

# Annual Report

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## Action and Light

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# Greetings

Since the ancient time of communal living, civilization has been built upon collected efforts of human race. We are commemorating those creators of culture, who pursued our growth and development, followed the path of knowledge instead of following the mass consciousness of ignorance. We are commemorating those greatest offspring of human history, our debts to the lighthouse.

Sabuj Unnayan Sangstha, built with the participation of marginalized working class people, has been working for the development of people who fell behind and are devoid of socio-economic advantages. Recently we are working to prevent extremism, militancy and local bio-violence utilizing our limited capacities as part of research based, participatory, sustainable development practice.

We are flourishing with persisting diligence, economic assistance and sacrifice of our members and well-wishers. Every one of them offers labor and monetary help from humane liability to the service of human beings, ignoring thousands of pain, illusions and material attachments. They want nothing in return. We offer them heartfelt gratitude and reverent Salam.

Around whom this institute revolves, who has submitted their precious wealth of folk lives, we are never capable enough to express our gratitude. We have never expressed “thank you” to them whose directives are in the annual report despite their thousands of worldly engagements. We are always grateful to them. Our greetings, ethical responsibility and heartfelt gratitude to them with whose bestowal of love this institute is running. May their life-consciousness be pleasant and peaceful, whose assistance is associated with this institute.

Again with greetings.

Dr. Sazzadul Bari  
Chairperson  
Action and Light

Moutushy Shome  
Secretary  
Action and Light

## **Introduction:**

“Action and Light” is an apolitical, non-government and human developmental institution. This institution is dedicated in providing facilitation for the holistic development in healthy cultural advancement and the development of human society based on indiscrimination, rightfulness and equality irrespective of religion, race, occupation, culture and ideology. The aim of the institution is to create advancing, lasting and momentous development by ensuring coexistence, unity and harmony everywhere among the persons of diverse caste and ethnicity, religion, occupation, language, culture and ideology. This institution, founded in 2005 and registered in 2007, is working with the marginalized people completely with its own initiatives from moment of inauguration.

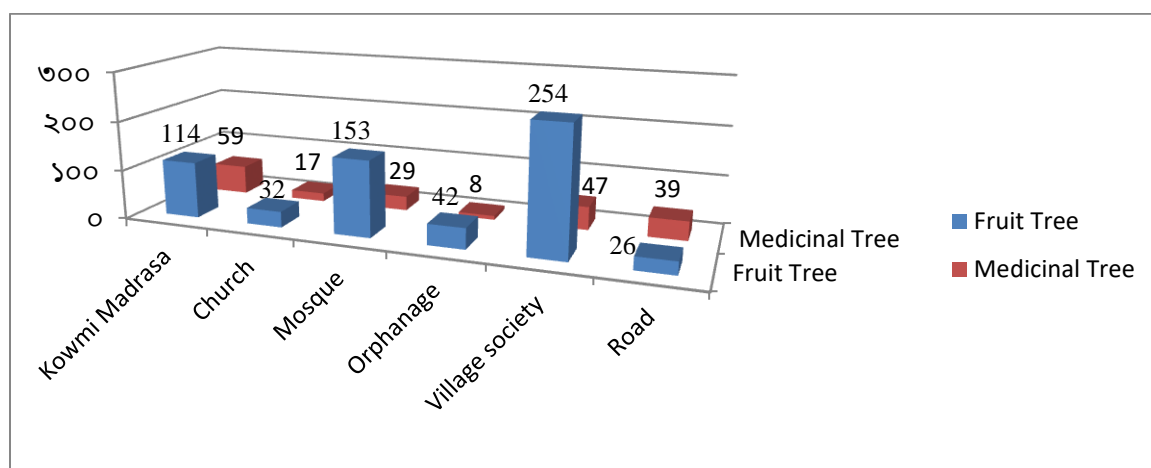
This annual report is basically synoptic information of analysis from its self-criticism and self-evaluation. Foundation of future would flourish harmonizing this self-evaluation and field experience.

## **Institute’s one year activity and information of result analysis:**

### **၁. Fuit and medicinal tree plantation campaign aiming society based forestation:**

“Action and Light” in the last developmental year of 2021-2022, has planted fruits and medicinal plants, aiming at society based forestation, based on institutes own ‘need assessment’ evaluation considering topical condition of rainfall. To fulfill people’s requirement of nutrients from fruit and medicinal plants using indigenous knowledge, this program is implemented in Kowmi Madrasa, orphanage, mosque, church, village based society and abandoned land beside road while connecting local community with it.

