



2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

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Samhati: An Overview

- ◆ 42 years in operation, longest running organization of Bangladeshi women in the US
- ◆ All-volunteer organization with 95% of your contributions going directly to needy families
- ◆ Thousands of women, children and families have benefited from our programs focused on education, health and environment



The Jahanara Ali Memorial College Scholarship

YEAR 9

Some highlights of the 15 women currently receiving scholarships!

5 Lakshmichap Students graduated from Nilphamari Govt College and are entering BA programs

From Natore, Mahmouda Khatun earned her nursing and midwifery diploma this year and is now completing a nursing residency



Rimi and Sanjida - new scholarship recipients from Katakhal village



Sharmin Akter (Lakshmichap),
Nilphamari Government College



Asha Moni (Katakhal),
Nilphamari Government College

2 of our original recipients earned their BA degrees this year

- Shoronika is in her 2nd year at Barisal Nursing College
- Keya Rani and Arjina have 2 years remaining in their nursing diploma at Udayan Nursing College
- Sharmin is in the final year of her B.S. Nursing program



Update on Key Initiatives

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NATORE



- ♦ Strong program making positive change to these communities in Northern Bangladesh, in its 19th year!
- ♦ Hatiandah is a union of 8 villages, and our work has brought considerable positive change
- ♦ Focus on education, literacy, scholarships, and small business training

NATORE



We gave out scholarships to 35 high school students - 24 girls and 11 boys.

NATORE



And gave bikes and helmets to 20 girls! Owning a bike is empowering for the girls, who have all promised to finish secondary school.



NATORE

A photograph of a computer classroom in Natore. Four women are seated at long wooden desks, each with a computer monitor. The woman on the far left is wearing a floral-patterned dress. The woman next to her is wearing a blue dress and a white headscarf. The woman in the center is wearing a purple dress and a white headscarf. The woman on the far right is wearing a purple dress and a bright yellow headscarf. They are all focused on their computer screens. The room has light-colored walls, a ceiling fan, and large green-painted wooden doors in the background. A text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

Last year, 65 young people graduated from the computer course, and currently 52 are enrolled. A new computer was purchased this year. Three adult literacy classes are being held in three villages, with 150 completing the three-month class this year.

NATORE



Sewing classes are going well, with 45 students learning to make all kinds of garments. Some of these women have now obtained jobs in garment establishments in Dhaka. A new eco-printing project will be launched this year, training women to print fabrics using natural dyes.

NATORE

A graduate of Natore's computer program and sewing classes, Mehejabin Mithila is a new college scholarship recipient! She has started at Dhaka University in Persian Studies.



KATAKHALI



- ◆ Holistic eco-empowerment project since 2000 in this remote coastal area
- ◆ Focus on adult literacy, leadership building, health and family planning
- ◆ Tremendous positive impact within this community

KATAKHALI

Samhati's doctor organized a nutrition and health fair this year for Katakhal and Modhukhal villagers, mostly women.



