

SUCCESS STORIES OF THE YEAR 2011-12

1. Now Sarina Bibi Dreams a Meaningful Life

F.7 (1) SWC/PC/KID/SL.375/2009

Sarina Bibi (name changed), resident of Rayermura, Matinagar under Amtoli Police Station, West Tripura District was kidnapped on December 4, 2009 at about 2 P.M when she was returning home from school after her Madhyamik Test Examination by four local young men and one woman. They kidnapped her by tightening her mouth and took her forcibly by a Maruti Van to village Khedabari in Sonamura. However, she was fortunate enough to be rescued by one young man of Khedabari after some hours before any sexual abuse or harm committed on her. In pursuance of the Commission Amtoli Police arrested the accused persons. But, continuous threatening calls from the nexus of the kidnapers to the parents of Sarina made the family panic-stricken and rendered Sarina in deep trauma.

Sarina belonged to a very poor family. Her father was day to day labourer and mother a cancer patient. It was quite impossible for them to protect their daughter who was very beautiful in complexion from the nexus of kidnapers. In that complex situation the Commission took the responsibility of Sarina and since then she is under the custody of the Tripura Commission for Women. To neutralize her trauma, the Commission at first Commission tried to arrange shelter for her in a protected place and for that the Commission requested the Department of S.C.Welfare (Nodal Dept. of Minority Welfare) to provide a rent free seat for Sarina in Bhagini Nivedita Girls' Hostel, Krishnanagar, Agartala. The SC Welfare Department provided her with rent free accommodation in the said Hostel. For Sarina the Centre of appearing Madhyamik Examination was shifted from Bishalgarh to Agartala Shishu Bihar School with the help of the President of the Tripura Board. However, she appeared in Madhyamik Examination, 2010 and passed in second division. But the Commission was not in a position to run the expenditure on food and other necessities of Sarina. Finding no other alternative, the Chairperson requested Agartala based NRI Shri Soumen Sarkar of New Jersey, USA to sponsor her. Shri Sarkar readily accepted the request of the Chairperson and instantly started sending monthly scholarship since May 1, 2010.

This year (2012) Smt. Sarina has passed Higher Secondary in Second Division and now Commission is contemplating to send her to Bangaluru Nursing Institution for pursuing Nursing Course under minority quota with the help of the Tripura Wakf Board of.

2. Defiance of Death and Resurrection

F. 3(1) -SWC/Burn/Sl.19/2005

Success story of Anamika is given here as published on 14th Dec, 2011 in the website tripurainfo.in

What she personifies is a daring defiance of death and, concomitantly, a deep lust for life: doctors had practically washed their hands off young housewife Anamika Ghosh (25) who carried 85% burns on her tender body, inflicted by a monster husband-the husband who was ritually designated to protect her through thick and thin. She dourly struggled on for long six years, aided by the state women's commission and the state government, to achieve a virtual resurrection-her crowning glory being the judicial verdict that sentenced all her tormentors to varying terms of imprisonment and fine.

Anamika had grown in poverty but in loving parental care in her late father Narayan Ghosh's family in Durjaynagar area on the northern outskirts of Agartala till she got plucked in the Madhyamik examination. Desperate to shed the burden of an adult and young daughter at home, Narayan Ghosh had settled her marriage with affluent businessman Pintu Ghosh who still runs by proxy a big shop of electronic goods in the heart of Agartala.

'Her father had sold out landed properties to give hefty dowry to the groom including Rs 70 thousand in cash but Anamika's trouble commenced within a day of her arrival at husband's house; relatives told her that Pintu had illicit relation with his elder sister-in-law (wife of his elder brother Gautam Ghosh) and on the very first night there was a tiff' said state womens commission chairperson Tapati Chakraborty. Pintu's demand for cash grew as Anamika's days of torment progressed but her father could not afford to give more. Pintu was doing all this to force his newly married wife out of home so that he could perpetuate his carnal interaction with his sister-in-law Bani Ghosh under the indulgent eyes and ears of his elder brother Gautam Ghosh.

