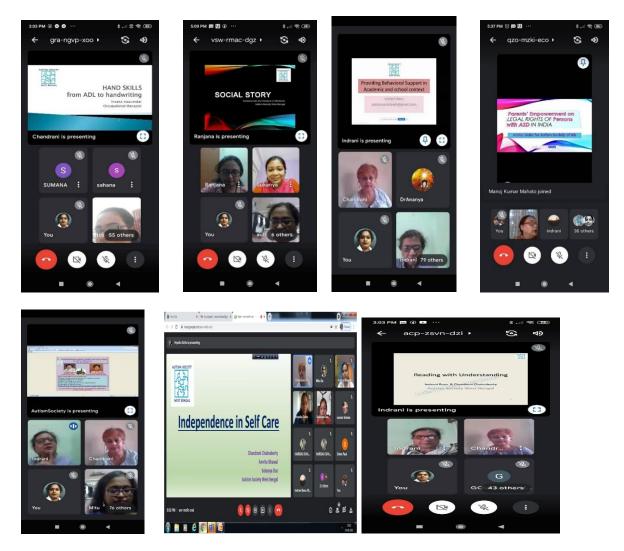
D. Ed Unit

100% students of the 2019- 2021 batch passed the D Ed course. Online classes were held for both Theory and Practical classes. But after the Covid norms were relaxed they started off;one Practice teaching from March 2022.



Webinars organised by ASWB

Autism Society West Bengal conducted webinars on important topics and issues. Some of the topics were Independence in Self Care, Social story, Academics as well as issues like legal guardian ship





Invited Speakers in Webinars

Resource persons from Autism Society West Bengal were also invited as Guest Speakers for webinars conducted by other organizations.



YAAR: Celebration of 7-year Journey

Autism Society West Bengal celebrated successful 7-year journey of YAAR (Young Adult with Autism Reach Out) by launching YAAR magazine



YAAR every month, Online





Collaborations

Autism Society West Bengal was a part of different collaborative Initiatives. We collaborated with Asiatic Society for Art Exhibition at International Book Fair Kolkata. Indian Museum observed World Autism Awareness Day by broadcasting a video made by resource persons from Autism Society West Bengal to create awareness about autism. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Port in collaboration with Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) illuminated the iconic Rabindra Setu (Howrah Bridge) with blue light as part of the World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD). Autism Society West Bengal collaborated with GiftAbled for a virtual volunteering drive. Autism Society West Bengal took part in the Autistic Pride Day Celebration in collaboration with Kolkata Centre for Creativity. An oral hygiene webinar for kids was organized by Autism Society West Bengal in collaboration with Guru Nanak Dental college. Autism Society West Bengal was also invited to be part of awareness programme on Doordarshan.



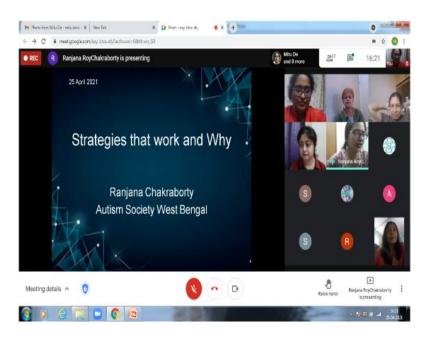




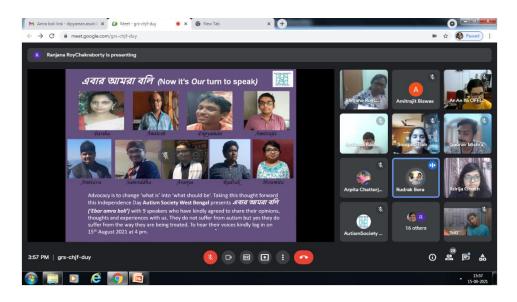


Free Online Interactive Sessions and Parent Training: The ASWB management felt that the pandemic had several collateral damages. Many parents lost their jobs, some had to relocate. Pandemic affected many families economically. ASWB was acutely aware of the concept of neuro-plasticity and how early intervention can have a massive impact on the trajectories of Life, So ASWB went forward and organised free online Parent Training

ASWB conducted free interactive awareness session online too.



