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FOREWORD

About fifty years ago the Vidyalaya Praktani of RKM Narendrapur began its journey with a few like-minded ex-students. Gradually it grew to be an ever-flowing river in which streams of alumni rivulets have merged. From the very beginning what held us together was that unfailing friendship which developed during our hostel days and continued to blossom through the course of our lives. Because we shared so much of each other's lives, even today, we carry a large part of our friends within ourselves. The boys now live and work in cities across the world but the magic of Narendrapur hold them together. Vidyalaya Praktani is the bridge that connects us with our Alma Mater. It was felt during past few years that, to extend the bond of friendship over generations and to percolate the flow of information reaching at NRVP's end from all across the world, a periodic newsletter was necessary. *Praktani Barta* is a humble effort of NRVP towards achieving that goal. Let us come forward to make it an enriching experience for all of us in the days to come. Wish you all the best of the times in days to come.

January 2018

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

NRVP called for a procession from Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Gol Park, Kolkata to Narendrapur on 12th January,

2018 to commemorate the commencement of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Vidyalaya. The programme was a grand success. About 350 ex-students took part in the procession and a large number of them walked all along the 7 km route. Family members of the Praktanis were also present. Several decorated tableaux depicting various facets of the Ashrama accompanied the procession. Swami Suparnananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, inaugurated the march by lighting a torch. The procession was received by Swami Sarbolokananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur at the Vivekananda Centenary Hall, Narendrapur. 1987 Batch deserves a special mention for arrangement of the tiffin for all participants and so does the 1974 Batch who arranged the solar cap for all those taking part in the *Prabhat feri*.



Swami Suparnananda's opening speech



Swami Suparnananda flagging off the Padayatra

Tableaux in Padayatra

Chapters of NRVP

Over the period of last few years Chapters of NRVP were opened in different cities and regions of India and abroad. The **UK Chapter** has

about 50 enrolled members and the **US Chapter** has about 150 members. Chapters were opened in **Canada, Singapore, Malaysia and EU**.

In India, the **National Capital Region (NCR)** chapter was opened with 140 members. **Mumbai** and **Bengaluru** Chapters have more than hundred alumni in each. Apart from these, Chapters were functioning effectively in **Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune** and **Siliguri**. A **North East chapter** has also started functioning.

July 2018

Annual General Meeting of NRVP

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Praktani (NRVP)

was held at Room No 46 at School Building, Senior Section of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya on 29 th July, 2018. Batch Coordinators were informed about date and venue well in advance so that interested members can take part in it. The meeting was attended by 141 Praktanis. Out of total 55 batches of alumni from 1961 to 2014, representatives of 50 batches were present in the AGM. Representatives of 1988, 1996, 2006, 2009 and 2011 batches could not attend the meeting for various reasons.

Condolence

With a heavy heart the House condoled the death of praktanis Pannalal Manik, 1961, Chandan Mukherjee, 1962, Indrajit Dutta, 1963, Pranab Basu, 1963, Bholanath Das, 1964, Manik Roy, 1968, Ittemad Jahan, 1968, Samar Das, 1968, Deepak Chakraborty 1970, Lakshmi Narayan Sarkar, 1972, Ujjal Halder, 1976 (MP), Debashish Chattopadhyay, 1977, Subhankar Deb, 1978, Anindya Roy, 1978, Prithwijit Mitra, 1979, Abhirup Bhadra, 1986 and Soumyajit Saha, 2008.

The meeting also condoled the death of two monks Swami Adhijananda (Tapan Maharaj) and Ajit Maharaj who worked for Narendrapur. House also condoled death of ex-teacher Prasit Kumar Roy Chowdhury, who died on 4th July, 2018.

New Executive Committee

The unanimously resolved to form the EC by selection in the AGM itself as the matter was included in the agenda. The Secretary proposed to retain the outgoing EC unless any objection was raised and/or any new name was proposed. No objection was forwarded and no new names were proposed in the house. The following members (suffixed by year of passing) were elected to the Executive Council of NRVP for the period of 2018-20.

Mr Sharad Mirani, President, 1968
Mr Kamal Banerjee, Vice President, 1974
Dr Debdtut Ghoshthakur, Secretary, 1975
Mr Pradyut Majumder , Asst. Secretary, 1986
Mr Shaktipada Das, Treasurer, 1968
Mr Shyamal Sinha, Asst, Treasurer, 1978
Mr Tapan Mukherjee, 1972
Mr Uday Shankar De, 1974
Mr Rabindra Kumar Bhattyacharya, 1976 (UM)
Mr Aruni Chakraborty, 1979
Mr Partha Samanta, 1980
Mr Arjun Dasgupta, 1983
Mr Amitava Bhattyacharya, 1984
Mr Chandan Mukherjee, 1986
Mr Shibaji Basuroy, 1987
Mr Mohiuddin Laskar, 1989
Mr Prantik Biswas, 1991
Mr Subhadeep Sarkar, 1993
Mr Sudip Palit, 1995
Mr Abirlal Mandal, 1997
Mr Abhraneel Chakraborty, 2004

The Secretary, NRVP proposed the names of the following members as Permanent Invitees in the meetings of the Executive Council