Within two years Pintu shifted to a rented house to isolate Anamika from the family as well as to put up a semblance of normalcy but his dalliance with his sister-in-law continued unabated even as Anamika suffered silently. It was on August 26 2005 that Pintu, duly instigated by Bani and Gautam, returned home at night to pour whole kerosene stove on Anamika, inflicting 85% burns on her body before the eyes of her ten year old daughter Priyanka. After Pintu had fled, neighbours removed Anamika to G.B. hospital where doctors virtually wrote off her chances of survival on the ground that no woman with 85% burns can survive. But Anamika struggled on after

being reduced to a lump of red flesh-the fire had joined her knees to her chest, hands to the body and she could not raise her head to see anybody. But Anamika struggled on as did her mother Meena Ghosh and elder brother Sanjit Ghosh.

The scenario changed after professor Tapati Chakraborty had taken over as chairperson of the womens commission. 'She took a keen interest in the case, visiting our home , pursuing the court case and having me shifted to IGM hospital; the treatment was expensive as everyday Rs 900 was required for setting a plate on my deformed body but Madam arranged for the expenses from government exchequer ' said a visibly euphoric Anamika . She also recalled how she had been taken on a stretcher to magistrate's court and how 'Madam' had arranged to have the court hold its session in the IGM hospital itself because of her traumatised condition by requesting the law secretary. Finally 'Madam' had arranged a government job for Anamika last year by persuading her 'former student', minister for health, Tapan Chakraborty.

The trial had been completed a few months ago but sub-divisional magistrate Subhashish Sharma pronounced his verdict on last Monday afternoon, sentencing Anamika's monster husband Pintu to thirteen years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 50 thousand. 'Pintu's elder brother Gautam and his wife Bani were handed down three years imprisonment each and fines of Rs 25 thousand' said Tapati Chakraborty. With all her tormented motherhood flooding upon her, Anamika tearfully recalled her daughter. By now her 'second mother', womens commission's triumphal Chairperson Tapati Chakraborty at once slipped into a spontaneous soliloquy: ' Our struggle is not over, we will now move court for custody of Anamika's daughter, for recovery of assets given during marriage and will initiate measures to have her lingering deformities cured'.

3. Dipa and her younger Brother are now entitled to get the Share of Family Pension

F. 3(1)-SWC/Misc./Sl.429/2011

Dipa passed Madhyamik, 2011 in high First Division with four letters in Mathematics, Physical Science, Bio-Science and English. She lost her father when she was in class-VIII. Her father had been serving in Army. After death of husband Dipa's mother Smt Malati Das has been receiving family pension through the Khowai branch of SBI. But Malati with her youngest son in lap left her matrimonial house along with elder daughter Dipa and first son Amit and started living separately. Since then Dipa and Amit have been staying with their granny and aunt. Their only source of survival was her aunt's income of Rs. 1000/- per month as Group-D worker in a private office. Obviously it became impossible for Dipa to continue her study even after doing such a good result.

Seeking Commission's intervention in the matter, Dipa registered an appeal with the TCW on December 23, 2011. The Commission sent letter to her mother Smt. Malati Das three times to appear before the Commission for discussion. But letters were not received by Malati Das. Finding no other way, the Commission took the help of the Court. On 02.04.2012, the SDJM Court, Khowai through an order directed Smt Malati Das to send Rs. 3000/- (three thousand) per month to Khokibala Das (grand-mother of Dipa)through money order within first 10th day of every English calendar starting from the month of March 2012 payable by the month of April, 2012. After the court order Malati came to the Commission to receive the court order. With an aim of establishing natural relation between mother and her three children, the Commission arranged a meeting in Khowai Circuit House on 5.5.12 where Khikibala Das was also present. They were advised by the Commission to keep a very good relationship between themselves.

