



## Saptagram Nari Swanirvar Parishad (SNSP)

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Saptagram Nari Swanirvar Parishad (SNSP) is a non-political, non-religious and non profit development organization working for an exploitation-free society with equal opportunity for all through systematic non-violent methods. SNSP is committed to improve the socio-economic and cultural status of the downtrodden women of rural areas in Bangladesh.

### **Goal:**

Goal of the Saptagram Nari Swanirvar Parishad's (SNSP) is to establish a just and peaceful society free from all forms of exploitation and discrimination and with equal opportunity for all.

### **Objectives:**

The objective of SNSP is to give welfare activities to the target people strictly on non-profit basis, engage in benevolent, humanitarian works, and activities intended for benevolent purpose. SNSP has been working to achieve the following objectives:

- To work among the deprived segment of the rural community, particularly with women.
- To raise their awareness of the root causes of their social, economic, and legal deprivation, and to help them find solutions to these problems.
- To encourage, assist, and guide the formation of women's savings groups.
- To encourage women of the rural areas involved in various income-generating activities to improve their socioeconomic condition.
- To educate them about general health and nutritional needs and the importance of family planning.
- To educate rural women in developing skills which include reading, writing, and simple counting
- Promote human rights, education, social justice, ecological balance, harmony, and peace in the community by overcoming exploitation, gender discrimination, poverty, ill-health, illiteracy, unemployment, and all forms of injustices through systematic non-violent actions.
- Encourage women to establish self-respect and self-reliance in the community to make the community free of exploitation.

## **Geographical Program Areas:**

At present, Saptagram is working in 105 villages of 11 unions in five upazilas of Faridpur, Rajbari & Jhenaidah Districts.

## **Target People:**

SNSP works with the downtrodden women. Saptagram activities emphasize mainly the socio-economic strengthening of the oppressed sections of the community, with a focus on women. SNSP also works with professional groups and members of civil society on issue-based interventions.

## **Programs:**

- Study Circle Program promoting democratic process.
- Formation of savings groups, especially for women, of five to 15 members.
- Functional Education program.
- Micro Credit for income generating activities
- Skills development training.
- Community Health Care.
- Pure water supply & sanitation.
- Social forestry.
- Women's Empowerment & Gender Equality.

## **SNSP Governance:**

SNSP is governed by a registered constitution, work on framed policies, rules & regulations. A seven member executive committee is elected every year by direct voting of the general members. The organization is for women, by women of women.

## **SNSP Management:**

SNSP is a women's development organization. It always strictly emphasizes participatory and democratic approach for organizational activities.

## **Infrastructure and Strength:**

SNSP has established offices at field levels and owns land, buildings for offices, staff accommodation (Staff Hostel), and training centers in every center/unit. Every center has a capacity to organize trainings and workshops.

## **Experience in Mobilizing People Resource etc:**

SNSP has vast experience in mobilizing communities, especially women. For effective social and resource mobilization the following methods are generally used:

- Group discussion
- Meetings
- Seminars
- Rallies
- Postering
- Dialogue

**Resources:**

SNSP has qualified and experienced personnel for running its programs. Organizers (Female organizers) are directly related to nurse the group and all programs are implemented by the organizers. Supervisors and Center or Unit in-charge are responsible to monitor the daily work of Organizers. Organizers go to the fields according to their approved tour program.

**Media Access:**

SNSP maintains a very good relation with local journalists, and press club of Faridpur. It also maintains good relation with the electronic media.