Mr Chandan Das, 1961
Mr Satyanarayan Sarkar, 1963
Dr Dwijen Sarkar, 1963
Mr Ajoy Chaterjee, 1966

Mr Asit Motayed, 1966
Mr Dilip Mirani, 1967
Dr Ashoke Ghosh, 1970
Mr Somesh Bhattacharya, 1970
Mr Ali Akbar, 1971
Mr Biswajit Biswas, 1979
Mr Debabrata Roychoudhury, 1982
Dr Shambhunath Mukherjee, 1984
Mr Anirban Bagchi, 1994

New Constitution of NRVP

In the last AGM Secretary, NRVP constituted a five member committee consisting of Mr Shyamal Sinha, 1978, Mr Aniruddha Home Chowdhury, 1979, Mr Partha Samanta, 1980, Mr Subhomoy Bhattacharya, 1987 and Anirban Bagchi, 1994 to examine the various suggestions. Sri Samanta has resigned from the committee and the rest four members submitted a report prepared by them to the EC. The batch coordinators were requested to share the report with their batch mates. The key points are as follows:

Secretary thanked the committee members for their tireless effort to prepare a report. Secretary requested the EC members to go through the report and send their suggestions. There were discussions with these suggestions in the EC .

- A Praktani who has passed out from this Vidyalaya in HS and /or MP is eligible to get a Life Membership of NRVP
- Those who have studied for a few years but not completed their studies and have not sat for the HS and/or MP from this Vidyalaya are eligible for ordinary membership of NRVP
- For all the earlier cases of Life Membership to non- pass outs, status quo will be maintained and the Constitution will be modified accordingly.
- At least 100 members should be present in the AGM to form the quorum and the Constitution should be ammended accordingly.

Audit Report

The audited accounts of NRVP for the year 2017-18 were presented in the meeting and accepted by the house unanimously. It was also uploaded in the Website

Secretary,NRVP invited proposals from different batches on schemes which may be taken up by the NRVP with the help of concerned batches.

Appoint of Auditor for 2018-19

Secretary NRVP proposed the name of N Saha & Associates, the existing Auditor to continue for another year.

Gurudakshina Fund

Secretary informed the meeting about the disbursement from the Gurudakshina fund. NRVP has spent some amount from this fund for the treatment of our teacher Late Prasit Roychowdhury. Secretary congratulated 1982 and 1996 batch for their help towards the treatment of Prasitda and performing his last rites. Secretary also thanked 1972 batch and 1976 (UM) batch for rendering financial help towards the treatment of Prasitda.

Secretary also informed the house about the health of ex-head master Shyamalda, Swami Jitatananda. Secretary thanked 1976 (UM) batch for their initiative in his treatment and helping him financially. NRVP decided to stand beside 1976 (UM) batch for the cause.

Reunion

In the last reunion total participants crossed the limit of 1700. Secretary hoped that this year the number of participants will be more. Secretary requested Mr Sanjit Samanta, 1973 to arrange 2000 peices of Diamond Jubilee T- Shirt which will be sold during the reunion. NRVP will give the cost price. The amount collected from the selling of T-Shirt will be deposited to Gurudakshina Fund. Mr Samanta agreed.

Matters Arising

- It was proposed that a Quarterly / Half-Yearly Newsletter of the NRVP be published beginning with the Reunion this year. The proposal was accepted and Secretary, NRVP requested Swapan Bhattacharyya of 1972 batch to coordinate the project.
- It was decided that a list of all Life Members would be uploaded in the Praktani website and WhatsApp portals.
- It was explained in the meeting that the Website of NRVP is coordinated by Suvadeep Sarkar, 1993, a member of EC and news/information relating to NRVP can be mailed to him at so that he can upload it in the Website
- Mr Subharthy Choudhury, 2003 told the House that he works for an orgnisation which distribute those among the needy people. If the Praktanis want to donate old clothes for his organisation he might contact Subharthy through the NRVP.

- The Secretary was requested to take up only those projects on behalf of NRVP which can be handled and implemented by them.
- A proposal on behalf of a philanthropic organization of Nadia was placed in the House and a written proposal was invited for the same by the consent of the house.

Winter retreat

A proposal was placed to increase the number of participants in the winter retreat to be held on 15th-16th December, 2018. Secretary told the house that the maximum capacity cannot be raised from 100 for various technical reasons. However, 120 names have been accommodated in the first list and a waiting list of 50 willing participants has also been circulated.

Appeal of the Headmaster

At the end of the AGM Head Master of the Vidyalaya, Bramhachari Turiyachaitanya thanked Vidyalaya Praktanis for their love and respect for their Alma Mater. He urged the Praktanis to come forward in carrying out the projects like renovation of the dining halls of different hostels, repairing of different hostel buildings, procurement of generator set for Junior Section and an updated Science Laboratory for the New Higher Secondary building among others.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Sri Sarad Mirani , President , NRVP

November 2018

Executive Committee Meeting of NRVP

The Executive Committee meeting of NRVP was held at Ambagan, Senior Section on 11th December, 2018. Total 26 members were present including 18 EC members, 4 permanent invitees and 4 invited members including two

batch coordinators. The following are the key resolutions taken in the meeting:

- Banners and flex materials relating to Reunion 2018 are to be readied by 15th December.
- The cost of the memento per participant was fixed at Rs 120/. The final decision would be taken by Tapan Mukherjee, 1972, Debdut Ghoshthakur 1975 and Shibaji Basuroy, 1987 within 15 th December. About 1,000 mementos would be ordered.
- Distribution of reunion materials and stationary will take place in Winter Retreat.
- Names of batch coordinators, EC members and other participants who would be present on 24th Dec 2018 were fixed in the meeting.
- Praktanis of 1968 batch would be felicitated by NRVP with Shwal, Pen, Memento and a copy of Sraddha each at the auditorium during the Reunion ceremony 2018.
- Praktani Barta the online bulletin of NRVP would be launched on 25th December 2018.
- Special T-shirts would be sold @ Rs 300/ during the reunion.
- Breakfast would be distributed on the reunion day from 8 am and it will be sponsored by 1987 batch.
- Lunch would be served in three different venues. One venue will be at the opposite side of the Vidyalaya. A pandal will be erected there. The menu was also confirmed in the meeting
- Price of Shraddha would be fixed at Rs 100/.per copy. Recent pass outs would be able to collect it @ Rs 50/ from Saradda after the reunion.
- 8 teachers and non-teaching workers of the Vidyalaya who retired in last two years would be felicitated on 25th December on the dias.

- The Secretary of the Mission, the Headmaster of the Vidyalaya and Swami Tyagarupananda, Secretary RKM Maldah, the Chief Guest of the occasion will be felicitated at the dais.
- The invitation letters would be given to all teaching and non-teaching members of the Vidyalaya and all the monks of the Mission inviting to be present at the reunion function.
- The Vivekananda Centenary hall would be booked well in advance.
- 1979 batch 1987 batches would be permitted to sell their publications from two counters at Ambagan. The collected amount will go to Gurudakshina Fund of NRVP.
- One pandal would be erected at Ambagan for the proposed cultural program to be held from 2 pm to 4 pm on 25th December and the details of the programme would be finalised by the sub-committee.



Executive Committee meeting at Ambagan

মহারাজ রান্নায় ব্যস্ত, ছাত্রেরা আলুর খোসা ছাড়ানোয়

নরেন্দ্রপুর, ১৯৭০। অশিক্ষক কর্মীদের ধর্মঘট। ছাত্র, শিক্ষক, সবাই
মিলে রান্না, বাগান পরিষ্কার ইত্যাদি হরেক কাজে। অভিভাবকদের
আপত্তি ছিল না।

দেবদূত ঘোষঠাকুর

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ক'দিন থেকেই শুনছিলাম এমনটা হতে যাচ্ছে। এক দিন রাতে ঘুমনোর আগে দেখলাম, যাঁরা আমাদের জন্য
রান্না, ঝাড়পোঁছ করতেন, স্কুলের বাগান টিপটপ রাখতেন— তাঁরা বাক্সপ্যাঁটরা নিয়ে চলে যাচ্ছেন।

পর দিন সকাল থেকে আমাদের নিত্যদিনের রুটিনটাই গেল বদলে। সকালে পিটি-র পরেই কারও ডাক পড়ল
রান্নাঘরে, কারও ঝুড়ি হাতে আমবাগানে। সব জায়গাতেই হাজির আমাদের শিক্ষকেরা। হঠাৎ করে সব কর্মীরা যে
উধাও হয়ে গিয়েছেন তা বোঝা চলবে না, এমনই ছিল নির্দেশ। ছাত্র-শিক্ষক মিলে কাঁধে কাঁধ লাগিয়ে চেষ্টা করলে
কিছুই যে কঠিন মনে হয় না, তা শিখিয়েছিল ওই আটটা দিন।

১৯৭০ সাল। নরেন্দ্রপুর রামকৃষ্ণ মিশন বিদ্যালয়ে আমরা তখন ক্লাস সেভেন-এর ছাত্র। সিক্স-সেভেনের জন্য
জুনিয়র, একটু দূরে উঁচু ক্লাসের জন্য সিনিয়র সেকশন। সেখানে বড়দের জন্য অন্য হোস্টেল, অডিটোরিয়াম,
কলেজ— সব কিছু।

নরেন্দ্রপুরের আবাসিক জীবন সম্পর্কে বাইরে অনেক কথাই শোনা যায়। পুরোটাই যে অমূলক তাও বলব না।
কিন্তু ছ'বছরের মিশন-জীবনে শিক্ষকদের বন্ধু বা দাদা ছাড়া অন্য কিছু ভাবতে পারিনি। সম্প্রতি রাজ্যের বিভিন্ন
স্থানে ছাত্র-শিক্ষকদের সম্পর্কের নানা টানাপড়ের সংবাদ ঘাঁটতে ঘাঁটতে নরেন্দ্রপুর-জীবনের কথা মনে পড়ে
গেল।