4. Commission Helped to Rebuild the Family

No.F.3(2)SWC/Adultery/Sl.45/2011

A conjugal disharmony developed between Shri Subhodip Roy, High Official of NABARD, Chhattisgarh Regional Office, Raipur, and his wife Smt.Mallika. After receiving a complaint from Smt.Mallika against her husband regarding alleged involvement in an extra-marital relationship and living with a lady, Smt.Satarupa Das, at Raipur, the Tripura Commission for Women (TCW) had been trying its utmost to settle the problem. With the aim of rebuilding the family, the Commission summoned Shri Roy and Smt. Mallika to appear before it on 12.10.11 and 27.10.11 for counseling. Accordingly, both of them appeared before the Chairperson, TCW along with their parents. Shri Subhodip Roy expressed repentance for his extra-marital involvement and sought Commission's help in getting back his wife and their only son of 11years. The Commission had settled the matter, since Subhodip and Mallika needed observation of the Commission for some months i.e. during the period of his returning to normal family life, the Commission suggested to the parents of Subhodip to accompany their son and daughter in law to Raipur and live with them for some months .Accordingly they did it and stayed with their son, daughter- in- law and their only grand-son for about 8 months. Mallika had been instructed by the Commission to keep contact with it as her routine duty. Now both Subhodip and Mallika regularly are informing the Commission about their happy conjugal life. Thus, Commission helped the couple to rebuild their family.

5. Rs. 10 lakhs Compensation for the Rape Victim in Kakrabon Navoday Case

f.7(1)-SWC/PC/Rape/2011

People of Tripura are well acquainted with the State of Tripura Vs. Harisankar Tewari case. Mr. Tewari, the Principal of Jahar Navoday Vidyalaya, Kakraban, South Tripura raped a student of Class VII of his Institution for several times resulting which the minor girl became pregnant and gave birth to a child. The Commission took a suo moto case from news published in local dailies and took up the matter with Police. It was a challenge for the Tripura Commission for Women to fight against accused Tewari, the powerful moneyed man. The State Government helped the victim by appointing renowned lawyers in prosecution. The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 12, 000/- in the Addl. Session Judge Court, Udaipur. Then the convicted appealed to the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court but the Hon'ble High Court did not find any justification to reverse the conviction rather sentenced rigorous imprisonment and fine. Hon'ble High Court also convicted three other co-accused persons. In the order sheet the Hon'ble High Court remarked **"the victim who was sucked in to bewildering situation by threat and fear gathered courage only when the Chairperson of the Mahila Commission came to her rescue and stood by her family."** Finally, the said case ended in the Supreme Court of India with same verdict.

The State Government and the TCW deemed it appropriate to continue her study through accommodating her in a Govt. residential school to make her self-dependent. It was a matter of great pleasure that she passed Madhyamik in Second Division in 2006.

Considering the wretched condition of the victim and her family, the Commission strongly recommended to the State Government for providing a government job for the said rape victim.

On that recommendation of the TCW, the victim has been provided with a government job in the Department of PWD, Government of Tripura

Then the Tripura Commission for Women and the victim jointly submitted a writ petition (no. 120 of 2002) to the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court Agartala Bench claiming compensation of 25 lakhs for the rape victim under public law remedy for violation of fundamental rights. On consideration of the totality of the circumstances, on 04.11.2011 the court ordered **payment of compensation of a sum of Rs.10 lakhs (ten lakhs) to the victim by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samity under HRD Ministry, Government of India** within a period of three months from the date of order the court. The victim received the the cheque on 31.03.2012.