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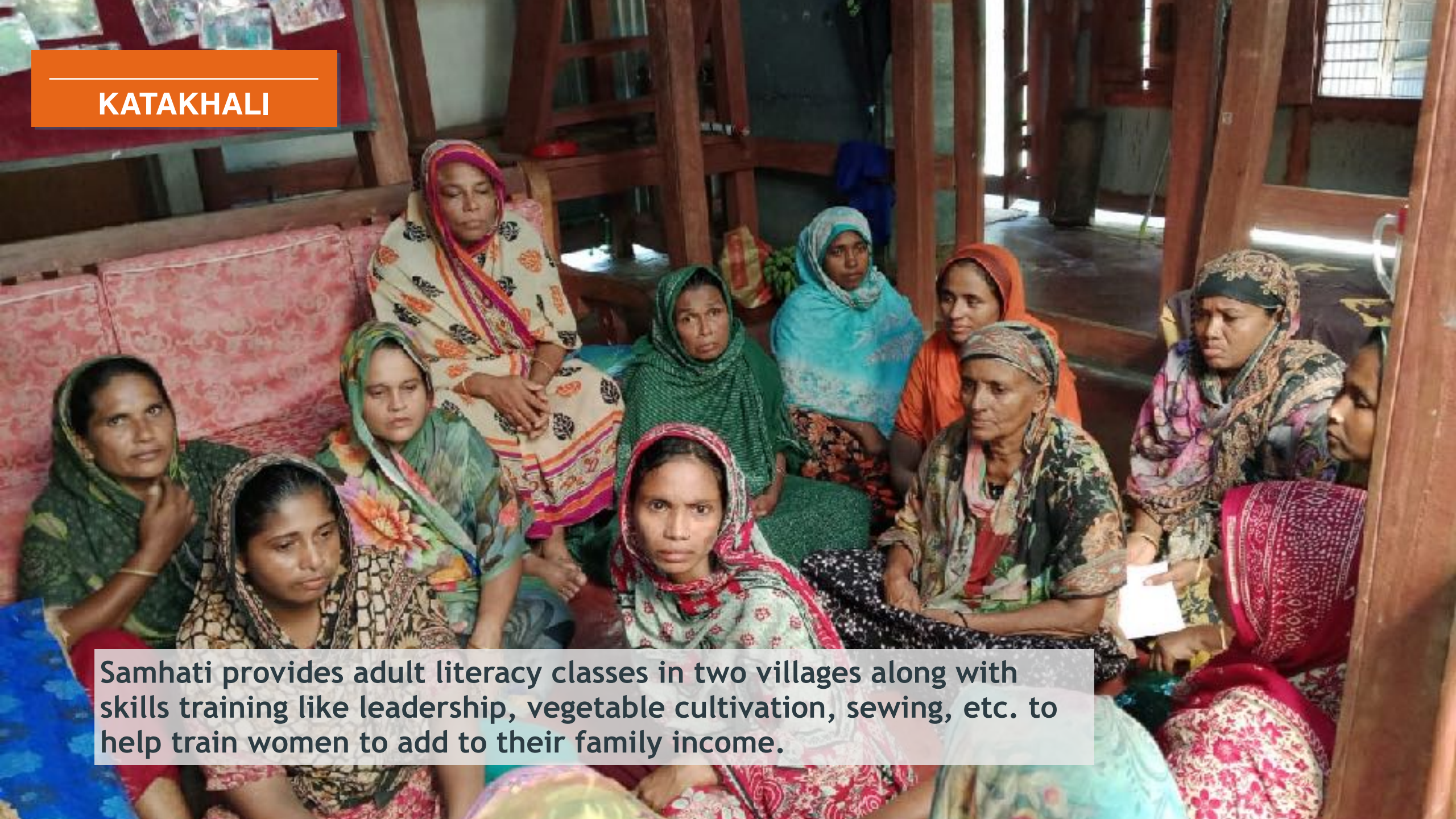
Samhati's Health Center continues to provide medical services to 27,000 residents on the island. We maintain the only oxygen tank on the island, saving many lives every year.



KATAKHALI



The Health Center has had a total of 1,519 patient visits to date in 2026 - full year 2025 had 1,742 patient visits



KATAKHALI

Samhati provides adult literacy classes in two villages along with skills training like leadership, vegetable cultivation, sewing, etc. to help train women to add to their family income.

KATAKHALI

The bikes for girls program is an incredible success, increasing female mobility, safety, and empowerment. We gave bikes and helmets to 30 girls in Katakhalī this year.



KATAKHALI

We provided scholarships to 60 students in Katakhal High School this year



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Our preschools in Katakali and Modhukhali are thriving. We have 40 kids enrolled currently.



KATAKHALI

Both preschools provide nutritious snacks to the children every day



KATAKHALI

Our Computer Training Center is a resource for students and adults. We also have a youth center as well as a small library.



KATAKHALI

Another Success Story:
Jim received a bike through
Samhati as well as a high
school scholarship. She
recently got married to her
high school sweetheart and
had a baby. She has just
been hired as our new
preschool teacher!



LAKSMICHAP



- ◆ Multi-faceted program in Laksmichap Union, a diverse community
- ◆ Literacy classes, scholarships, health & hygiene supplies
- ◆ Computer training and small business training

LAKSMICHAP

We supported 12 debate competitions among high school students. Here you can see 6 young women who received awards for their debate prowess.



LAKSMICHAP

A photograph of a classroom where a group of students and adults are seated at wooden desks. Many of the students, mostly girls in school uniforms, are holding up small yellow envelopes or certificates. An older man stands at the front of the room, speaking into a microphone. The room has a whiteboard in the background and large windows on the left.

This year we gave out 80 scholarships to students in two different high schools

A group of adolescent girls are seated in a classroom, participating in a health and hygiene class. They are wearing blue and white school uniforms. Some girls are wearing headscarves (pink, black, and green) and face masks. They are holding packets of sanitary pads, which are green and white. The classroom has large windows with metal grilles. The text "LAKSMICHAP" is displayed in a green box in the top left corner.

LAKSMICHAP

Health & hygiene classes are continuing for adolescent girls where we provide education and supplies. A woman doctor and nurse are providing support for these activities



LAKSMICHAP

We're continuing our courses for women: literacy, an intensive sewing course (and sewing machines to 10 young women) and vegetable cultivation.

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One student - Ritu Roy from Kokai Borogacha High School - received first in the district for singing. She couldn't afford a harmonium so Samhati was able to provide one for her so she can continue to practice her singing talents.



This past winter, we provided cardigans, sneakers, and socks to 300 girls in six high schools. Girls are often neglected by their families and not given adequate warm clothing.



We funded & launched a football/soccer club last year & this year we provided 52 pairs of boots for the girls. The top player was recruited to play at the district level and is now training in Dhaka in the hopes of joining the National Team.



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We gave bicycles to 15 girls again this year.