মনে আছে, যে দিন ধর্মঘট শুরু হল সে দিন সকালে পিটি যাওয়ার আগেই আমাদের ডেকে পাঠালেন হোস্টেলের ওয়ার্ডেন অমলদা (অমল মহারাজ)। পুরো পরিস্থিতি বুঝিয়ে ক্লাস সেভেনের ক'জনকে আলাদা করে বললেন, “তোরা ডাইনিং হল-এ চলে যা। দীননাথদা আছেন, কাজ বুঝিয়ে দেবেন।” নিজে একটা বিশাল বাঁটা নিয়ে অন্য কয়েক জনকে হাতে ব্লাডি ধরিয়ে দিয়ে নেমে গেলেন আমবাগানে। বুঝলাম, অমলদা নিজে সাফাইয়ের দায়িত্ব তুলে নিয়েছেন।

ডাইনিং হলের পাশে তরকারি কাটা, ময়দা মাখা, রান্না করা হত। সেখানে কী কর্মকাণ্ড হত তা দেখার সুযোগ তখনও পর্যন্ত আমাদের অনেকেরই হয়নি। দেখলাম, বাংলার শিক্ষক দীননাথ সেন সেখানে টুল পেতে বসে আছেন। সামনে বিশাল বাঁটা। তিনি তরকারি কুটছেন। দীননাথদা কবিতা লিখতেন, চমৎকার নাটক করতেন। তিনি যে এত চমৎকার তরকারি কোটেন, জানতাম না। সুনীলদা (সুনীল মহারাজ) কোমরে চাদর বেঁধে বামুন ঠাকুরের ভূমিকায়। কালীদাদু (ভবনে আমাদের দেখভালের দায়িত্ব গুঁর উপরেই ছিল) মাটিতে থেবড়ে বসে মশলা বাঁটছেন।

আমাদের কাজটা যে কী হবে তখনও জানতাম না। দেখলাম কয়েকটা বস্তা সামনে রাখা, তার পাশে ডাই করে রাখা আলু। বস্তার গায়ে আলু ঘষে ঘষে কী ভাবে খোসা ছাড়াতে হয়, দেখিয়ে দিলেন দীননাথদা। ব্যস, আমরা খুশি!

বিশাল বিশাল ডেকচিতে ভাত রান্না হত সে সময়। সেই ডেকচি পরিষ্কার করা একটা সমস্যার কাজ। দীননাথদা একটা ফর্মুলা বের করে ফেললেন। আমাদের মধ্যে সব থেকে যে ছোট সাইজের, তাকে নামিয়ে দেওয়া হল সাবান-জল দেওয়া ডেকচিতে। হাতে একটা কাপড়। সে কাপড়টা জলে চুবিয়ে ডেকচির গায়ে তা বেশ কয়েক বার বুলিয়ে দিল। তার পরে তাকে টেনে তোলা হল। পাঠিয়ে দেওয়া হল স্নান করতে। আর পাইপের জলে ধোওয়া হল ডেকচি।

এমন ভাবেই কেউ বাগান পরিচর্যা করেছে। কেউ সাফাইয়ের কাজ। কেউ বা শিক্ষকদের সঙ্গে লাঠি হাতে পাহারা দিয়েছে জুনিয়র সেকশন। কোথা দিয়ে যে দিনগুলো কেটে গিয়েছে, বুঝতেই পারিনি। যে সংস্কৃত শিক্ষককে যমের মতো ভয় পেতাম, তাঁকে দেখেছি, কী মমতায় ছেলেদের সঙ্গে নিয়ে বাগান পরিচর্যা করছেন! যে ইংরেজি শিক্ষককে ক্লাসে ভয় পেতাম, তাঁর সঙ্গে বসে ডেকচি-ভর্তি সেক্স আলুর খোসা ছাড়িয়েছি গল্প করতে করতে। এর পরেও কিন্তু মানুষলি টেস্ট হয়েছে নিয়ম মেনেই।

আর এতটুকুও দমে না গিয়ে আমরা ছাত্র ও শিক্ষকেরা যে ভাবে পরিস্থিতির মোকাবিলা করেছিলাম, তাতে ধর্মঘটীরাও বুঝতে পেরেছিলেন যে গুঁদের ছাড়াও কাজ চলবে। তাই দিন আটকের মধ্যেই আন্দোলন ছেড়ে তাঁরা ফিরে এসেছিলেন কাজে।

সেই সময় আমাদের অভিভাবকেরা কিন্তু আমাদের রাঁধুনি, সাফাইকর্মী, মালি, দারোয়ানের কাজ করতে হচ্ছে জেনেও কোনও প্রতিবাদ জানানি। বরং নিজের পায়ে দাঁড়াতে শিখছি বলে খুশিই হয়েছিলেন। এখনকার অভিভাবকেরা এমন অবস্থায় পড়লে কী করতেন, সেটাই এক বার দেখতে ইচ্ছে হয়।

NRVP Doctors' Forum

A logo of NRVP Doctors was prepared by Ali (1971) which was approved by Vidyalaya Praktani

Five Clinical Meetings in the name of **Ajit Sengupta Memorial**

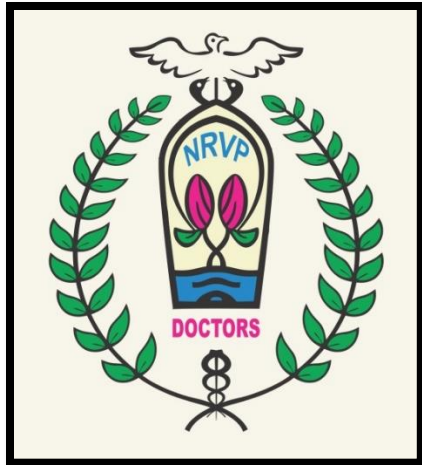
Clinical Meetings were held in different Medical Colleges. These Clinical Meetings were anchored by Dr. Ashok K. Ghosh, coordinator.

