Community Kitchen Initiative: Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Government College

During the COVID-19 pandemic, community kitchens became an essential lifeline for many people facing food insecurity due to the economic fallout of the crisis. As the pandemic caused widespread job losses, business closures, and financial strain, the need for accessible and affordable food grew significantly. Apart from COVID-19 a large area of southern Bengal was seriously affected by Cyclone Amphan on $20^{th} - 21^{st}$ May, 2020.

Therefore community kitchens were a need of that critical hour and our college responded at the best possible way to this challenge. Our teachers made a significant effort collecting donations from their friends and colleagues and students were busy carrying the cooked food to furthest affected corners of the state.

Our Community kitchen, the APJAKGC Initiative served cooked food for more than one year feeding almost 50000 meals.

The operation of community kitchens during this period was a testament to the power of collective effort. Many of these kitchens adapted quickly to the challenges posed by the pandemic, implementing safety measures such as contactless distribution, takeaway meals, and enhanced sanitation protocols to protect both volunteers and recipients.

In addition to their immediate role in addressing hunger, community kitchens also helped to build a sense of community and solidarity. They became focal points for neighborhood support, offering not just meals but also a sense of connection and reassurance during a time of widespread isolation and uncertainty.

The impact of community kitchens during the pandemic underscored the importance of local, grassroots responses to crises. They highlighted how communities can come together to support each other in times of need and emphasized the value of volunteerism and collective action. Their efforts provided both practical support and emotional comfort, showing the strength and resilience of community-driven solutions in addressing social and economic challenges.









Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College 'Sadharoner Rannaghor' distributing food to the Yaas affected people of South 24 Parganas on 5th October 2022.







Distributing food among the children of Aamphan affected families of New Town area on 15th August 2021.









Distributing food to the people of Villages in North 24 Paraganas on 21st February 2021.









The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P. J Abdul Kalam Govt. College , 'Sadharoner Rannaghor' serving food to a village in South 24 Paraganas on $16^{\rm th}$ February 2021.









Distribution of food to the people of Villages in South 24 Paraganas by the Community Kitchen 'Sadharoner Rannaghar' of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College on 1st February 2021.













The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghar', distributing food to the people of a village in South 24 Paraganas on the Republic Day on 26th January, 2021









The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghar', distributing food to the people of a village in South 24 Paraganas on the Republic Day on 25th January, 2021









The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghar', distributing food to the people of a village in South 24 Paraganas on the Republic Day on 24th January, 2021









The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghar', distributing food to the people of a village in South 24 Paraganas and also distributing books on Netaji's Life on 23rd January, 2021, the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose.









The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghar', distributing food to the people of a village in South 24 Paraganas on 19th January 2021.









The Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghar', distributing food to the people of a village in South 24 Paraganas on 12th January 2021.









'Sadharoner Rannaghor' the Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Government college distributing food to the tornado 'Yaas' affected children of a village in South 24 Parganas on 14th November 2021.







Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South Paraganas in front of the college gate on 31st December, 2020.









Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 30th December, 2020





The students of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Govt. College distributing food to the people of the village in South 24 Paraganas on 25th December 2020







Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 21st December 2020





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 19th December 2020





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 13th December 2020







Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 12th December 2020





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 11th December 2020







Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in North 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 10th December 2020





Students of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Govt. College selling vegetables at a lower price during lockdown in front of the college gate on 10th December 2020.







Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 9th December 2020





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 8th December 2020





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 7th December 2020





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 6th December 2020.





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 5th December 2020.







Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 4th December 2020.





Students distributing blankets to the women of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 3rd December 2020.







Sadharoner Rannaghar the Community Kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Govt. College Feeding the students of Khaskhali Prathamik Bidyalay of North Bhangar, South 24 Paraganas on 2nd December, 2020









Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 1st December 2020.





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 30th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 29th November, 2020.







Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 28th November, 2020.







Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 27th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 25th November, 2020.







Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 24th November, 2020.









Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 23rd November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 22nd November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in front of the college gate on 2^{1st} November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 2^{1st} November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on $19^{\rm th}$ November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on $18^{\rm th}$ November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 17th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 16th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on $15^{\rm th}$ November, 2020







Distributing Chocolates to the underprivileged children on the occasion of Childrens' Day and feeding the people of the neraby village on 14th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 13th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 12th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 11th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 10th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 9th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 8th November, 2020.







Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on $7^{\rm th}$ November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 6th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of flood-affected villages in South 24 Paraganas in on 5th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas in on 4th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas in on 3th November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas in on 2nd November, 2020.









Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas in on 1st November, 2020.





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas in on 31st October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 30th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 29th October, 2020







Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 28th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 27th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 26th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 25th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 24th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 23th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 22^{nd} October, 2020







Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 21st October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 20th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 19th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 18th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 17th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 16th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 15th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 14th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of South 24 Paraganas on 13th October, 2020





Students and teachers feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 11th October, 2020









Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 10th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 9th October, 2020







Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 8th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 7th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 6th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 5th October, 2020







Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 4th October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 3rd October, 2020





Students feeding the people of Amphan-affected people of North 24 Paraganas on 2nd October, 2020



The community kitchen of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Govt. College, 'Sadharoner Rannaghor' distributed food to the Amphan affected people in Mahishbathan area on 4th October 2020.