**Result of fruit and medicinal plantation campaign aiming society based forestation at a glance:**



**2. Offering “Folk Culture Fellowship” among young researchers of university level aiming to develop knowledge based society:**

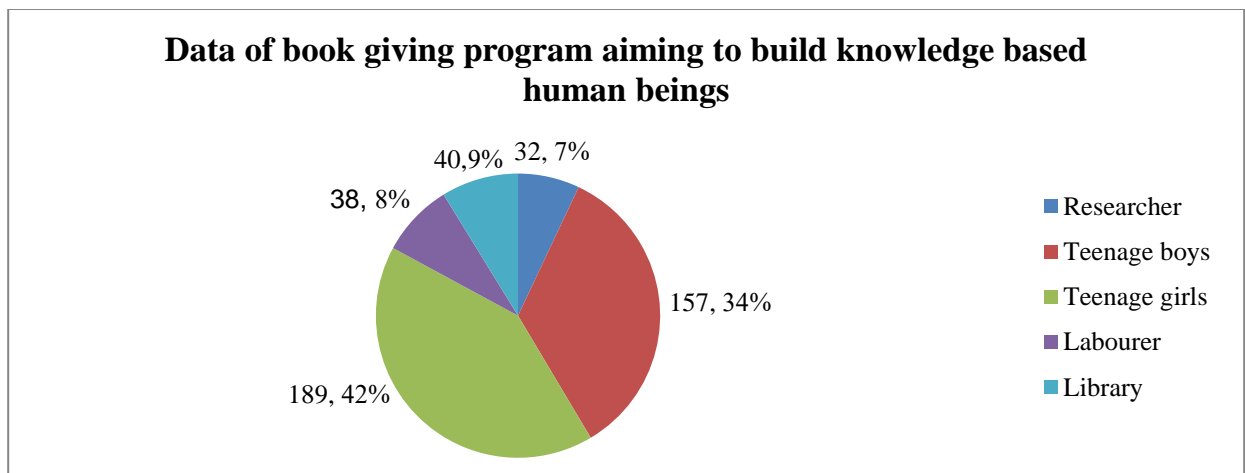
“Action and Light” has granted ‘Bangabandhu Folk Culture Fellowship’ to five student researchers of university level as preparation for research based development. These fellows, under the supervision of the institutions’ advisors, have submitted their own research on North Bengal folk culture to institutes’ executive council.

It is observed analyzing the submitted reports of fellows that the extensiveness of northern folk-culture, pattern of regional characteristics and the continuous change going on as a result of components circulation demands exploration. Folk culture changes, evolves and transforms with social change. Some components no longer are considered as folk elements for losing their function in the society. Thus not every folk-element has social usages and it is important to find out the transformation it faces with social change. Actually, folk-culture is a dynamic and strong medium of artistic communication among different social and cultural small groups. Present age is the age of communication. It is being analyzed how, with the search of truth of society, culture and natures in

territorialized folk-culture elements, cultural and artistic connections are created and how it can be utilized in developmental practices.

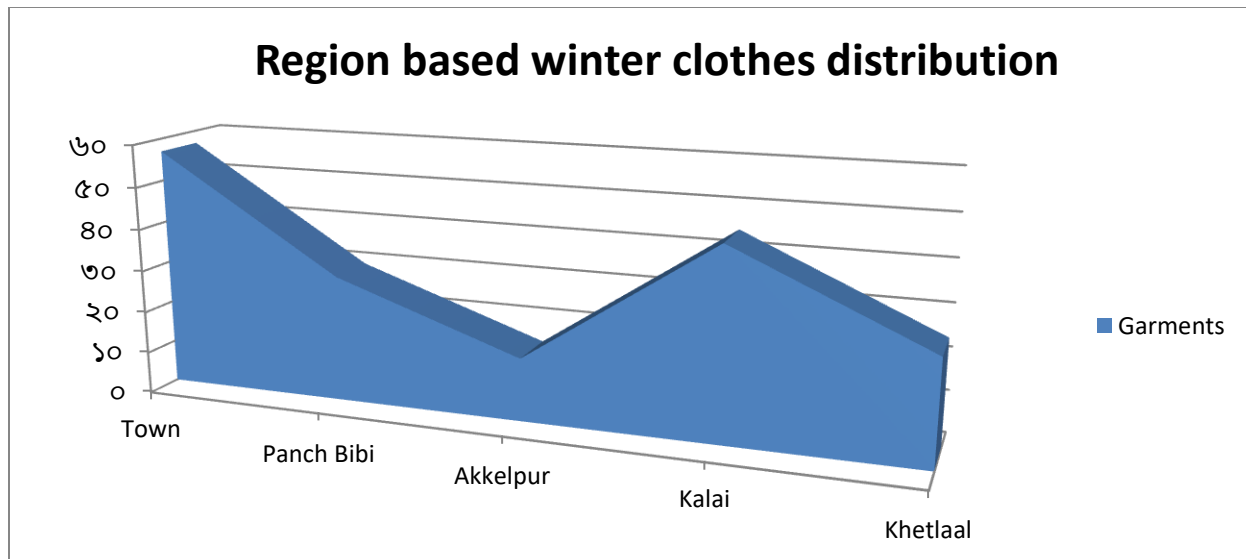
### **3. Book distribution among teenage boys and girls, researchers along with library aiming to cultivate creative human beings:**

