



ANNUAL REPORT 2017 -2018

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Founder's Note

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Warm greetings from Kolkata, India!

The year 2017 was very special. This is because 2007 marked the unofficial flagship year of Destiny, making 2017 our tenth anniversary. Back in 2007, we rented our first building and later after we completed the organisation's formal registration.

Ten years later, during one of our busiest years, I have often reflected on our humble beginnings . The faces that flash on my mind are of our very first batch of young women, who came to be trained, find work, and build a better future with Destiny. In the following years, strengthening our existing partnerships and making new valuable partnerships, as well as our beneficiaries have had a noticeable impact in their own lives, encouraging the Destiny team to continue with the effort .

This report delves into our shared successes and the challenges that we continue to face.

For the year that has gone by, and for the past decade of Destiny, I want to thank each and every member for supporting us. Together we have been able to build this space and to make a positive impact in Kolkata, and the world.

In Solidarity,
Smarita sengupta and team .

Introduction

Destiny has integrated a for-profit and nonprofit model, which disrupts the cycles of exploitation that countless girls and young women in Kolkata face. The principal approach to achieve this mission seeks to provide a connection to social care, accommodation and economic empowerment for girls and young women from the time they arrive at a shelter home to adulthood. This reduces the risk of re-trafficking and exploitation by ensuring continuity of care, under three main pillars:

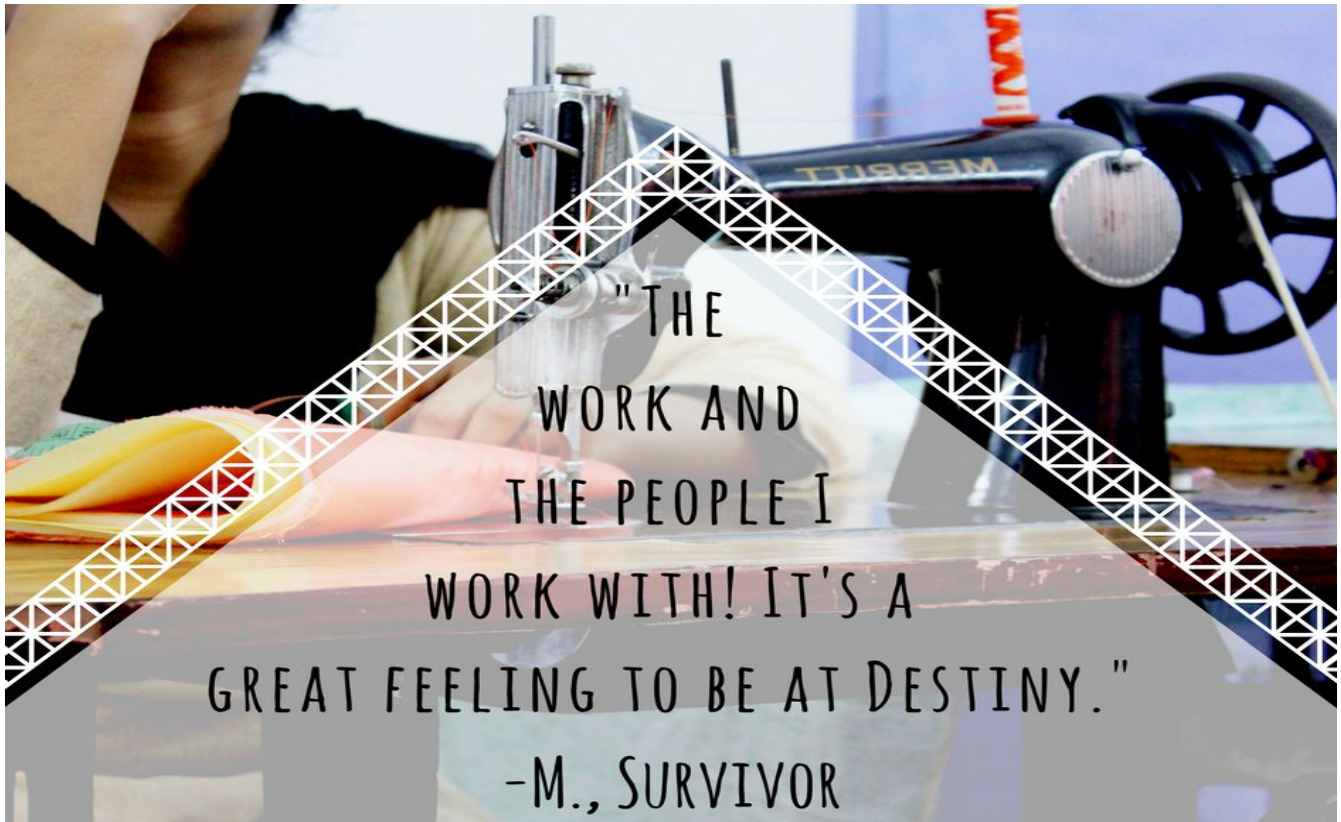
1. Availability of safe accommodation.
2. Economic empowerment.
3. Providing a trusted community of mentors, friends, and supporters.