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Special Honour

Abhishek Sarker, trainee at the Aarohan unit of Autism Society West Bengal along with Amitrajit Biswas enthusiastic participant of YAAR and Moumita Paul who did her Job Skills training at ASWB received State Award for Best Creative Adult, Best Role Model and Best Self Employed person on International Day for Persons with Disabilities organized by Department of Child Development, Women Development & Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal.









Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) Governing Body Members for 2021 -2022.

Sl. No.	Name	Post held in ASWB GB	Gender	Nationality	Occupation	Name of Father/ Husband	Residential Address
1.	Mrs. Roma Basu#	President	Female	Indian	Retired	Mr. A.K. Basu (Husband)	5C Wedderburn Road , Kolkata 700029
2.	Dr. Sougata Deb*	Vice President	Male	Indian	Medical Practitioner	Late Upendra Chandra Deb	4A/17 Dharmatala Road , Kasba , Kolkata 700042
3.	Dr. Mitu De*	Secretary	Female	Indian	Professor	Dr. S. R. Dey (Husband)	A 7/5 Purbasha Housing Estate 160 Manicktala Main Road. Kolkata – 700054.
4.	Mrs. Mitasree Biswas *	Joint Secretary	Female	Indian	Health Service	Dr Abhijit Biswas (Husband)	29/3C, Chetla Central Road Kolkata -700027
5.	Mr. Sudip Ghosh*#	Treasurer	Male	Indian	Service	Late Pranab Kanti Ghosh (Father)	Mohan Garden Murari 1/1,Kamalgachi Kolkata 700103
6.	Mrs Shraboni Chakraborty*	Member	Female	Indian	Housewife	Mr Amit Chakraborty (Husband)	331,Roy Bahadur Road,Kolkata -700034
7.	Mrs Ranjana Chakraborty*	Member	Female	Indian	House wife	Mr.Debashis Chakraborty (Husband)	52A,Jubilee Park. Tollygunj Kolkata – 700 033.
8.	Mr. Ashoke Kumar Basu*#	Member	Male	Indian	Retired	Late Prabhat Kumar Basu (Father)	22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row KOLKATA 700033
9.	Mr. Arun Kumar Sarker*	Member	Male	Indian	Retired	Late Upendra Chandra Deb (Father)	159,N.S.C Bose Road,Mo Avenue GovtHousing Estate, Flat K-5,Kolkata- 700040

* Being a parent led organization, most of the members of ASWB GB are parents of persons with autism

None of the governing body members are related to each other. The governing body is elected every two years.

Team of Teaching and Non Teaching staff for the year 2021 -2022

1	Chandrani Chakraborty	Academic In charge
2	Shibani Biswas	Special Educator
3	Dolon Paul	Special Educator
4	Pranabesh Bhunia	D Ed Cordinator
5	Manoj Kumar Mahato	D Ed Faculty
6	Binay Samanta	Special Educator
7	Rajkumar Bera	Special Educator
8	Piyali Chakraborty	D Ed Faculty
9	Amrita Bhawal Barman	Special Educator
10	Priyanka Saha	Special Educator
11	Shampa Rani Sahoo	Special Educator
12	Swati Dasgupta	Special Educator
13.	Sanjit Kumar Ghosh	Special Educator
14.	Jhuma Choudhury	Special Educator
15.	Babu Patra	Classroom Assistant
16.	Manisha Bhattacharya	Clinical Psychologist
17.	Arpaita Dutta	Psychologist
18.	Insana Konoki Mazumder	Occupational Therapist
19.	Arpita Chatterjee	Project Coordinator
20.	Amitesh Das	Office Assistant
21.	Nababrata Guha Roy	Accounts Assistant

22.	Shreya Bhattacharjee	Programme Coordinator
23.	Sefali Naskar	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
24.	Bishaya Bayen	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
25.	Mina Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
26.	Nazma Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
27.	Sabina Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
28.	Mamoni Sardar	Care Givers/ Classroom helpers
29.	Lakshman Mondal	Gate keeper
30.	Joydeep Sarkar	Gate keeper
31.	Shankar Vella	Sweeper

Online Workshops (Webinars) organized by Autism Society West Bengal during 2021-2022