In order to cultivating knowledge based, creative, rational human beings, the institution collects books from its' members and well-wishers and distributes them among researchers, teenage boys & girls, laborers along with local library. In this program, people from teachers and students of university to local, marginalized laborers are connected.



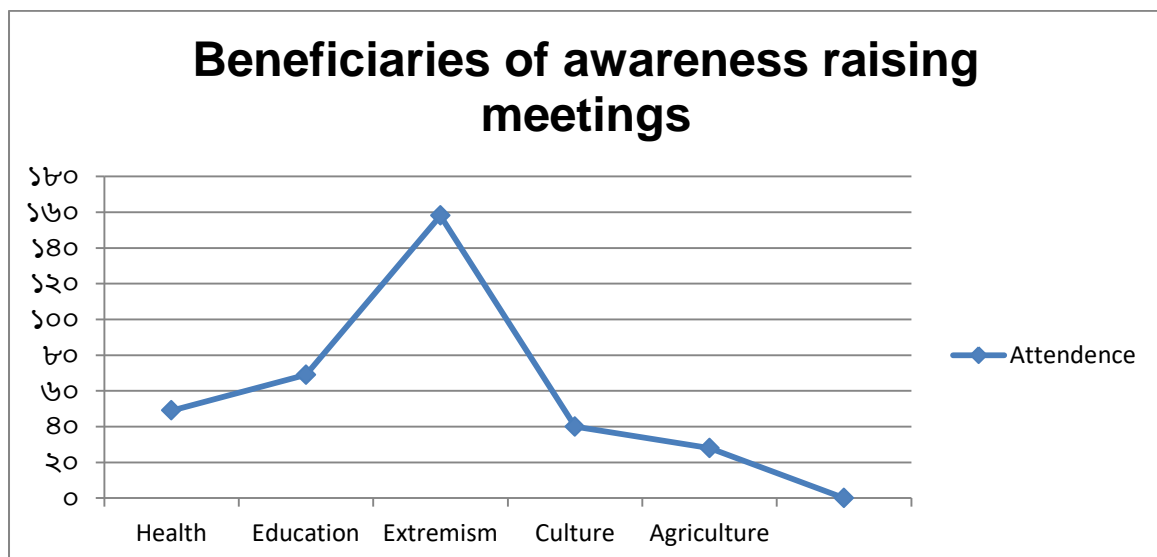
### **4. Delivering garment among winter ridden people:**

With the direct help from institute's members and well-wishers, winter clothes were distributed among laborers and underprivileged people of Joypurhat during last winter.