1. Calcutta National Medical College: Speakers were Dr. Debasish Pramanick and Dr. Dipayan Ghosh.
2. Medical College Bengal, Calcutta: Speakers were Dr. Dipankar Roy, Dr. Gaurav Roy, and Dr. Sourav Ghosh.
3. R. G. Kar Medical College: Speakers were Dr. Abhishek Das and Dr. Prasenjit Chattopadhyay.
4. SSKM Hospital: Dr. Abhisekh Chakraborty, Dr. Ayon Ghosh and Dr. Arkaprava Chakraborty
5. Dr. R Ahmed Dental College: Speakers were Dr. Tirthankar Debnath and Dr. Debasish Pramanik.

Awareness Programme:

During summer retreat an awareness program on Life saving methods were conducted in association with Indian Life Saving Society. Hands on Training Workshop were done on saving from Water body, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation with dummy mannequins.

Awareness program on Oral Hygiene was conducted at Vidyalaya for the students on Oral Hygiene in association with Indian Dental Association.



Logo of NRVP Doctor's Forum



An awareness activity in motion

PROJECT SUNSHINE

Project Sunshine was conceptualized by a group of Ramakrishna Mission Alumni after discussion with Swami

Ekadevananda at Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati.

•It is for changing and shaping lives. Our work was aimed at providing a holistic approach to solve some of the biggest challenges in rural areas of Champawat District of Kumaon region of Uttarakhand – **Providing warm water to some of the poorest villages nearby.**



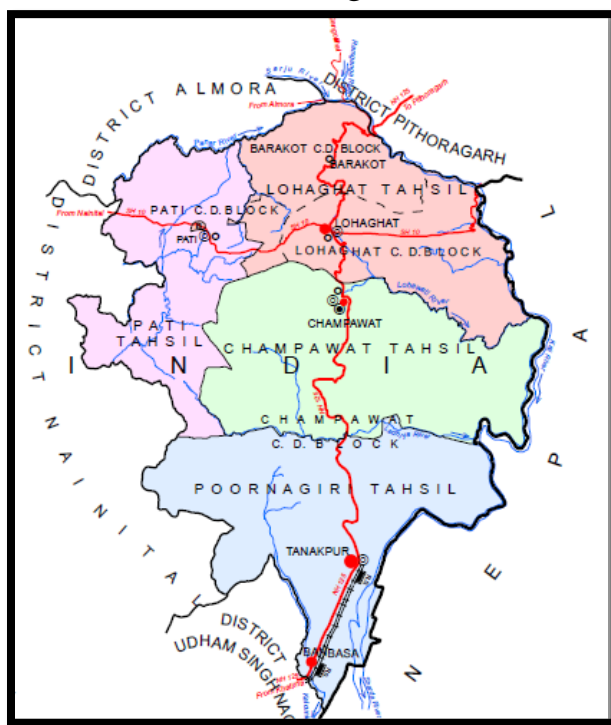
Project sunshine was conceptualized in association with Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati charitable Hospital

The benefits were manifold. This would

- Improve Overall hygiene of family members - villagers.
- Reduce deforestation by gradual decreasing of dependency on fire-woods for heating water.
- Reduce pollution from burning woods, thus minimizing the effect of in-house smoke, in turn reduce COPD among family members.
- Increase overall health index.
- Promotion of usage of Green Energy Technology.

Background

- Medical facility at Champawat region is scarce.
- Poor hygiene is a major problem for hill people.
- Absence of hot water is the primary reason of bad hygiene, gynae issues, and skin & eye diseases.
- Other issues are COPD due to burning of firewood inside huts



Physical map of the area covered

Objective

- To organise health camp at villages in interior location.
- Observe living conditions of villagers & experience the field situation.
- Survey & study the hot water requirements

- Involve supplier – MNRE Channel Partners
- Adoption of a village with a moderate number of households
- Provide hot water using solar water heater – green resources.
- Educate villagers the benefit of use and maintenance of the equipment.
- Revisit same village and observe the improvement of living condition comparing earlier health condition of individuals.
- On successful completion of the project, implementation in other villages as well

Adopted Village: Harori

- Accessibility on foot (no vehicular access)
- Most households are near a temple
- Year round availability of water though muddy water during rainy season.
- Freezing of water in winter is occasional.
- Installation location at the space available between the temple & water collection point
- line of sight towards south side Sun facing (year round), favourable to SWHs
- protection against northerly gust wind

Proposed 1#500lpd-FPC type with HE



The Beneficiaries

Adopted Village: Sirmoli

- Vehicular access till village end (Malli).
- Water source along the walkable path
- Year round availability of water though muddy water during rainy season.
- No record of freezing of water.
- Installation location on the roof of house of Naresh Singh Mahara at village (Malli) center. near present water collection point (source)
- Clear line of sight towards south side Sun facing (year round), favourable to SWHs

Proposed 1#500lpd-ETC type without HE

Execution

- RFQ sent to Solar Water Heater Supplier for final quotation, offer awaited.
- Fund raising activities on receiving account details.

