



# MAHESHTALA MUNICIPALITY

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**E-NEWSLETTER OF MAHESHTALA MUNICIPALITY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2018**

**Activities during the month of April 2018**

**1. Activities under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission: WBSULM (West Bengal Urban Livelihood Mission):**

- ✓ Maheshtala Municipality is trying to promote the habit of micro savings among the marginal women through formation of Self Help Groups. It is expected through the habit of micro savings and micro lending they will be able to find a better way of leaving. These women mostly borrow money at high interest from local *Mahajans* and that leads them towards economic devastation. Through different trainings and exposure it is expected they will start entrepreneurship and that will give them financial stability. In this month 12 new Self Help Groups were formed and opened their group savings bank account. 8 SHGs who have completed at least 3 months and maintaining *Pancha Sutra* received one time revolving fund of rupees ten thousand as seed money. One Area Level Federation received revolving fund of rupees fifty thousand. From this fund members of SHGs will be able to borrow in case of need. In this month 2 SHGs received cash credit loan worth Rs. 2,75,000/- and 1 SHG got CC loan for the second time worth Rs. 2,50,000/- from the bank.
- ✓ At present 6 batches of vocational trainings under NULM are going on. 182 Students are attending training on regular basis. Training of basic sewing and tailoring course completed and vocational examination was taken by the institute that provided training.

**Formation and training of Mahila Arogya Samiti:**

Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) as the name implies is a collective effort of neighboring women who are expected to take joint action on issues related to Health, Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and its social determinants at Slum/Ward level. As per NUHM framework, the MAS is to be formed at slum level and will cover approximately 50-100. Main purpose of Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) includes, demand generation, ensuring optimal utilization of services, establishing referral linkages, increasing community ownership and sustainability and establishing a community based monitoring system.

285 MASs were formed and their training initiated since February 2018. In April 108 SHG members from 14 Groups received has training.

## 2. Activities under National Urban Health Mission (NUHM)

### ✓ Maheshtala Municipality Release Guppy Fish to Control Dengue

With anti-larvae measures not proving to be effective to curb the mosquito menace, Maheshtala Municipality has revived the age-old method to control the breeding of larvae, by releasing 50,000 guppy fish at breeding sites.

The distribution of guppy fish was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 in the august presence of Shri Dulal Das, Chairman Maheshtala Municipality, Shri Abu Taleb Molla, Vice Chairman Maheshtala Municipality, Shri Subhajit Gorai, DMDC (Alipore), Dr. Tapas Paria, Asst. Director of Fisheries, South 24 Pgs, Shri Sukanta Bera, CIC Health Maheshtala Municipality and others in Daulatpur area (Ward-30) to different ward councillors for releasing them in many construction sites, water puddles, ponds and drains, which are sites for mosquito breeding.



Executive Officer of Maheshtala Municipality delivering his speech

*Poecilia Reticulate* commonly known as “Guppy” is named after the British-born naturalist Robert John Lechmere Guppy, who is credited with discovering the species in Trinidad in 1866. “Usually found in small ponds, construction sites and drains can usually live up to five years. The fish feeds on microbes and mosquito larvae and is a low-cost, year-round and safe way of reducing the spread of dengue. They can keep pace with the aedes aegypti mosquito when it comes to breeding. A male guppy will be ready for breeding activity two months after birth while females can breed in three months. If a reservoir has 10 to 20 guppy fishes, after a year the population can shoot up to 2,000! One guppy fish alone can eat 25 to 50 larvae in 24 hours. For municipalities struggling to destroy breeding grounds of the aedes aegypti, the guppy's voracious appetite for larvae is a godsend. It offers a viable alternative to use chemicals and can reduce the scale of costly emergency response activities to restrain epidemics,” said Dr. Tapas Paria.



Dr. Tapas Paria and Sri Dulal Das

"The move was actually taken up after aedes aegypti mosquitoes, the vector responsible for dengue fever, were found in many areas under Maheshtala Municipality. This fish is a

predator of mosquito eggs and larvae, which lead to the spread of malaria also. Meanwhile, the civic body has also begun an intensive surveillance programme to curb dengue." as said by the Chairman Shri Dulal Das, Maheshtala Municipality.

✓ **Special Outreach Health Camps**

Special outreach health camps is one of the most important health initiatives under the health department. Through 23 specialized and general health camps medicines and health services were provided to financially weaker section of the society. In the month of April 2018 to 1000 citizens directly received the services from the camps. Details about the camps are given below.



Date	Place	Ward no	No of service receiver
07/04/2018	Phooltala ICDS School	7	71
07/04/2018	Paharpur	10	63
07/04/2018	Chakmir ICDS School	17	60
07/04/2018	Tina Line	28	24
9/04/2018	Taltala colony football ground	27	41
10/04/2018	Mollapara	20	51
12/04/2018	Friends Club	4	
13/04/2018	SK.Para Blue Star Club	35	103
16/04/2018	Ram Nagar Mandir Para	23	28
17/04/2018	Daulatpur Lashkar Para	30	22
19/04/2018	Thander Para ICDS School	16	22
20/04/2018	Amritala Bazar	8	71
21/04/2018	Joyeeta	19	56



21/04/2018	Gazipara	6	10
21/04/2018	Magura Mondal Para	21	33
21/04/2018	Maheshtala Club	22	20
23/04/2018	Santoshpur Bazar para	11	20
24/04/2018	Pally Samity Club	3	34
26/04/2018	Alampur Pradip Sangha	2	78
28/04/2018	Makalhati Friends Club	4	70
28/04/2018	Kazir Jola	25	54
28/04/2018	Chak Chandul School	34	20
28/04/2018	Santoshpur Milan Sangha	9	49



#### ✓ **Orientation of Councilors**

An orientation programme of Ward councilors were organized on 20/04/2018. The main aim was to identify clogged up drains and water bodies of the locality and prepare action plan to stop breeding of aedes aegypti and larvae of mosquito.

Second part of the orientation programme was

focused on the issues of Housing For All and Urban Livelihood Mission.



Discussion points under Housing For All:

1. As per HFA DPR Of 2015-16 there were 1102 beneficiaries of which 344 confirmed as beneficiaries who are willing to construct DUs under the scheme. The confirmed list was communicated to SUDA and is reflected in online PMAY-MIS. Now as per SUDA's instruction vied momo no - 312/2016/1486(77) dtd-19.02.2018, councilors were requested to provide list of beneficiaries who are not in the confirmed list but are in the

approved DPR who are now agreed to obtain benefits under Housing For All .The same is to be communicated to SUDA for further necessary action.

2. Decision has been made to discard cases where beneficiaries need to be opted for 2 stored housing due to shortage of land as this involved higher construction cost (more than 3.68 lakhs) with higher contribution from beneficiaries end which they are not willing /capable to pay.

In special cases approval may be given to the beneficiaries with recommendation of the respective councillor & undertaking from the beneficiary with a note to bear the additional cost by himself/herself. In such cases councillors would be responsible for completion of such DUs in their respective wards.

Under Urban Livelihood Mission councillors were having some confusion regarding composition of Self help groups. Those doubts were clarified and it was decided before formation of the SHGs Community Organizers shall take permission from the respective councilor and endorsed by the Chairman to avoid any kind of malpractices.

✓ **Inauguration of regular immunization centre**

At ward no 7, regular immunization centre was inaugurated on April 5, and through the centre 81 children were immunized.



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**Dulal Das**  
Chairman,  
Maheshtala Municipality