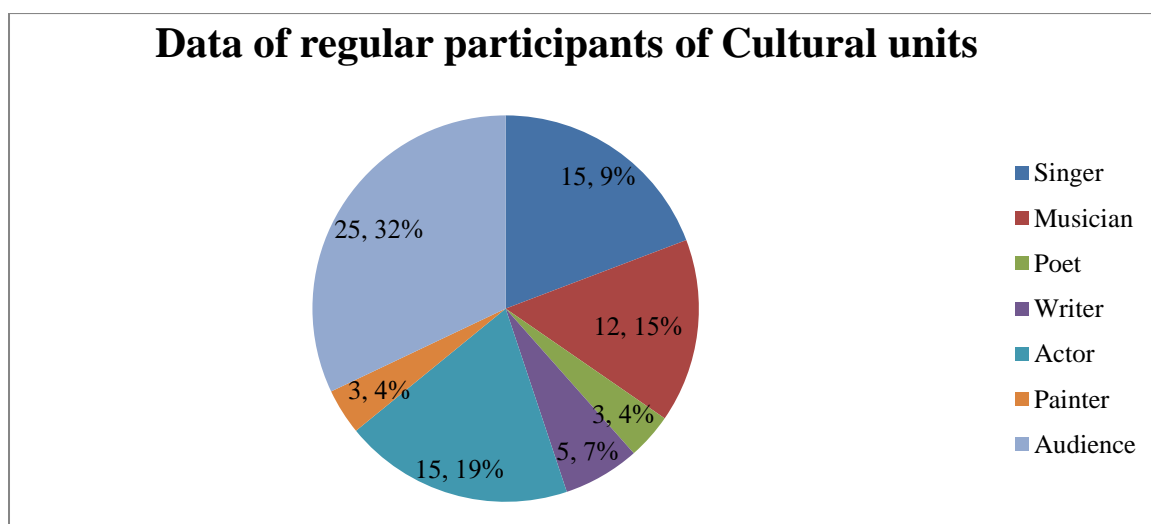
## **5. Organizing awareness raising seminar, compound assembly:**

Our institute is arranging different courtyard assemblies and discussion meetings around varieties raising issues. Among these, most significant are health awareness raising meeting, awareness rising session of guardians- students to resist dropout of school going students during Corona pandemic.



**6. To prevent extremism and violence, training group artists and arranging folk-cultural ‘awareness-colloquy’ session year-round in its public cultural unit ‘Akhra Bari’ :**

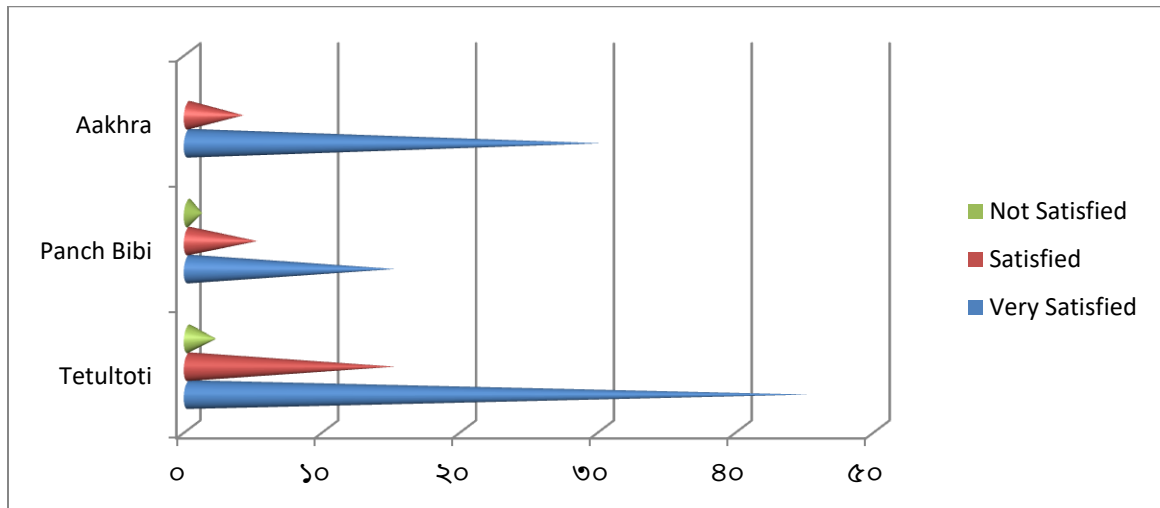
Public cultural unit of “Action and Light” named ‘Aakhra Baari’, through its regular cultural programs, is advancing the prospect of raising awareness against extremism and drug among people including diverse class-religion-caste-occupation, aiming to utilize cultural activities in participatory developmental works. Regular ‘awareness-colloquy’ is arranged in folk-culture practice of public cultural unit of our institution in Saguna, Gopinathpur of Puranpoil union of Joypurhat district town.



