

Profile of Bengal Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (BNP+)

TAG Line of BNP+ is *Empowering PLHIV: Unity, Dignity, Action!*"

Basic Information

Organization Name: Bengal Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (BNP+)

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BENGAL NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS LEGAL DOCUMENTS		
Sr. No	Organization Documents Status	Details
1	CBO Registration Certificate under the ACT	S/IL/24855 of 2004-2005 (Under 1961 Registration Act.)
2	Permanent Account Number (PAN)	AAAAB6594P
3	Registration under section 12A of the Income Tax Act	DIT(E)/S-149 8E/345/08-09
4	Registration under section 80G of the Income Tax Act	DIT(E)/252 8E/345/08-09
5	TAN or Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number	CALB23840F
6	Darpan Portal Registration	WB/2016/0108710
7	CSR certificate under Ministry of Corporate Affairs	CSR00073526
8	FCRA certificate for foreign	Registration N: 147120851

Mission & Vision

Vision: To provide access to all People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in West Bengal, bringing them together under one umbrella to help them lead more productive lives with dignity and self-confidence.

Mission: To unite through networking so that PLHIV come together to become aware, share experiences, and build confidence to tackle problems. BNP+ aims to develop skills, combat discrimination, and advocate for the rights and needs of PLHIV, including access to proper treatment and psychological support.

About Us

BNP+ was founded on August 26, 2004, as a state-level network of, for, and by people living with HIV/AIDS in West Bengal. It is affiliated with the National Coalition of People Living with HIV in India (NCPI+). Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act 1961 (Registration No. S/IL/24855), BNP+ has grown into a strong coalition with 21 District Level Networks (DLNs), comprising 25,000 members (excluding children).

Services

Key Services:

- Community Support Groups: Facilitating peer support and shared experiences.
- Counseling Services: Providing psychological and emotional support.
- Medical Referrals: Connecting members to necessary health services and treatments.
- Nutritional Support: Offering supplements, especially for children affected or infected with HIV/AIDS.
- Legal Aid: Collaborating with legal services for advocacy and awareness programs.
- Training and Skill Development: Enhancing members' abilities to tackle challenges and earn a livelihood.

Team

Leadership:

- President: Mr. Kishore Shaw
- Vice-President- Gita Dhara
- Secretary: Mr. Tarit Chakraborty
- Joint. Secretary- Asit Sen
- Treasurer: Sk Azizur Rahaman
- Board Member- Unnati Mohanto
- Board Member- Saraswati Tamang.

BNP+ is governed by a democratically elected board of 7 members, all of whom are HIV positive. The board is elected every Five years during the annual general meeting.

Impact/Achievements

Starting Small, Growing Big: BNP+ began as a small group in 2004 and has grown a lot since then. Now, it helps people with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) across West Bengal through its 20 district networks.

Raise Fund: BNP+ raise funds for helping others who has no one.

Media Advocacy Cell: Raise issue through Media.

Speaking Up for Change: BNP+ talks to important people to change rules that affect PLHIV. It wants PLHIV to be treated fairly in hospitals, at work, and in society.

Teaching Skills: BNP+ teaches PLHIV how to talk to others about their rights. This helps them feel stronger and more confident.

Helping Hands: BNP+ gives support to PLHIV by organizing groups, giving advice, and helping them get medical care and other services they need.

Being Ready for Emergencies: When bad things happen, like the COVID-19 pandemic or natural disasters, BNP+ helps PLHIV quickly. They give food, medicine, and other help.

Supporting Women, Youth and Adolescents : BNP+ knows that Women, Youth and Adolescents with HIV/AIDS face different problems. They're under process of making a WPLHIV group to help them feel safe and respected.

Working Together: BNP+ teams up with others, like the government and charities, to do more good things for PLHIV. They share ideas and help each other out.

Values

BNP+ is committed to:

- Human Rights: Promoting and protecting the rights of PLHIV.
- Inclusion and Acceptance: Working against stigma and discrimination to promote social acceptance.
- Empowerment: Ensuring the meaningful involvement of PLHIV at all levels of decision-making.
- Transparency: Maintaining clear and efficient financial and operational practices.
- Solidarity: Fostering a supportive community among PLHIV.
- Key Supporters and Donors

Supporters and Donors

- Awaaz: A Voice for the Voiceless
- Borukha Public Welfare Trust
- CINI Bandhan
- National Coalition of People Living with HIV in India (NCPI+)
- Lawyers Collectives
- SALSA (State AID Legal Service Authority)
- National AIDS Control Organization (NACO)
- INDIA HIV/AIDS ALLIANCE (HAA)
- SAATHII
- West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (WBSAP&CS)

- National AIDS Control Organization
- World Vision India, Kolkata Branch
- DAAN UTSAV
- South Point School
- GUNJ
- Arunima Hospice
- Family Planning Association of India
- YRG Care
- All the District Level Networks of BNP+.

We have Different Forum

- Positive Youth Group
- Women Positive Group
- TB People Group.

BNP+ continues to strive for a dignified life for all PLHIV in West Bengal, driven by the collective efforts of its members, supporters, and partners.