

HISTORY & BACKGROUND

Shri Sadhan Ch Mistry, agriculture lebour of 35 years at Hanspukur, West Bengal died on 13th April, 1971 of a minor ailment. Due to extreme poverty, could not afford any medical help. He left behind his illiterate and young wife, Subasini with 2- daughters and 2- sons of 2 to 10 years.

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Naturally the family plunged into utter poverty and Subasini with her younger son was forced out of her home within one month of her husband's death to work as maid servant and hotel boy. While she worrying about her children, she took a vow that one day she will build a hospital in that very village so that no poor would die for want of medical attention.

Subasini went on selling vegetables silently with her younger son and looking after her other children never allowing the fire in her frail body to douse even for a moment for 12 years. They worked as a domestic help, brick layer, vegetable vendor etc. while her younger son helping her out in various chores – as well as was studying. When she expressed her dream to her younger son (Ajoy) in 1989 and Ajoy started to work hard more and purchased a plot of land of about fifteen cotta with a sum of Rs.75000/-(\$ 1119.90) by Regd. deed No.17703 dated.27.11.1992 with his savings and transfer the same to the "HUMANITY TRUST" vide deed No.3163 dated 4.03.1993. Ajoy worked hard and ran around to friends, well-wishers, organization and managed to raise ₹ 50,000 (\$ 746) for the mission. In a hut, Charitable Clinic Started. Ajoy's behest, 3 Doctors started treating sick free of charge with free supply of medicines.

Ajoy successfully completed his medical studies with the support of a Dr. Keshab Chandra Bhattacharyya, Dr. A. C. Gangly.

Humanity Hospital is certified and registered as a Hospital under the West Bengal Clinical Establishment Act, 1950, managed by Humanity Trust formed on 4th March 1993 under trust certificate no. 3163/93. The institution received FCRA registration in 1995. In the 2000, in appreciation of their service to humanity and poor people in particular, both Subasini Mistry and Ajoy Mistry was honored and named as the prestigious PAULHARRISFELLOWby Rotary International.



Humanity Hospital at Santigachhi

This Hospital came into existence just after the natural calamity, devastating Cyclone named "**AILA**" in Gangetic Delta at Sundarbans Biosphere at Bay of Bengal.

Aila, alone killed more than 150 people and hundreds others were left homeless as torrential rains led to flooding. High winds uprooted numerous trees, blocking roads throughout the region. More than 15,000 people in eight villages were reportedly isolated from relief crews by severe flooding. All transit systems in the city of Kolkata were halted and daily life was at a standstill due to the storm. The areas and districts affected by the cyclone in West Bengal include South 24-Parganas and Kolkata. In the <u>West Bengal</u>, more than 100,000 people were left homeless. At least 100 river embankments were breached by storm surge produced by the cyclone. As the coastal topography is so shallow, the region is susceptible to storm surge. As the area is densely populated, after effect of storms are extremely dangerous.

After the devastating storm 'AILA' in Sunderban area in 2009, Chairman of Humanity Trust had undertaken massive relief work at different places of Gosaba Block from May 2009. It was felt by Dr. Ajoy that the village, Santigachhi, Lahiripur in Gosaba Block, one of remotest the places in Sundarbans, (see attached Map of the area) needed the services for a prolonged period. Humanity Hospital continues to provide health care services at those places where population is more than 200,000. Humanity Hospital started providing various health services to the rural people of the area through community outreach program, from a temporary shelter. In order to strengthen the on-going program by scaling up the existing program, they planned to *upgrade the existing facility with required infrastructure and modern machineries, equipment and quality human resources. Their service benefited scores of rural mass of the area; still there is urgent need to set up a system to reach all the far-island population of the area who has no access to quality health services. People of the area need to travel a long distance for any medical problem. Ultimate aim of the project is to provide quality health services to all.*

There is no Electricity in this area, as there is no transmission line and it is entirely dependent on non-conventional energy like Solar or Wind Power or by Diesel Generating set.

