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## Project Location

**Country:** India

**City:** KASHINAGAR

## Organization

**Organization Name:** KASHINAGAR PIONEER SCIENCE CLUB

**Organization Type:** Association

**Specify:** OUR FOUNDER PRESIDENT DR. NITYAGOPAL BASU BEARS ALL EXPENSES SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCIENCE CLUB (1979) FOR ITS ALL ACTIVITIES. HE SPENDS 10% OF HIS TOTAL INCOME (FOR LAST 25 YEARS) TO THIS KIND OF ACTIVITIES (FOR A BETTER SOCIETY FOR OUR NEXT GENERAT

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## Project Type

Education up to 29 years

## Project Description

**Description Frase (max. 500 characters):**

NO MORE SUPERSTITIONS : THINK RATIONALLY & LOGICALLY, PRACTICE SCIENTIFICALLY, LIVE BETTER AND MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

**Project Summary (max. 2000 characters):**

IN OUR SOCIETY THERE ARE SO MANY SUPERSTITIONS PERSISTENT STILL TODAY WHEN MANKIND HAS LANDED OVER THE MOON AND PLANNING TO SEND AERONAUTS TO THE MARS! THESE SUPERSTITIONS BEGIN FROM DIFFERENT

REASONS. 1) IGNORANCE 2) LACK OF PROPER KNOWLEDGE THAT CAN CIRCULATE FROM FELLOW-MEN AND GIVE THEM LIGHT OF WISDOM, 3) OVER-POWER OF BAD PEOPLES (IMPOSTORS) LIKE 'SNAKE CHARMER', 'EXORCISTS', 'PERSONS WHO FAVOR INCANTATION TO HARM OTHERS WITH CHARMS AND SPELLS', PEOPLE WHO PRACTICES WITCH-CRAFT. THEY SIMPLY MOTIVATE COMMON IGNORANT PEOPLE TO DEVIATE FROM RATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC THOUGHTS AND PRACTICES OF MODERN SCIENTIFIC WAY TO GET RID OF DISEASES.

HERE IN OUR LOCALITY 'SNAKE BITE' IN RAINY SEASON AND DURING HARVESTING TIME AND 'DOG BITE' ARE VERY COMMON AS STRAY DOG POPULATION IS VERY HIGH. IN HEPATITIS THAT CAUSES 'JAUNDICE' (YELLOW DISCOLORATION OF WHITE PART OF EYES, YELLOW URINATION AND SKIN) ARE USUALLY TREATED WITH WEARING A NECKLACE MADE OF SOFT GREEN STEM OF LOCAL SHRUBS ALONG WITH SOME DIRECTIONS OF 'DO' AND 'DON'T'. WITH TIME THE GREEN STEMS START DRYING AND THREADS GET TIGHTENS OVER IT THUS ELONGATING THE LENGTH OF NECKLACE. COMMON PEOPLE CAN'T NOT EXPLAIN THIS WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND THINK PERHAPS YELLOW COLOR OF JAUNDICE IS DESTROYED BY THAT NECKLACE AND IT GETS LONGER! SOME THOUGHT, IMMUNIZATION TO CHILDREN CAN CAUSE INFERTILITY IN THEIR LATER LIVES. PEOPLE WALK IN THE DARKNESS AND BARE-FOOTED. SO THERE IS MORE CHANCES TO SNAKE BITE IN VILLAGES. SNAKE CHARMER USUALLY TIE A TOURNIQUET LIKE THING JUST ABOVE BITING SITE. THEN THEY START HYMES, CHARMS AND SPELL TO DESTROY POISONS OF SNAKE THAT IS UNSCIENTIFIC. INSTEAD OF TAKING THE VICTIM TO HOSPITAL, TIME IS WASTED AT HOME AND THUS LOSING THE PATIENT. IF THE PATIENT IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL, THE DOCTORS HAVE NOTHING TO DO ANYMORE, PATIENT DIES! WE STARTED TO STOP ALL THESE KIND OF MAL-PRACTICES, SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR SCIENCE CLUB (1979) TO EDUCATE PEOPLES, STUDENTS AND PREGNANT MOTHERS. BUT IT WAS OCCASIONAL. IN 2007, 3 CHILDREN OF A SINGLE FAMILY DIED AFTER SNAKE BITE (COMMON KRAIT) DUE TO PROCEDURES DONE BY SNAKE CHARMERS WHO ASSURED THE LIVES OF ALL KIDS. THIS PATHETIC EVEN FORCED US TO DO VIGOROUS CHAMPAGNE TO EDUCATE TARGET PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

## **How long has your project been running?**

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## **Objectives and Innovative Aspects**

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF 26 VILLAGES WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF NEARLY 30,000 INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH 24 PARGANAS DISTRICT OF WEST BENGAL STATE IN INDIA, WE WORKED OUT AN ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF 0.16% AND MORTALITY RATE OF 0.016% PER YEAR FOR SNAKE-BITE. THE ANNUALIZED DOG BITE RATE IS 51.9 PER 10000 POPULATION IN THESE POPULATION. "JHAAD PHOONK" AND CONSUMPTION OF HERBAL REMEDIES. OFTEN THE PATIENT IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL TOO LATE TO BE SAVED. BLIND FAITH AND SUPERSTIONS ARE COOMON IS POOR AND ILLETERATE PEOPLE OF REMOTE VILLAGES AROUND US. THIS LEAD TO PRACTISING CHARMS & SPELLS, EXORCISE, USING INCATATION TO HERM A PERSON, ARE VERY COMMON IN DOG BITE, SNAKE BITE, DIFFERENT HEALTH