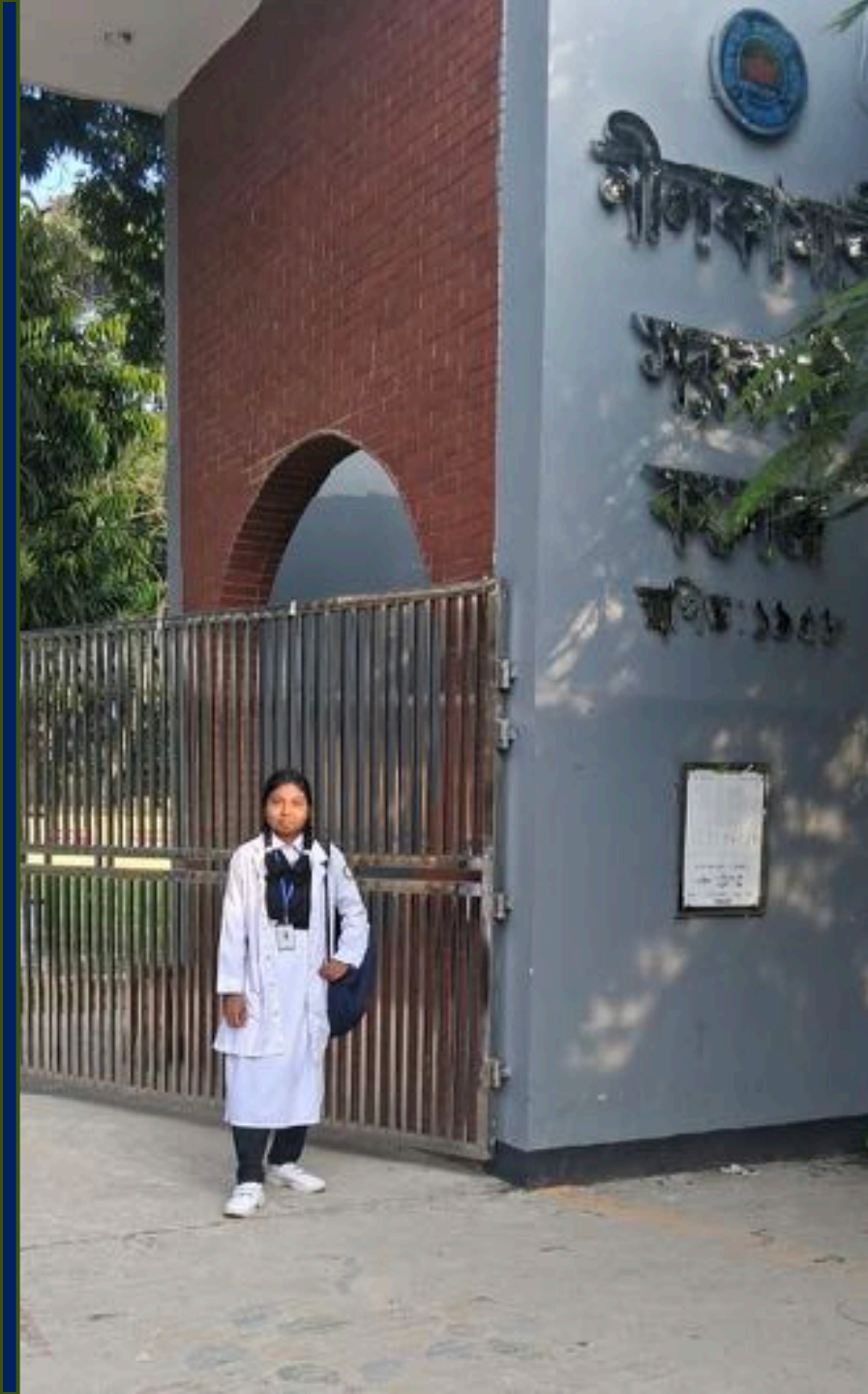
A group of approximately 15 girls are practicing karate in a grassy field. They are all wearing white karate uniforms (gi) with white belts. One girl in the foreground on the right is wearing a black belt. They are all in a similar pose, with their right arms extended forward and their left arms bent at the elbow. The background shows a line of trees and a fence.

LAKSMICHAP

We supported a very popular girls' karate and self-defense course last month. As news of the training spread, it became clear that there is strong interest in other schools. We will provide two more courses this year!

LAKSMICHAP

Beyond the high school scholarships, we have also begun providing college & university scholarships: Vumika Roy and Akhimoni are the first college recipients.



Our Goal: **\$120,000**

\$75	=	<i>One-year scholarship for middle/ high school</i>
\$100	=	<i>Adult literacy or vocational class</i>
\$125	=	<i>Bicycle and helmet</i>
\$250	=	<i>Self defense classes</i>
\$500	=	<i>Our health clinic in Katakhalī village for two weeks</i>
\$1,000	=	<i>Tuition for a nursing student for a whole year</i>

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