By sustaining these pillars of support from childhood through adulthood, Destiny has demonstrated an impact in reducing instances of re-trafficking while also providing defences against common exploitative scenarios.

This Annual Report (2017) begins with a new project strategy, updated activities, and impact-oriented implementation plans. The positive impact and recognition from the past years has made us determined and knowledgeable, strengthening our commitment to delivering further further services to the most marginalized women and girls.

DESTINY works on prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration of survivors of trafficking.

A Success Story



Shefali trafficked at the age of 14 year, thus losing control over her own life, body, and soul now 25 and a mother of a 10 year old boy - has regained her inner strength . She was rescued, legally supported by IJM and received aftercare by Mahima Home. Thereafter, she began her journey of empowerment with Destiny. After years of hard work, in 2018, Shefali was recognized for her courage when she received the 'Kya Baat Meye' Award on International Women's Day.

Shefali's success story is just one of several dozen at the Destiny Foundation.

Our Team Members



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Founder, Director, Trustee



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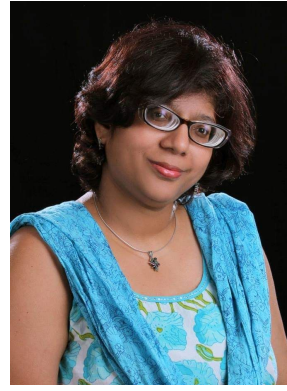
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Programmes

Destiny has designed its programmes with the sole purpose of assisting our women and girls in achieving sustainable independence. We do so to free them from the network of sexual exploitation and the potential for falling prey to re-trafficking. Our main motto is to end modern slavery. We are committed to raising awareness about the dangers of sex trafficking, both for those entrapped and those with the power to stop this cycle. To accomplish these goals, we focus mainly on rehabilitation programming.

Our 3 main projects are:

- Group Home Programme
- Khidderpore Red Light Area Community Project
- Government Home Project



Group Home Programme



At just 18 years of age, girls are often forced to leave the shelter home. Many lack the necessary support structures of family, friends, or employment, and thus struggle to live on their own for the first time. In this situation, a Group Home is vital to provide a safe space for them to live in, while also empowering them to learn basic skills. Destiny provides such a space, alongside providing close mentoring on topics such as handling relationships, cooking, training or employment, and managing money. Without a Group Home service many would be left with no option but to live in a brothel in the city and end up getting exploited by traffickers.

At present the organization is providing basic needs, such as bedding, utensils, and primary nutrition. In the future, we hope to provide additional facilities. Most of the women and girls are working or receiving training in different fields such as nursing, housekeeping, or artisanal work. We see a positive change in each of these women daily as they finally have the ability to work without any feeling of being unsafe.



Shelter Home Project



The Indian Government provides hundreds of shelter homes in West Bengal for vulnerable children. Many of these children have been rescued from a variety of traumatic situations, including sex trafficking, child labour, child marriage, domestic violence, and homelessness. We provide enhanced social services in one government shelter home for girls. We send professionals and volunteers to lead arts and crafts programmes, as well as literacy and job-skill training.

These programmes help the girls process some of their disturbing experiences as well as make them better prepared for adulthood when they leave the Group Home at 18 years of age.