6. Deserted Wife is entitled to get Maintenance and Property from her Husband after long 9 years by Commission

F.3 (1) SWC/MRG/SL06/2003

The marital dispute continued for long 9 years. On 4 January, 2003, Smt. Sima Debnath filed a complaint to the Tripura Commission for Women (TCW) against her husband Shri Ranjit Debnath for forcibly driving her out from matrimonial home. During the pendency of their marriage Shri Ranjit Debnath got married with another woman. Following the complaint the Commission called both the parties for purpose of counselling. After counselling Shri Ranjit started depositing Rs. 400/-per month as maintenance to his wife. After some months Commission started insisting Sree Ranjit Debnath to increase the maintenance for Sima through repeated counseling and now Smt. Debnath is getting Rs. 1200/-per month as maintenance h. The matter was also instituted before the family court. The Commission helped her to get a part of her husband's property as her right. Above all Shri Debnath took the responsibility of medical expenses of Smt Debnath. On February 13, 2012, the Commission summoned the parties including their son and initiated him to take care of his mother.

7. Victim was saved from the Torture of her Husband and In-laws

F.3(1) SWC/FD/SL.39/2010

On 5th February, 2010, Smt Sebika Debnath lodged a complaint against her husband Shri Shibapada Bhowmik and in-laws regarding the torture faced by her. At the same time she expressed her strong willingness for continuing her conjugal relation. The fact of the case was, Smt. Sebika Debnath got married with Shri Bhowmik in 2008. After few days of her marriage she was facing continuous torture from her husband and in-laws. Smt. Sebika first filed complaint with the TCW in the year 2009 and the matter was settled with the help of the concerned Panchayat. But, problem started again between them and Smt. Sebika again lodged a complaint to the Commission. After several counselling sessions held in the counselling cell of the Commission, the dispute was reconciled. Both the parties agreed to continue their conjugal relation. Now they have been living a happy conjugal life.

8. Mother gets back her Child through the Intervention of the Commission

F. 3(1) SWC/Custody of Children/SL.331/2011

On 28th September, 2012, Smt Kabita Sarkar D/O Rehati Sarkar of West Gokulnagar under Bishalgarh Sub-Division registered a complaint to the Commission that her husband Shri Sujit Debnath (Resident of West Bengal) flew away with her 8 months old son. She also alleged that Shri Obaidul Haque, A.S.I. of Amtoli Police Station, who called her with his mobile phone and warned her not to go to police station. After going through the case, The Commission sent Smt. Kabita to West Police Station for registering the matter in General Diary of PS following which the police started investigating the matter. In investigation it was found that Shri Obaidul Haque made a call from his mobile to Smt. Kabita. Immediately the Chairperson of the Commission brought the matter to the notice of the higher police officer. Action was taken by the police instantly and all the police stations were alerted to the incident. Later, on November 24, 2011, Shri Sujit Debnath returned her son to Smt. Kabita Sarkar. On January 16, 2012 both parties were called by the Commission for the settlement of the case. After a thorough counselling in the Commission Smt. Kabita Sarkar and Shri Sujit Debnath agreed to live peacefully with their son.

9. The Commission caused to Return the Misguided Husband

F.3(1) SWC/Adultery/SL.248/2011

During long 13 years of happy married life, Smt. Latika Shil, a mother of four children, was taking care of her family with affection, love and faith, had been worried about her husband. Suddenly, once it had happened that her husband got engaged in extra-marital relationship with another woman for almost a year. Smt. Latika herself witnessed the fact. Ignoring all duties, responsibilities, affection and due love to his wife and children, the misled husband started all kinds of physical tortures on his wife who protested against her indecent husband. Latika's husband Shri Guranga Shil did not even hesitate to offer poison to his legal wife to get her off for ever, while the wife protest against her husband's incivility or disobedient lifestyle. Once, the husband gave her intimidation to divorce. One day Smt. Latika attempted to commit suicide out of anger and sorrow for being disrespected and dishonoured by her husband. For 7 days after, being admitted in G.B.P Hospital for treatment, she and her children had been forced to leave for her father's house and stayed therewith. In this regard on last 29. 07. 2011 Latika lodged a complaint to the Commission for Women and prayed for help to get back her husband with dignity. In response to her application, the Commission got assembled along with the two parties on 29. 08. 2011 in the Counselling Cell of the Commission. The husband, Shri Guranga denied all complaints

brought against him; however, he expressed his willingness to dispose of the matter. Using this chance of both the parties' consents and honest desires, the Commission could be able adequately to dispose of the matter upon certain conditions. Shri Guranga Shil took pledge to the Commission undertaking to live a happy life with his wife and children and also promised to never fall in wrong trap again in future. Thus the case got to be closed on 24.11.2011.

