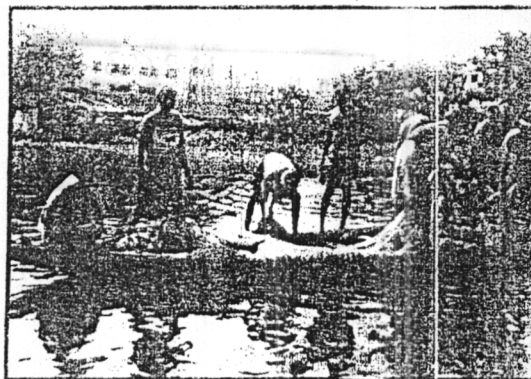


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PRESENT STATUS
OF
SONHOOGHLY FISHERMEN'S
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Its Present Status-----

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It Was the year of 1974 when 44 distress and refugee persons were in the same boat and with the same motto ,which cause to form a Fishermen's co-operative society as a result the Bonhooghly Fishermen's co-operative Society was registered And they were given lease of water bodies having 10 hact water area of the R.R Deparment ,Govt .Of West Bengal . But since inception these fishermen never enjoyed and got possession of the full weter area because one water body of 3hectors was already been possessed by some 'Nagaric Committee ' At present the effective water area is 7.5ha.

The Fishermen's of bonhooghly FCS Ltd. Started pisciculture with the help if Fishery Department,Govt.Of West Bengal and now ,It is of the Society with highest rate of productivity.

The culture practice of this society is a bit different from other organization and farmers . The lakes of 'Bonhooghly' and 'Noapara" receves ahuge quantity of Sewage wich is coming from all houses/Baranagar Municipality area and this Sewage is being used for scientific and piciculture . As there is no Sewage treatment plant , only biological treatment with water hyacinth and regular liming enables good fishery.

The general practice of pisciculture is regular liberations of fingerlings and harvesting .Mostly IMC, Silver Curp ,Bata along with Tilapia and Nyloticas and Pangus being cultured .Now some other species such as Parsey . Have been introduced. The society started pisciculture fish seeds costing Rs 3,547/- in the year 1975-76 and continuously increased the amount.

The sale of fish for last 3 years of the society for the year

2006 - 2007	65,495	K.g	Rs.-21,60,656.00
2007 -2008	75,277	Kg.	Rs- 31,76,762.00
2008-2009	33,851	Kg	Rs -16,83,941.00

Since inception the society is running with profit (except the year 2008-2009 for flood). Bonhooghly FCS Ltd. is society where harvesting is done daily and round the year.

The present strength of the members of the society is 67^{of} which 5 are dead. Which is still much more than water area it processes. The most of members are engaged with daily catching / Other related works. Some of the members are appointed as staffs and at present strength of staffs are 5 (five). The staff get salary and other members are getting wages on- No Work No Pay basis.

The working members get exgratia at the puja they have been covered with Janata Accidental Insurance Policy by the society out of his own fund and LIC Policy which is contributed by both of the members and society. Society bears educational expenditure for 2(TWO) children / member. Also sanction a consolidated stipend for passing examination with division up to post graduate level. In case death of any Working member an amount of Rs -25,000/- is given to his nominee. The staff gets Pension @1/3 of his last salary. Already one staff was enjoying This pension facility After his death his family is getting the pension.

The society performs various activities on social and extension programme.

Present Activities

Integrated fishery with vegetables /park /picnic spot

- (1) This society runs fish counter from where local people get fishes in cheap price.

- ii) The Society arranged running of Paddle boats in its lake for recreation of local people and also for nearby areas. This running of Paddle boats serving the society in two ways. Firstly it is helping as aerator devices in the lake which causes more oxygen supply and better growth of fishes. Secondly it helps to earn revenue for the society.
- iii) Opened "Swaviman Park" and "Jamuna Bhavan" as ceremonial Hall which is being used for various social & cultural activities and generating extra income the "Swaviman Park" is now being used as shooting spot by various organisation.
- iv) Rearing of Ornamental fish and Saling from Sales Counter.
- v.) This Society always takes part in various social & cultural function, blood donation camp organised by Various medical aid to poor peoples. It also helps different school for development.
- vii) This Society provides subsidy for marriage ceremony of its members daughters or sister. In case of death of members / family members, the society extends the hand for help. Thus looking into the socio economic condition of fishermen community.
- vi) The Society is always trying to increase the awareness of its members and local people, about conservation of wet land.

For the betterment of its members the Department of Fishery, Govt. of West Bengal is always trying to provide with various loans/ subsidy/margin money, managerial subsidy etc. Since inception this Society has got loan on etc. In every case this society is repaying the loan amount with interest in time and never been termed as defaulter. Recently this Society has taken programme (DFID & others) with Deptt. Of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal. More over this Society has funded in various work of the Department as per order of Director of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal and still some funds have not been received from the end of Deptt.

FUTURE PLANING

For the socio-betterment of its members and generating more employment, the following activities will be adopted shortly.

1. Opening of Consumer Stores.
2. Extension of garden.
3. Formation of aquarium house.
4. Opening of a Restaurant.
5. Construction of Sewage treatment tank / device and recycling of water into domestic water.

This society has already secured National Productivity award (Merit Certificate) for 3 times, States Productivity award, and Special award given by State Co-op. Union during observation of All India Co-operative week in the year 2001 best productivity award in sewage fed fishery in 2004, by BENFISH, as recognition of its activities and success.

