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## A club to comfort the poor

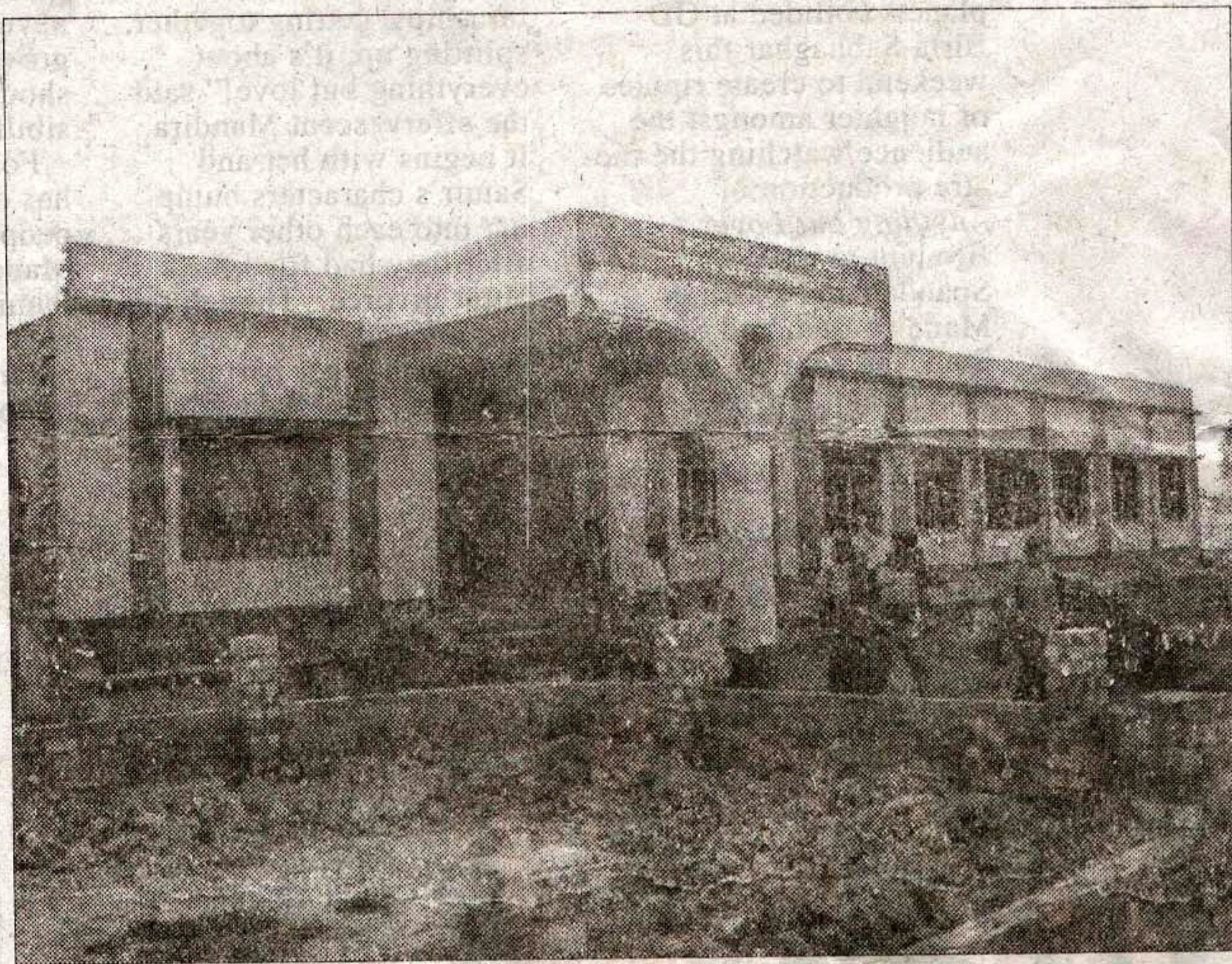
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KULTOLI, (South 24-Parganas), Jan. 30. — The friend in need is friend indeed. This is for the first time, a local club, Baikhuntpur Tarun Sangha, has come forward to help the poor and distressed people in the remote villages of Sunderbans.

The club, mainly operating from Kultoli area, has already introduced mobile launches and mobile ambulances for the poor people so that they can come to Kultoli anytime for their treatment.

People who are affected can go to any hospital in the district using the launches, which are parked in the river for the transportation of ailing people. Besides, there are mobile ambulances operating round the clock in Kultoli and its adjoining area. There are specialised doctors travelling in the ambulance to attend the patient.

This time, the club is setting up another hospital



*The newly-constructed BTS Gramin Hospital at Kultoli, South 24-Parganas.*  
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in the area. Apart from arranging doctors and other medical equipment, all the patients will be provided a thorough check-up. The total cost of the project is estimated to be Rs 2 crore.

Besides, collection of money from local people, Ireland Embassy has also funded for the project.

“We are planning to provide treatment for snake bite in the hospital because

it is a very common problem in the Sunderbans. People do not get adequate medicine for snake bites and government hospitals,” Mr Susanta Giri, secretary of the club said.