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If selfless service to the society is a noble job, then Ramkrishnapur Bayam Samiti, Howrah, must be thanked for doing so for the last forty years with devotion and dignity. The Samiti went through a week-long programme from March 17 to celebrate the occasion.

In 1927 Mr. Sailen Sinha along with two other teenagers organized the Samiti with a mission to inspire the younger generation who will make the country free from the shackles of foreign domination and dedicate themselves for building the nation through their tireless activities and heroism. Those teenagers are old but the organization they set up is ever flourishing.

From the inception, emphasis was laid on the bodybuilding and sports so that a healthier generation may grow up. It is with this end in view extensive training was given to its members on weightlifting, wrestling, and sword play along with different kinds of sports. Soon the reputation of the organization crossed the boundary of the district and within a decade the organization made a name for themselves. An endless flow of invitations from different parts of the State started pouring into the Samiti office to display their tactics and to demonstrate their military-band play. On one occasion in 1933, the band unit of the organization who were invited to play at a function in National Medical College received much appreciation from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Rabindranath also blessed the party when they visited Santiniketan.

Men of this organization are responsible for the establishment of a number of sports units on the district level. It has also produced a galaxy of sportsmen who had represented the State on many occasions and had brightened the face of the State. From 1960 the Samiti is sending a large number of sports officials and to conduct the National Sports in New Delhi, Ernakulam, Jubbulpore, Cuttak and other places.

Not only in the field of sports and gymnasium its worthiness have been equally proved at the hour of national crisis. It rendered valuable service to mitigate the suffering of famine-stricken people of Bengal in 1943 in 1946 when the notorious riot broke out it played the role of peace-makers and rendered valuable services by saving lots of valuable lives. One of its worthy member, Atindranath Mukherjee was killed while he was trying to save the lives of some innocent people. Even during the normal time it helps a number of helpless families by giving rice and money which they collect from door to door on every Sunday.

So far the literary activities are concerned, it regularly stages dramas and publishes manuscript Magazines.

In recognition of their activities, the U.S.S.R. Government has donated a set of barbel in 1956. It has at present a good auditorium, a library and a good ground for physical demonstration.