Date	Name of the workshop/webinar	Resource Persons	Participants
17 th April	Oral Hygiene for kids	Dr Shabnam Zahir	Parents and
			professionals ASWB & different
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18 th April	Legal Guardianship	Aloka Guha	Parents ASWB & different
			organizations
17 th July	Reading with Understanding	Indrani Basu &	Parents and
		Chandrani Chakraborty	professionals
24 th July	Enhancing Hand Skill: From	Insana Konoki	Parents and
	ADL to Handwriting		professionals
25 th July	How to write Social Stories	Ranjana Chakraborty &	Parents and
		Sukanya Das	professionals
31 st July	Providing School based	Indrani Basu &	Parents and
	behavioural Support	Chandrani Chakraborty	professionals
7 th Aug	Language for Maths	Indrani Basu, Ranjana	Parents and
	&developing Maths Skills	Chakraborty &	professionals of
		Chandrani Chakraborty	ASWB & different
			organizations
14 th Aug	Developing Independence in	Chandrani Chakraborty,	Parents and
	Self Care	Sukanya Das & Amrita	professionals of
		Bhawal	different
			organizations

15 th Aug	Eibar Amra Boli	Self advocates – Barsha	Parents and
		Deb,Amitrajit	professionals of
		Biswas, Amitesh	different
		Das, Dipyaman	organizations
		Dey,Amitava	
		Basu,Samriddha	
		Karjee,Rudrak	
		Bera,Moumita Pal	
2 nd	Teaching Communication to	Chandrani Chakraborty	Parents and
October	older individuals with Autism		professionals of
			ASWB & different
			organizations
3 rd	Occupational Therapy	Insana Konoki	Parents and
October	supporting Adults with Autism	Majumdar	professionals of
			ASWB & different
			organizations

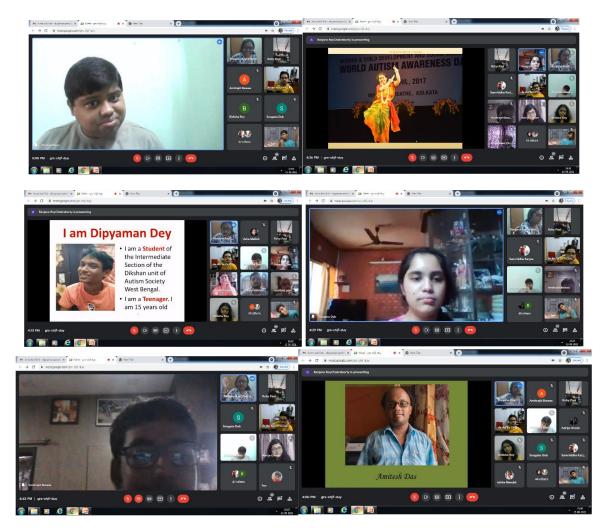
Online Workshops (Webinars)attended by ASWB professionals

Date	Name of the workshop/webinar	Resource Persons	Participants
8 th	Oral Health awareness of	Dr Shabnam Zahir	D.Ed trainees and
September	Special Educators dealing with		1 st yr students
	Children and special needs		
5 th	Features of Jellow in Bengali	Dr Ajanta Sen	Parents, teachers
October			from ASWB

Online Workshops(Webinars) ASWB resource persons where invited

Date	Name of the workshop/webinar	Organized By	Resource Persons	Participants
2 nd April,2021	Understanding Autism	SNAC, West Bengal	Chandrani Chakraborty	All professionals and Parents from ASWB and other
2 nd April,2021	Inclusion In Workplace		Chandrani Chakraborty, Sukanya Das & Dr Mitu De	All professionals and Parents from ASWB and public who visited Indian museum
13 th July,2021	Workshop by Keystone Institute India	Keystone Institute India	Ranjana Chakraborty	Professionals and parents
15 th July,2021	Hello Doctor Babu	Doordarshan Kendra,Kolkata	Indrani Basu	All professionals and Parents

				from ASWB and other
26 th September,2021	Facebook live	Saniya Autism Vlogs & Autism World	Indrani Basu	All professionals and Parents from ASWB and other
6 th February,2022	Orientation for 2 nd & 3 rd Yr Nursing Students of Aliah University	Nursing Department, Aliah University	Dr Manisha Bhattacharjee & Mitasree Biswas	Nursing students of Aliah UNIVERSITY
20 th February,2022	Behavioural Support for teenagers with Autism	Disha Digital School, Odissa	Indrani Basu	All professionals and Parents from ASWB and other



Participants of the 'Ebar amra Boli/It is our turn to speak"