Planned installation date: Pre Monsoon – 2nd half of June 2018 – post installation location revisit – 18WK46 – 12 Nov 18

Tentative Budget for Pilot Project – ₹ 3 lakhs

Project timeline:

Jan 2018: Team formation

March 2018: technical Inspection for installation of SWH

April 2018: Medical camp

May 2018: project sunshine MOU signed

May 2018: work begins

July 2018: Handover completed



Installed Solar Heating System

The Team

Jyotirmoy Gupta Sharma (1975)

Chinmoy Ghatak (1981)

Sujoy Choudhury (1981)

Dr. Raj Shankar Ghosh (1981)

Dr. Amitava Chakraborty (1981)

Dr Sobhan De (1981)

Kalyan Mazumdar (1981)

Subhashis Dev Roy

Jayanta Saha (1981)

Siddhartha Paul (1981)

Kaushik Ghose (1981)

প্রজেক্ট সানশাইন সম্পর্কে দু চার কথা

নেপাল সীমান্তে উত্তরাখণ্ডের চম্পাবত জেলা। কুমায়ুন হিমালয়ের কোলে ছোট-বড় অগুনতি গ্রাম। ১৬৫৩ মিটার উচ্চতায় হারোরি। খান-পঁচিশ পরিবারের বাস এখানে। নেই কোনো স্কুল বা স্বাস্থ্যের পরিষেবা। নেই কোনো রাস্তা। প্রায় একই অবস্থা সিরমোলি গ্রামেরও। আয়তনে একটু বড় - আশি ঘর মানুষের বাস। পাহাড়ের ঢাল বরাবর ছবির মতো জায়গা। কোনোরকম সরকারী পরিষেবা ছাড়াই অতি কষ্টে দিন কাটায় প্রজন্মের পর প্রজন্ম। ২৫শে নভেম্বর ২০১৮ দিনটিতে এই দুই গাঁয়ের মানুষের মুখে অল্প হলেও হাসি ফুটবে একটু। হাতের মুঠোয় রোদ্দুর ধরবে ওরা। "প্রজেক্ট সানশাইন"-এর সৌজন্যে খানিকটা উত্তাপ আসবে গরীব মানুষগুলোর জীবনে।

কাছেই মায়াবতীতে স্বয়ং স্বামী বিবেকানন্দের পদধূলিধন্য অদ্বৈত আশ্রম। রামকৃষ্ণ মিশনের এই শাখাটি বেলুড় মঠের সমসাময়িক প্রায়। আশেপাশের দুঃখী মানুষগুলোর কষ্ট লাঘব করার জন্য সর্বদাই সচেষ্ট তাঁরা। দাতব্য চিকিৎসালয়ে সাহায্য পান অনধিক চোদ্দশো গ্রামের লোক। তবু যথেষ্ট নয় তা কোনোকালেই। খারাপ হাইজিনের কারণে স্ত্রীরোগ এবং চামড়া ও চোখের অসুখ লেগেই থাকে সারাক্ষণ। যথেষ্ট পরিমাণ গরম জলের অভাবে অবস্থা খারাপ হয় আরো। জ্বালানী কাঠ পুড়িয়ে রান্না ও স্নানের জল গরম করে মানুষ। হিসেব বলে যে পরিবার পিছু বছরে গড়ে প্রায় এক টন কাঠ পোড়ে এই বাবদ। ফলতঃ গাছ কাটা পড়ে অসংখ্য। ধোঁয়ায় হয় পরিবেশ দূষণ, তাছাড়া COPD -জাতীয় রোগ বাসা বাঁধে শরীরে। আরও দেখা যায় যে বাড়ির ছোটরা জ্বালানী সংগ্রহে নষ্ট করে পড়াশোনার অনেকখানি অমূল্য সময়। সমাধান - সোলার ওয়াটার হীটার। সারাদিনের অপরিষ্কৃত সৌরালোক ধরে রেখে যা সরবরাহ করবে গরম জল। পরিবেশের কোনোরকম দূষণ ছাড়াই। নরেন্দ্রপুর রামকৃষ্ণ মিশন স্কুলের প্রাক্তন ছাত্রদের উদ্যোগে দুটি মাত্র গ্রাম দিয়ে শুরু হতে চলেছে এই "পাইলট প্রজেক্ট"। কাজ সম্পূর্ণ, এই সেদিন রাজ্যের মাননীয় অর্থমন্ত্রী শ্রী প্রকাশ পস্তুর হাতে হয়ে গেলো আনুষ্ঠানিক উদ্বোধন।