**7. Aiming to increasing health awareness, arranging regular ‘Free health camp’ in marginalized areas:**

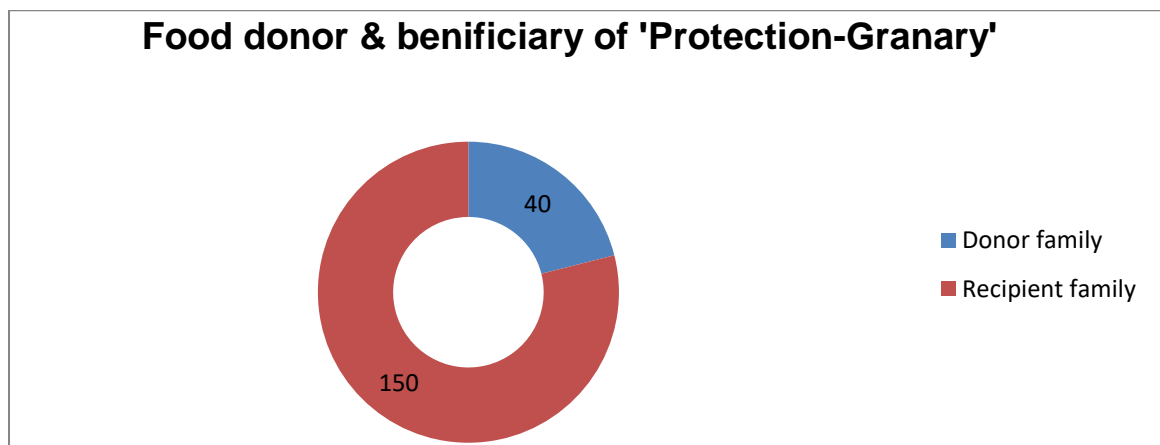
Our institute organizes free health campaign to create awareness among marginalized people with the help of local volunteer doctors and health care activists. Along with providing first aid help & giving health related information as per requirement, it refers beneficiaries to specialized doctors of town hospital if needed.

### **Result of 'Free health camp' at a glance:**



## **8. Providing food help and founding 'Food Bank-Protection Granary' among families, harmed during Covid 19 lockdown:**

Our institute has established 'Food bank-protection granary' pilot project, to strengthen food security of marginalized people. In this food bank Members of the institute can save surplus grain and during time of disturbances, any member of the institute can borrow grain from 'Food bank-protection granary' without interest for their family. Moreover, members and well-wishers can donate grains to 'Food bank-protection granary'.