11. Compensation with full Security for Married Woman once fell in the Deceitful Trap

F.3(2) SWC/MISC/SL.71/2011

On 27.08.2011, a homeless refugee Smt. Brindarani Das in need of recourse has made an application regarding her distress to the Commission for Women. In response to her application the Commission temporarily could be able to give her once relief from her distress by providing her ad interim recourse for the time being. In her complaint application, she let the Commission to know the fact that since her husband had been in jail for 3 years, the contestant, Shri Bimal Das, forcibly abducted the complainant away on the way she used to bring water and made Smt. Brindarani forceful confinement in his house for a month and involved in physical relationship. Later on dated 20.07.2011, he got her married in Amarpur court. All on a sudden, after one month, Shri Bimal Das got next marriage with another girl and forced Smt. Brinda to leave his house and get back to her earlier father-in-law's house. Soon after this incident, Smt. Brinda lodged a case against Shri Bimal Das in a Police Station. On 28.09.2011 the Commission summoned both the parties for their presence before the Commission. The Contestant denied all allegations brought against him; even he tried to establish his signature on the certificate of court marriage as forged and that false and fabricated fact of marriage. Obviously, he was made bound to accept his defeat and guilt before the rationale and tricky questions asked by the counsellors of the Commission and in response to the call of the Commission, the head of the local Panchayat i.e. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, present members and guardians got together and in their presence, in accordance with decision and conditions stipulated by the Commission, the contestant accused agreed and promised to pay Rs.1 lakh (one lakh) as compensation to Smt. Brindarani. On dated 21.12.2011 the said amount of money was deposited Commission by Shri Bimal Das In pursuant to the Commission's second stipulation the complainant Smt. Brinda can get full compensation money from the Commission only if she withdraw or take back her complaint against the contestant.

12. Rebuild Family of a High Ranking Officer

F. 3 (1)-SWC/ Adultery/ Sl.424/ 2011

Smt. Simantini Deb, W/O Shri Subinoy Deb, high ranking Police Officer Dhalai District, had submitted a complaint to the Tripura Commission for Women on 19.12.11 regarding her husband's unlawful conduct along with clippings of newspaper related to that and sought Commission's intervention in the matter. With the aim of sorting out dispute between the couple, the Commission summoned both of them to appear before it on December 24, 2011. In the course of discussion with Commission, Shri Subinoy Deb regretted his misdeed whatever he committed and assured the Commission that such things would not recur in future. Shri Deb expressed eagerness to stay along with his wife and their only girl child at his place of work after a long separation of one and half year. In the counseling Smt.Simantini was also found ready to stay with her husband and the dispute between them had been amicably settled by the Commission.

Smt.Simantini Deb had again submitted a letter (enclosed) to the Commission on 24.12.11 where she wanted help of the Commission for transfer of her husband as she felt that it would be embarrassing for them to go to the place where the episode occurred. In the meeting with the Commission Shri Deb also expressed his uneasiness to continue as responsible officer in that place. Stating the situation of the couple, the Commission requested the DGP of Tripura to transfer Shri Debbarma to another place for relieving them from embarrassment and at the request of the Commission the police administration instantly transferred him from that place to a place near Agartala.