There is no direct Road or Railway connection from Kolkata. Now road connection is up to the point of Godkhali Ferry Ghat at a distance of 180 km (111.6 miles). It is about 3h-15m drive under normal condition. Railway connection is up to Canning and from there by road to Godkhali.

There are 2 regular routes to reach Godkhali Ferry Ghat, South 24-Parganas by road:

- 1. State Highway # 3; distance: 180 km (111.6 miles) and journey time: 3.45 hours.
- 2. National Highway #12 and State Highway # 3; distance: 180 km (111.6 miles) and journey time: 3h-45m (Normally we use this route)
- Link for route map from Salt Lake City/Govonor House to Godkhali Ferry Ghat; for your ready reference:

(https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Salt+Lake+City,+Kolkata,+West+Bengal,+India/Godkhali+Ferry +Ghat,+State+Highway+3,+West+Bengal+743312,+India/@22.4338834,88.309024,10z/data=!3m1!4 b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x3a0275c719156233:0x696fbc623d90d6a3!2m2!1d88.4170988!2d22.5 867296!1m5!1m1!1s0x3a018a75f90fa7d7:0x2db82c5d4a4fac64!2m2!1d88.7880626!2d22.1678254)

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24 hours Ambulance facility at Hanspukur Unit. In Hanspukur some new medical services started and old services are also extended.







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Subasini Mistry is an Indian Social worker. A widow at the age of 23 years with 4 children. She struggled in life working as a house maid, selling vegetables, and as a manual labourer. She went on to build a charitable hospital called "Humanity Hospital" for the poor. She was awarded India's fourth highest civilian award the Padma Shriin 2018.



ACTIVITIES OF THE HOSPITAL UNDER HUMANITY TRUST

The Humanity Hospital at Hanspukur attracts attention from all over, particularly because of the great human story involved with its inception and functioning. The Hospital has almost all necessary infrastructures like ECG, USG, EEG, Digital Ex-Ray, PFT, Holter, Color Doppler, including common pathological tests are available for poor, needy and general sections of the society as per our capacity from nearby villages and far off. Apartfrom general beds, indoor is covered by Cabin, Special Bed, HDU and ICCU. We are also trying hard to procure other very essential instruments to provide quality diagnostic services promptly at Hanspukur.

In addition to regular general physicians, we are happy to get a team of highly reputed doctors on board, including specialists are equipped with the knowledge and expertise for handling various types of medical cases. A team of medical staff, non-medical staff and experienced clinical technicians work round-the-clock to offer various services to hundreds of poor and general patients from the rural vicinity. Cataract and other surgeries have been started with successful results. Orthopedic department is functioning smoothly with an eminent specialist of orthopedic surgery

Physiotherapy department is also functioning regularly by experienced physiotherapists from whom people are drawing benefit to restore and improve motion to achieve long-term quality of life.

Top class diagnostic facilities like Opd, Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Diabetology, ENT are functioning smoothly as before. Departments like Sonology, Obesity, Pain Management, Physical Medicine, Neurology Clinic has already started.

The Hospital also has facilities for a full range of treatments like General Surgery, Medical Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstretics, Urology, Gastroenterology among others.



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<u>Humanity Trust</u> Period : 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019 (F.Y :2018-19)

		Out of this, No. of beneficiaries getting			
Activity	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Free services	Concessions	Percetage (%)	Details of charges
1) OPD & Emergency of Hanspukur & Sunderban Unit. (April,18- March,19)	68,886	21,547	47,339	31.28	20 - 75
2) Pathological Test at Hanspukur & Sunderban Unit. (April,18 -March,19)	14,088	4,439	9,649	31.51	Variable
3) Indoor patient of Hanspukur & Sunderban Unit. (April,18 - March,19)	12,073	2,552	9,521	21.14	100-1500
4) Medical Camp (Total Free of Cost)	16,085	16,085	0	100	Free
5) Oldage Home at Hanspukur (April,18 to March,19)	5	0	5	0	5000- 10000
Total	<u>111,137</u>	44,623	<u>66,514</u>		