The training procedure plays an integral role during the pre-reintegration stage. Around 120 girls received diverse skills training; one-to-one mentorship, and modelled workshops conducted by international and local students.



Khidderpore Red Light Area Community Programme



We run a community centre in the heart of the Munshiganj Red Light Area in Kolkata. We offer a variety of social and wellness events, such as sewing training, literacy classes, and business workshops. The purpose of this programme is to improve general well-being in the community with the goal of strengthening their empowerment. The freedom to talk in a safe environment plus women's self-realisation of their ability to learn new skills can dramatically improve their perception about their lives and their children's prospects. Women in this programme are either in the trade or are highly vulnerable and from extremely impoverished backgrounds. The skill training programme aims to create alternative employment opportunities through sewing and craft training, education, computer training, and knowledge workshops.

Events

JOY OF GIVING

This programme was launched by Destiny in 2015 to address the basic needs and mental well-being of the children living in shelter homes. We provide educational supplies, clothes, shoes, and other necessary items. To supply these donations, Destiny frequently partners with sponsors such as businesses, individuals, or clubs. Some of our generous partnerships have been forged with the Inner Wheel Club, Kolkata International Women's Club (KIWC), Eureka Forbes, Wacker, All Ladies League, and Women's Economic Forum.

Other event includes ::

1. September: Clothes were distributed amongst 126 children of Shelter Home (SH).
2. May: Basic Bengali books were distributed among the children of SH.
3. November: New footwear were distributed among 118 children from ages 3 to 18 years. This event was sponsored by KIWC and the footwear was sourced from Bata Shoes Footwear Retail Company. June: Snacks were distributed amongst the children of Shelter Home.

PINKATHON

India's biggest Women's Run seeks to promote good health and breast cancer awareness among women. In March, 2017 the girls and women of Destiny Foundation got the opportunity to participate in Pinkathon, an event that was organised at Sukanya Home. The marathon was followed by personal hygiene awareness and a zumba session.



JOY OF GIVING PICTURE :



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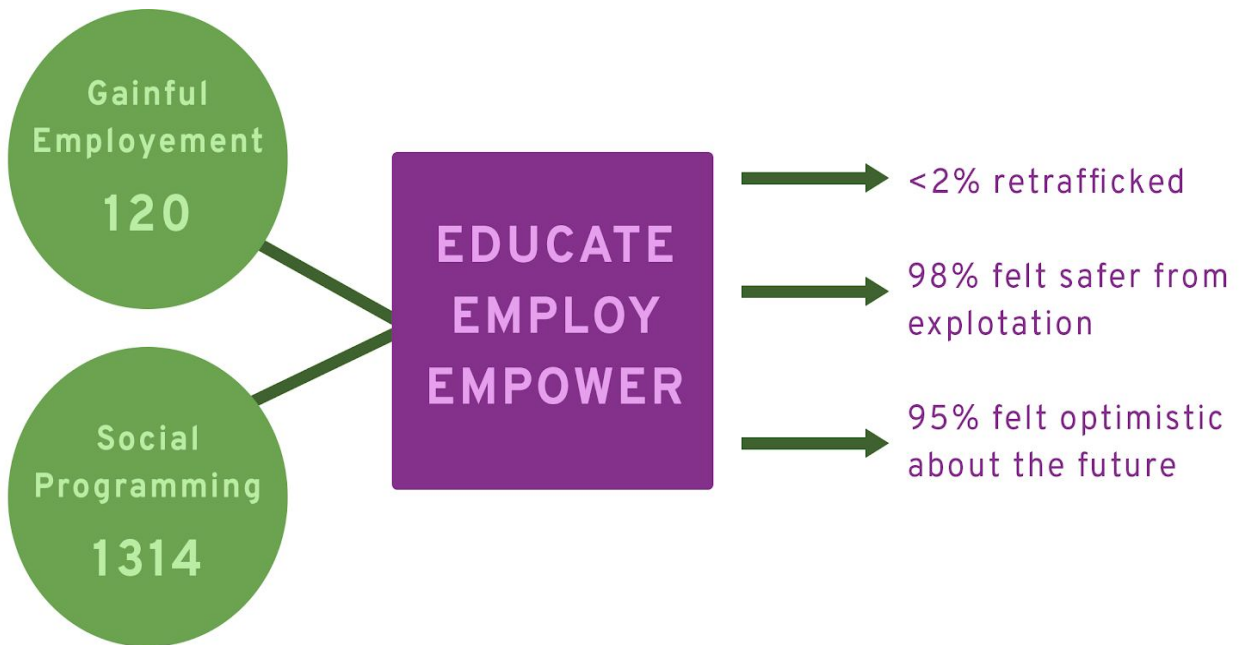
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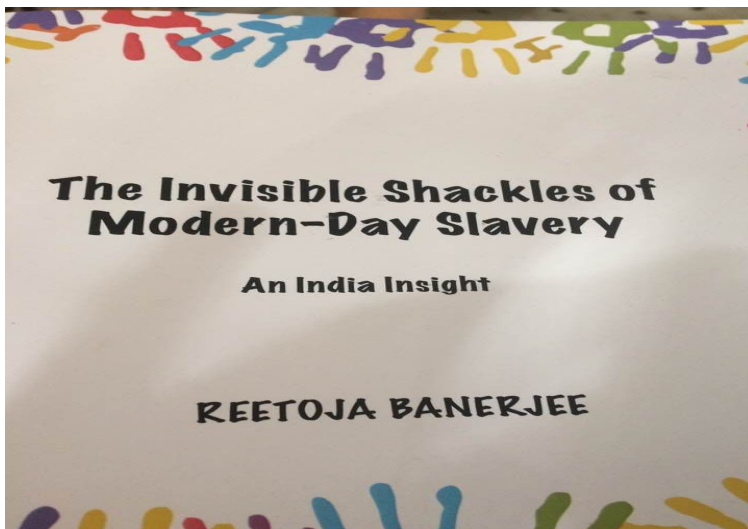
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Our Impact