13. The Commission could fill the gap of one and half years' separation caused for a slight misunderstanding between husband and wife in the course of 5 years wedlock

F. 3(1) SWC/Adultery/SL.424/2011

A slight misunderstanding has arose between husband Shri Devankan who is in a high official post of Tripura and wife Smt. Supta and she along with her only daughter had come far away from her husband. An enough distance caused to be existed gradually between them arising out of separation. Many doubtful controversies have been published through News Media. When both the parties have realized their past mistakes and unnecessary sufferings, they expressed their willingness to get back their good relationship and to live in a happy family as they were in the past. To get back happy family right, the husband filed a suit of restoration of conjugal right in the family court. The wife also showed her willingness for the need of correction of misunderstanding

between them through the help of the Commission for Women. That made the Commission hopeful to rebuild their relation. On 24.12.2011 Commission summoned both parties to appear before the Commission. After a prolong discussion Commission wept out all doubts and arrogances from their minds and hearts and the couple promised to rebuild their family with love affection and respect for each other. The topmost consideration of the Commission was bringing-up of their only daughter under the care of both mother and father. Till today they are maintaining their relation with Commission. The Commission is very happy to know that the reunited couple is keeping their words to the Commission through making progress in developing sweet relation of love, affection and faith between them.

14. A widow got back the due rights through the Commission' s Counselling.

F3(1) SWC/Dom-Vio/SL292/2011

On last dated 01.09.2011 Smt. Sunita Darlong wife of Lt. Josheph Darlong filed a complaint to the Commission for Women regarding complain of domestic violence against entire family members and in-laws for mental and physical torture. She was forcefully driven out of her in-laws house. Smt. Sunita Devi expressed her willingness to the Commission to stay at a separate place with her two children happily. Smt. Sunita has got a regular government job with good salary for die-in-harness. She also made complaint that her father in law demands a portion of money from her salary. She further put her claims in her application to get back her entire belongings lying with her in law's family. For healthy solution of the dispute the Commission summoned upon her father-in-law Shri M.P. Darlong to be present before the Commission and gave him direction to return the entire belongings of Smt. Darlong. The father was in distressed for his son's death; denied entire complaints brought against him by his daughter in law and also expressed his opinion about his daughter in law to the Commission that he drive her away from his house because of her prostitute nature. But as per listed out by the Commission, he promised to return her entire belonging lying with him, although he further informed the Commission that these things are not subject/liable to return according to the their local custom. On dated 18.10.2011 in pursuant to the Commission's direction the entire belongings were returned to her on 24.10.2011 through the Commission, of which a copy is with the Commission itself. Presently, Smt. Sunita Darlong is living happily with her two children separately from her in-laws family.

15. Realization of Compensation for Cheating a Woman

F3 (1) SWC/RPM/SL464/2010

On November 30, 2010 the Commission received a complaint from one In one of the incident of false promise of marriage, the Commission in a complaint received on 30th November 2010, from Ms. Bejita Das (Name changed), studying in class –XII, resident of Muharchara Devendra Daser Para under Teliamura Police Station Kamal Das against Mr. Bimal Das an employee of Tripura State Rifles belonging to Ten Battalion for having sexual intercourse with Ms. Das for last three years on false promise for marriage. Earlier on 13th November 2010 the complainant registered against Mr. Das for the same matter with the Teliamura Police Station. On 28 December 2010, the Commission summoned both the Parties before the Commission for hearing. After four sittings with both parties r Mr. Das confessed the offence he committed against the victim. On 13th January 2011, the complainant claimed Rs. 3 lakhs as compensation from the accused, but the accused promised to pay Rs 70,000/- (Seventy Thousand) only. However, the complainant agreed with the that amount of compensation and on 20th January 2011, the complainant appeared before the Commission for mutual settlement of the matter. Again on 26th March 2011 the accused stated that he will deposit the sum of Rs. 70000/- (Seventy thousand) before the Commission on 20th April 2011. The accused complied by the decision of the Commission. Similarly, the case was withdrawn after depositing the said amount before the commission from where the complainant shall take the cash amount.