PRACTICE IN MOTHER AND CHILD & IN HYSTERICAL FITS AS POSSESSING BY DEITY OR EVIL SPIRIT WITHOUT TAKING MODERN TREATMENTS, RATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC THOUGHTS TO ALEVIATE THESE. IN SNAKE BITE, SNAKE CHARMERS KILLS THE PATIENTS IN THE NAME OF TREATMENT AS PATIENTS DON'T GET MODERN ANTIVENINS, OR WASTE TIME TO TAKE THEM TO HOSPITALS. IN DOGBITE THEY PROVIDE MAGIC BANANA AND TABIZ TO STOP RABISES WITHOUT ANTIRABISE VACCINATION. IN JAUNDICE THEY GIVE A MAGIC NECKLACE OF PLANT STEM IN ARRANGED IN COTTON THREAD THAT INCREASES IN SIZE WITH TIME. IN HYSTERIC FITS WITHOUT FOLLOWING MODERN MENTAL TREATMENTS, EXORCIST OFFER PAINFUL PHYSICAL TORTURES IN THE NAME OF CUREING. HOMEOPATHY AS SUBSTITUTE OF IMMUNIZATIONI N ANTE-POST NATAL CARE AND IN NEWBORN BABIES. OBJECTIVES ARE 1) TO STOP THESE PRACTICES TO SAVE LIFE IN DOGBITE & SNAKE BITE PATIENTS. 2) TO UNDERSTAND HYSTERIA, JAUNDICE AS DISEASES THAT ARE COMPLETELY CURABLE WITH MODERN MEDICINES 3) TO AVOID PRACTICES THAT STOP IMMUNIZATIONS IN PREGNANT MOTHERS AND NEW BORN CHIDREN TO ENSURE HEALTHY FUTURE-CITIZEN OF THE COUNTRY.

## Results

**Describe the results achieved by your project How do you measure (parameters) these.** (max. 2000 characters):

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**How many users interact with your project monthly and what are the preferred forms of interaction?** (max. 500 characters):

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IN THE FAIR, AUDIENCE EVEN EXCEEDS 3000-4000. IT DECREASES IN 50-60 WHEN IT WAS TARGETED TO ANTENATAL CARE AND IMMUNIZATION AS WE SELECT A VILLAGE AND CALL THEM TO A COMMON PLACE. WE INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE TO ASK QUESTIONS. THEY ASK QUESTIONS AND DISCUSS ABOUT THEIR BELIEVES AND SEEK WHAT IS BETTER WAY OUT.

## Sustainability

**What is the full duration of your project (from beginning to end)?:** More than 6 years

**What is the approximate total budget for your project (in Euro)?:** Less than 10.000 Euro

**What is the source of funding for your project?:** Other

**Is your project economically self sufficient now?:** No

**Since when?:** 2014-10-30 23:00:00

## Transferability

**Has your project been replicated/adapted elsewhere?:** Yes

**Where? By whom?:** WE DON'T KNOW. WE HAVE NO SUCH INFORMATION. BUT SOME OTHER ORGANIZATION ARE GETTING INTERESTED TO THIS ACTIVITY AND INVITE THEIR PLACES FOR 'CALL SHOW'. WE ACCEPT THIS GLADLY AND SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS STORY TO THOSE PEOPLE OUTSIDE OUR WORKING BOUNDARY

**What lessons can others learn from your project? (max. 1500 characters):**

WITH SINCERITY AND  
MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION  
SOCIETY WITH SUPERSTITION  
FOR OUR CHILDREN

**Are you available to help others to start or work on similar projects?:** Yes

## Background Information

**Barriers and Solutions (max. 1000 characters):** IN THE BEGINNING, WE FACED OPPOSITION FROM THE SOCIETY. THEY TRIED TO DO SOME PROPAGANDA TO IMPLEMENT, WAS NO GOOD FOR THEM, FOR THE COMMUNITY WERE NOT TAKING ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION FOR CHILDREN, TETANUS-TOXOID AND HEPATITIS B VACCINATION (FROM MOTHERS), SOMETIMES EXORCISTS TRIED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BY UNSCIENTIFIC & TORTURE LIKE METHODS IN THE PAST. BUT WITH REPEATED DISCUSSION AND EVEN WITH THE HELP OF DOCTORS, POLITICIANS, GRADUALLY THEY ARE BECOMING. HAVE UNDERSTOOD ITS IMPORTANCE FOR BETTER FUTURE.

**Future plans and wish list (max. 750 characters):** WITH OUR EXPERIENCE, ITS SO CLEAR THAT WE WILL DO CONSTANT WILL TO DO PEOPLE'S GOOD IF YOU WANT TO INCORPORATE MORE VILLAGES UNDER COVER OF EDUCATION AND SURVEILLANCE, 2) WE WANT AT LEAST FIVE VILLAGES TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND AT LEAST A CHAPTER TO BE WRITTEN AND 3) WANT TO SHARE WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS BEYOND WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH EXORCISM AND SUPERSTITION. WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE OUR PROJECT MORE EFFECTIVE.

FREEDOM TO EXTEND OUR BOUNDARY, 2) PROFESSIONAL MAN POWER (IT'S NOT ALWAYS GOOD AND UP TO MARK IN VIEW OF STANDARDIZATION WITH ONLY VOLUNTEERS. WE NEED SOME RESOURCES THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE HIRED FOR BETTERMENT OF PRESENTATION. 3) GOVT. ASSISTANCE FOR WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR ACTIVITY IN NATIONAL LEVEL AND BEYOND.

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