নরেন্দ্রপুর প্রাক্তনীদের প্রায় বর্ষব্যাপী প্রচেষ্টার ফসল এই প্রজেক্ট। নেতৃত্বে আছেন মায়াবতী আশ্রমের স্বামী একদেবানন্দ - সবার প্রিয় দেবুদা। অর্থের জোগান দিয়েছেন মূলতঃ প্রাক্তনরা নিজেরাই। সর্বোপরি তাঁরা দিয়েছেন তাঁদের ব্যস্ত জীবন থেকে বেশ খানিকটা সময়। মেডিক্যাল ক্যাম্প করা হয়েছে বারকয়েক। এছাড়াও প্রজেক্ট সানশাইনের সাফল্যের জন্য প্রায় প্রৌঢ়ত্বে পৌঁছনো এই মানুষগুলো উজাড় ক'রে দিয়েছেন যে যার নিজের কর্মজীবনের দক্ষতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা। ইচ্ছা যদি হয় ঐকান্তিক তাহলে সাফল্য শুধু সময়ের অপেক্ষা। আর এই তো সবে শুরু। আরো বেশী সমমনোভাবাপন্ন মানুষ যদি এগিয়ে আসেন তাহলে মাত্র দুটি গ্রামে চালু হওয়া এই প্রকল্প একদিন ছড়িয়ে পড়তেই পারে দাবানলের মতো।

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Project Sunshine in operation at Mayawati

12/24/2018

Anandabazar Patrika

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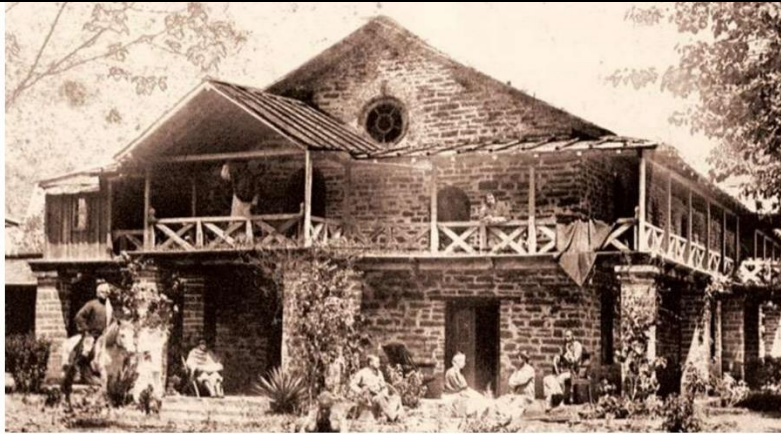
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হায় হায়, গিয়ে দেখি বুড়ো সেখানেও জেকে বসে আছেন,” বেলুড মঠে গুরুপ্রাতাদের বলছেন স্বামী বিবেকানন্দ। বলছেন, তাঁর গুরু শ্রীরামকৃষ্ণের বিষয়ে। সময়টা ১৯০১-এর জানুয়ারি। দিন-পনেরো মায়াবতী আশ্রমে কাটিয়ে সদ্য ফিরেছেন তিনি। স্বামীজির জীবনের শেষ হিমালয়যাত্রা। তাঁর স্বপ্নের আশ্রম, যেখানে কোনও রকম পূজার্চনা করা ছিল নিয়মবিরুদ্ধ। সেখানে গিয়ে তিনি দেখলেন কয়েক জন আশ্রমিক ঠাকুরের প্রতিকৃতিতে মালা পরিয়ে, ধূপধুনো জ্বালিয়ে পূজো করছে। অধ্যক্ষ স্বামী স্বরূপানন্দকে মুদু তিরস্কার করেছিলেন স্বামীজি। সেই থেকে আর কখনও এই ঘটনার পুনরাবৃত্তি হয়নি। ১৮৯৯-এ মায়াবতী আশ্রম প্রতিষ্ঠার সময় কর্মসূচিতে স্পষ্ট ছিল স্বামীজির নির্দেশ— “এখানে শুধু ‘একত্বের শিক্ষা’ ছাড়া অন্য কিছুই শিক্ষা দেওয়া বা সাধন করা হইবে না। যদিও আশ্রমটি সমস্ত ধর্মমতের প্রতি সম্পূর্ণ সহানুভূতিসম্পন্ন, তবুও ইহা অদ্বৈত— কেবলমাত্র অদ্বৈত— ভাবের জন্যই উৎসর্গীকৃত হইল।” রামকৃষ্ণ মঠ ও মিশনের অদ্বৈতসাধনার এই মূল শাখাটিতে আজও মেনে চলা হয় সেই ভাবধারা।