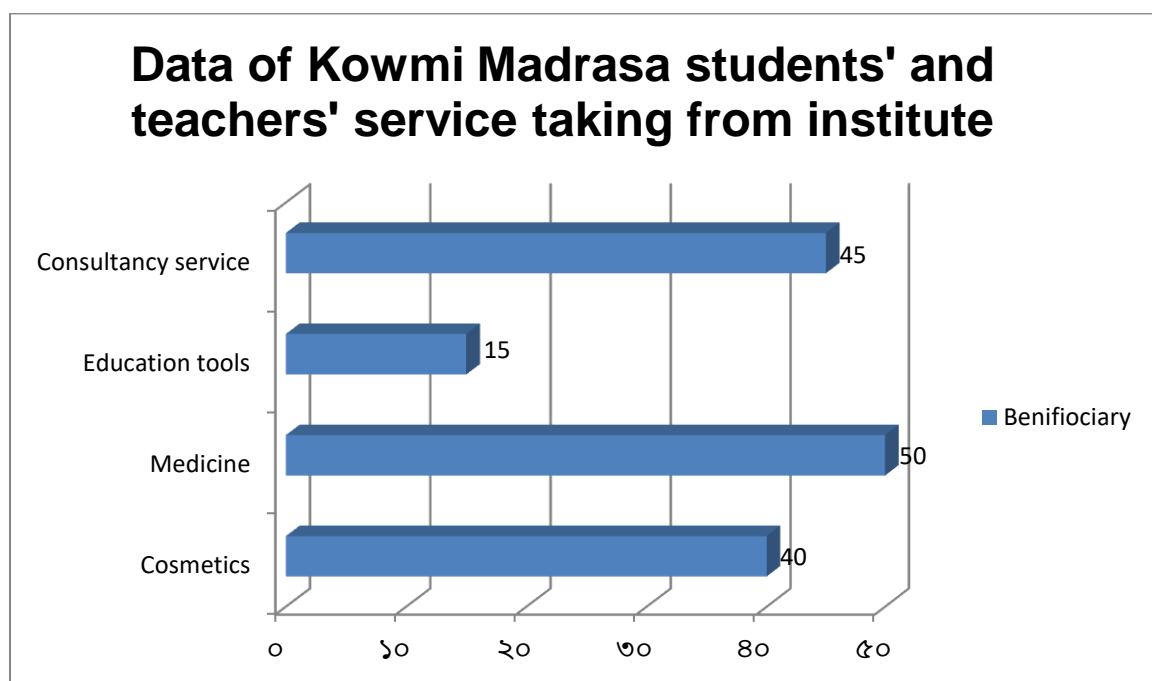


## 9. Participating and celebrating important national days:

The institution celebrates different important national days with their arrangements. In these programs participation of marginalized people are ensured, combining with its public cultural unit.

## 10. Implementing program to include Kowmi Madrasa students in prosperous stream:

“Action and Light” is particularly working to keep Qwmi Madrasa students connected with mainstream education system and to raise anti-extremist mentality.



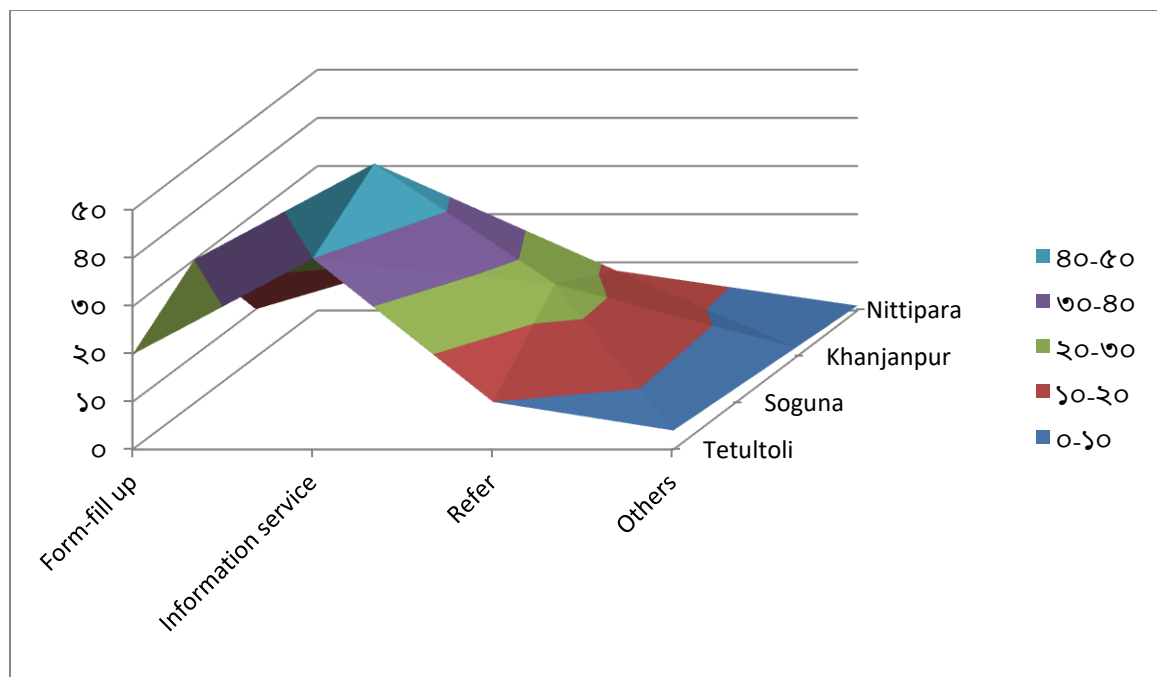
## 11. ‘Safe food production for us’ activity:

“Action and Light” has encouraged its members to cultivate self-produced, poison free, safe food. It has selected six ‘model farms’ among its members. Similarly, it has mobilized self-produced food exchange among the members.

## **12. Founding and running ‘self-help group’ with help of own village organizations:**

With/through our institutes own village organization ‘self-help groups’, village inhabitants are being informed about different government and non-government services, being helped in form fill-up of various services along with elderly allowance, being referred to suitable service providing organizations for solving certain problems. These are some of the activities through which connectivity of marginalized people to developmental works is amplifying.

