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## Two new Campsite Learning Centres initiated in South 24 Parganas:

**Towards Future** has initiated two Campsite Learning Centres at brick fields in Bhangar Block of South 24 Parganas, strengthening our efforts to ensure continued education for children of migrant brick field workers

These centres provide safe, child-friendly learning spaces offering foundational literacy, numeracy, and activity-based learning for children whose schooling is often disrupted due to seasonal migration. By bringing education directly to brick field campsites, the centres help prevent learning gaps and reduce the risk of child labour.

The initiative also promotes community and parent engagement, encouraging families to prioritise education and child protection. Through these centres, we reaffirm our commitment to reaching children in the most vulnerable settings and supporting their right to learn—no matter where they live.



## Spreading Smiles during the festive season:



This festive season, Towards Future brightened the lives of children from brick kiln communities with a new dress distribution drive. Nearly 330 children received new outfits, to celebrate the festival with and happiness. Their radiant smiles are a testament to how even small acts of kindness can create a ripple of lasting joy.

## Children's Day Celebration:

This Children's Day, imagination took centre stage as nearly 800 children from 20 villages across Rajarhat Block and Bhangar-II Block came together for a vibrant drawing competition. What unfolded was more than an event—it was a celebration of childhood, creativity, and expression. With crayons, pencils, and paints in hand, children transformed blank sheets into stories of their creativity and imagination. Celebrating Children's Day in this way reaffirmed our belief that every child deserves opportunities to imagine, express, and be heard. On this Children's Day, the message was clear: when we give children colours, they paint a future full of possibility.



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## Community Carnival & Women's Sports



On 19th and 20th December, the community playground of Mohammadpur came alive with colour, laughter, and collective energy as Towards Future hosted its annual Community Carnival and Women's Sports events—two days that beautifully captured the essence of participation, empowerment, and community bonding.

With nearly 4,500 community members, the Community Carnival turned into a joyful meeting ground for families, children, youth, and elders alike. Smiles were shared, friendships were strengthened, and for many, it was a rare moment to simply celebrate together beyond everyday responsibilities. The carnival wasn't just entertainment—it was a reminder of the power



of togetherness.

The following day (20th December, 2025) shifted focus to strength, spirit, and solidarity as around 200 women stepped onto the field for Women's Sports. From the first whistle to the final cheer, the event showcased much more than athletic ability. It was about confidence gained, teamwork practiced, and leadership emerging. Women encouraged one another, challenged themselves, and proudly claimed space—on the field and in the community narrative.

Together, these two days reflected what community truly means: joy that is shared, voices that are valued, and strength that grows when people come together. As we closed the events, one thing was clear—when communities celebrate together, they move forward together.

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# She Never Stopped Walking Forward

## *The Story of Arjina Bibi*

From the very beginning, life asked Arjina Bibi to be strong.

Born with a mobility challenge that affected her right leg, even her first steps were not easy. As a child, she learned early that the world could be unkind to someone who walks differently. There were whispers, stares, and silent judgments. But there was also something stronger inside her — an unshakable belief that she was capable.

School was her happiest place. She loved studying. She loved participating. Every year, she eagerly joined the annual sports competitions and proudly brought home prizes. Her physical condition never stopped her from running toward her dreams.

But poverty did.

Despite her desire to continue, Arjina had to leave school after Class XI because her father could no longer afford her education. It was not a lack of ability — it was a lack of resources. As she grew older, the social challenges around her mobility increased. Soon, her marriage was arranged.

Her husband, Idrish Molla, also came from a financially struggling family and faced health challenges. Marriage brought new responsibilities — and new hardships. Because of her physical condition, Arjina often endured hurtful comments in her in-laws' home. Yet she chose silence over bitterness, and strength over surrender.

In 2011, she became a mother to her first son, Ariful Molla, now studying in Class IX at Bishnupur Sir Romesh Institution. In 2020, her second son, Saiful Molla, was born and is currently in the Transition class at Kidz Planet Learning Centre.

Motherhood became her greatest motivation. Every struggle now had a purpose.

Her husband works from home making hand gloves. Arjina stood beside him — helping, supporting, managing the household, raising the children, and caring for her ageing mother-in-law, who is now dependent on her. Despite past hurt, she never stepped away from her responsibilities. Compassion remained her strength.

Day by day, rupee by rupee, effort by effort, Arjina and her husband slowly replaced their fragile structure with a modest brick home. It was not built with money alone — it was built with resilience.

A turning point came when, with the support of Towards Future (TF) and BG Foundation, Arjina opened a small grocery shop at her home. For the first time, she was not just surviving — she was building something of her own.

Today, Arjina is more than a shop owner. She actively participates in TF's skill development trainings, regularly attends the tailoring unit at the field office, and serves as a dedicated community volunteer. She is constantly learning, growing, and giving back.

Her journey is not just about overcoming hardship. It is about dignity. It is about a woman who refused to let circumstance decide her worth. It is about quiet courage — the kind that does not make headlines, but transforms generations.



**Arjina Bibi may walk with difficulty. But she has never stopped moving forward.**

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