Book project



A coffee table book was launched by our volunteer Reetoja Banerjee, a student of class 10 - as part of her school project . This book is an insight on Modern slavery and human trafficking.

DAAN UTSAV

On October 7th, 2017, Destiny was invited by JW Marriott, Kolkata, to attend Daan Utsav and exhibit products made by the girls for display and sale, which was greatly appreciated.

EXHIBITION AT TOTO CAFÉ

On October 10th, 2017, there was a small stall in Toto Cafe for handicrafts sale along with other freedom businesses.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On December 3rd, 2017, along with other NGOs we participated in the Christmas Bazaar, organized by KIWC at the German Consulate grounds.

EXHIBITION AT NICCO PARK

Another exhibition was held on December 29th, 2017, where we displayed our products. This was a CSR initiative.

TRUST CONFERENCE

Our Director, Smarita Sengupta, was invited to participate at the Trust Conference organised by Thomson and Reuters in London (UK).

● OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Decoration Government home for the occasion of Durga Puja with craft-work done by the trainees.
- Under the CSR activities of Eureka Forbes, we installed two water purifiers of 25 litres each at a government home.
- On March 18, under the CSR activity of Wacker we donated 10 sewing machines at our sewing class in Sukanya Home.





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Mansi Khandelwal
IWB Blogger



Activist Smarita Narrates The Stories Of Newborns Getting Trafficked By 'Highly-Organized' Criminals



IWB Post

May 9, 2018



Being the third daughter of my parents, I often wondered why they were so particular about where I go and who I speak to, while my cousin of the same age enjoyed way more freedom than I did.

Interns & Volunteers



Over the years, we have developed long term partnership with both international and local universities. Designed programs , creating opportunities for students to work and learn . We have welcomed student interns from universities like Simon Fraser University (Canada), Santa Clara University (USA), from Health Science and Business schools. We have also hosted students from Hiroshima & Tokyo University and have partnered with IESEG Paris on several research projects . Apart from Universities we were able to mobilise a global network of volunteers and supporters with expertise in technology, health Science ,Wellness and psychotherapists. Allowing opportunities for collaboration and experiencing challenges that nonprofit organisations face.