### **Result of ‘Self-help group’ at a glance:**



**Aliquot part of “Action and Light” related photographs:**



After main office visit of “Action and Light”, Joupurhat district’s honorable sub-director Mr. Imam Hashem, standing social service directorate, among the members of institute



Upozilla social service officer (town) Mr. Al Imran inspected main office of Action and Light





**Continuing the participation of institute on various significant national days**



**Continuing institute's work at orphanages and Kowmi Madrasa**





To prevent dropout of school going students during Corona pandemic, in an awareness rising session, Upozila social service officer (town) Mr. Al Imran is giving speech as the chief guest.



Anti-extremism activity under the cultural unit of the institute





ASP Mr. Moshfiqur Rahman of Joypurhat circle, with artists of cultural unit of the institute



Institute's executive member, Mr. Tapos Kumar Bormon is giving medicine to elderly people in the free health campaign.



**For research purpose, in the training center ‘Aakhrabaari’ of cultural unit of the institute several students of Folklore department of Rajshahi University participate.**



**Gathering of people from different classes in the health campaign**





**Institute's free health camp provides first aid treatment along with building communal harmony**



**In the tree plantation campaign, along with institute's executive committee, Upozila social service officer (town) Mr. Al Imran is joining.**





**Upozila social service officer (town) Mr. Al Imran giving effective suggestion in the institute's office on certain affairs**



**Institute's greetings book giving to Sumi Pathagar(library)**



**Institute greets with book present to Protiyasha Mohila Somity Pathagar (library)**



**Upozilla social service officer (town) Mr. Al Imran gives introductory speech at institute's social tree plantation campaign.**



**Upozilla social service officer (town) Mr. Al Imran distributing plants**





**Discussion assembly of tree plantation initiative in the church of institute's arrangement**





**Institute's initiative for tree plantation on the house yards**



**“Plant vehicle” for running village tree plantation program of ‘Sabuj Unnayan Sangstha’s**





**Supervisor of government children residence, Mr. Habibur Rahman is present in tree plantation program of children residence**



**Tree plantation program in Emdadia Kowmi Madrasa of Panchbibi**





**‘Action and Light’ initiative for books and plant distribution campaign**





**Institute's initiative for safe food movement in members' houses**

**Annexe:**

**A) brief introduction of members of institute's advisory committee:**

1. Professor Mohammad Mahmudur Rahman, professor, department of Political Science, University of Rajshahi. Chairman, advisory committee, Action and Light.
2. Mahmudul Haque, eminent social worker, Joypurhat. Honorable member, advisory committee, Action and Light.
3. Professor Dr. Rowshon Jahid, professor, Department of Folklore, University of Rajshahi. Honorable member, advisory committee, Action and Light.
4. Dr. Golam Sarowar, associate professor, Department of History, University of Rajshahi. Honorable member, advisory committee, Action and Light.
5. Md. Abdur Razzak, assistant professor, Rangpur Teachers' Training College. Honorable member, advisory committee, Action and Light.
6. Gilchrist Milu Mandal, social worker, Joypurhat. Honorable member, advisory committee, Action and Light.
7. Konica Gop, development worker, Dhaka. Honorable member, advisory committee, Action and Light.

**B) Brief introduction of members of executive committee of Sabuj Unnayan Sangstha:**

1. Dr. Sazzadul Bari, chairperson, Action and Light.
2. Moutushy Shome, secretary, Action and Light.
3. Md. Ramjan Ali, vice-chairperson, Action and Light.
4. Md. Shariul Hasan, treasurer, Action and Light.
5. Tapos Kumar Bormon, executive member, Action and Light.
6. Sumon Kumar Shil, executive member, Action and Light
7. Md. Lutfar Rahman, executive member, Action and Light.

**C) Name list of members of general committee of institution:**



1. Dr. Sazzadul bari
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8. Abraham Avin Das
9. Shopna Das
10. Md. Al Amin Mondol
11. Babu Minji
12. Mst. Yasmin Parvin
13. Md. Minhajul Hossen
14. Ronjit Kumar Bormon Kina
15. Md. Aminur Rashid Kalam
16. Mukta Toppo
17. Md. Abdur Razzak
18. Taslim Khan Rana
19. Ipshita Rahman
20. S.M. Atiqur rahman Riyad
21. Sadia Farzana Proma
22. James Soren
23. Dipti Rahman
24. Advocate Shamsul Alam
25. Adhir Chandra Shil
26. Shri Bikash
27. Hazrat Ali