ইংল্যান্ডে স্বামী বিবেকানন্দের সঙ্গে আলাপ হয় ক্যাপ্টেন জেমস হেনরি সেভিয়ার ও তাঁর স্ত্রী শার্লট এলিজাবেথ সেভিয়ারের। স্বামিজির সর্বভাগী আদর্শে উদ্বুদ্ধ হন সেভিয়ার দম্পতি। তাঁদের সঙ্গে আল্পস পর্বতমালা ভ্রমণের সময় স্বামিজি ইচ্ছেপ্রকাশ করেন ভারতে এমনই এক পাহাড়ের কোলে একটা আশ্রম তৈরি করার। আর হয়তো এই জন্যই পুত্রসম গুরুর এই আদেশ ফেলতে পারেননি দম্পতি। ভারতবর্ষে এসে আল্পসের মতো জায়গা খোঁজা শুরু হয় তাঁদের। অবশেষে সন্ধান মেলে হিমালয়ের আলমোড়া-সংলম্ন এলাকায়। বেলুড় মঠ প্রতিষ্ঠার মাত্র তিন মাসের মধ্যে ঘন পাইন ও দেবদারুর জঙ্গলে ঘেরা এক চা-বাগানের কিছুটা অংশ কিনে তৈরি হল আশ্রম। এখান থেকে দেখা যায় নন্দাদেবী, ত্রিশূল, ধবলগিরি, গঙ্গোত্রী, যমুনোত্রী, কেদার, বদ্রী আর পঞ্চচুল্লির পাঁচটি শৃঙ্গ। বসন্তে রডোডেনড্রনের আওনে রাঙা হয়ে থাকে গোটা জঙ্গল। চারিদিকে অপার শান্তি, ঠিক যেমনটি চেয়েছিলেন স্বামিজি। রামকৃষ্ণদেবের জন্মতিথিতে বিবেকানন্দের শিষ্য স্বামী স্বরূপানন্দকে আশ্রম-প্রধান করে আশ্রমের কাজ শুরু করেন সেভিয়ার দম্পতি। কিন্তু এক দিকে ভগ্নস্বাস্থ্য, অন্য দিকে কর্মব্যস্ততার জন্য কিছুতেই সময় করে মায়াবতীতে আসতে পারছিলেন না স্বামিজি। অবশেষে ক্যাপ্টেন সেভিয়ারের মৃত্যুসংবাদ পেয়ে জানুয়ারি মাসের প্রচণ্ড শীতে চলে আসেন।

এখন মায়াবতী আশ্রমের ভিতরে আছে একটি সুন্দর ফুলের বাগান। এর তত্ত্বাবধানে আছেন আকিরা মহারাজ, যিনি 'জাপানি মহারাজ' নামেই বেশি পরিচিত। বাগানের দু'দিকে দুটো দোতলা বাংলা বাড়ি। একটি আশ্রম, অন্যটি 'প্রবুদ্ধ ভারত' পত্রিকার দপ্তর। স্বামিজির পছন্দের পত্রিকা। ১৮৯৬ সালে চেন্নাই থেকে প্রকাশিত হয় এই ইংরেজি মাসিক পত্রিকাটি। কিন্তু হঠাৎ সম্পাদকের মৃত্যুর পরে ১৮৯৮ সালে সম্পাদক হয়েছিলেন স্বামী স্বরূপানন্দ। এখানে এখনও আছে সেই বিখ্যাত প্রিন্টিং মেশিনটি, যা ঘোড়ার পিঠে চাপিয়ে সেভিয়ার দম্পতি নিয়ে এসেছিলেন। আশ্রমের পাশে জঙ্গলের মধ্যে আজও আছে স্বামী স্বরূপানন্দের ধ্যান কুটির। শোনা যায়, এক দিন ধ্যানমগ্ন স্বরূপানন্দ চোখ খুলে দেখেন, তাঁর মুখের সামনে একটা বাঘ বসে আছে। বিন্দুমাত্র ভয় না পেয়ে আবার ধ্যানে মগ্ন হন স্বরূপানন্দ। বাঘটাও কিছু ক্ষণ পর চলে যায় নিঃশব্দে। আজও আশ্রমের আশেপাশে চিতাবাঘের ঘোরাঘুরি টের পাওয়া যায়। তাই সন্দের পর আশ্রমের ভিতরেই এক জায়গা থেকে অন্য জায়গায় যাওয়ার সময় আলো জ্বেলে দেওয়া হয়। আশ্রম থেকে বেশ কিছুটা নিচে সারদা নদী। যার ধারে ক্যাপ্টেন সেভিয়ারকে দাহ করা হয়েছিল, তাঁর ইচ্ছে অনুযায়ী। আশ্রম থেকে হাজারখানেক ফুট উপরে জঙ্গলের মধ্যে দিয়ে হেঁটে পৌঁছনো যায় ধরমগড়ে। মায়াবতীতে থাকার সময় ওখানে বসে ধ্যান করতেন স্বামিজি। তাঁর ধ্যানের জায়গাটিতে একটা ছোট্ট কটেজ তৈরি করা হয়েছে।



ঐতিহ্য: আদি মায়াবতী আশ্রম।

এত বছর পরেও, এমনকি অচ্ছে দিন আসার পরেও এই অঞ্চলের অধিকাংশ মানুষ অত্যন্ত দরিদ্র। তাদের জন্য সরকারি ব্যবস্থা খুবই নগণ্য। অধিকাংশ গ্রামে নেই কোনও স্বাস্থ্যকেন্দ্র। স্ত্রীরোগ, জ্বরের সমস্যা এবং চোখের অসুখে জর্জরিত এখানকার অধিকাংশ মানুষ। তাঁদের বিরাট ভরসার মায়াবতী আশ্রমের আধুনিক ব্যবস্থাসম্পন্ন দাতব্য চিকিৎসালয়টি। শুধু স্বাস্থ্য ব্যবস্থা নয়, এখানে নেই কোনও স্কুল। রাস্তাঘাটও তখৈবচ। জ্বালানি কাঠ পুড়িয়ে রান্না ও স্নানের জল গরম করেন স্থানীয় বাসিন্দারা। এর জন্য পরিবারপিছু বছরে প্রায় গড়ে এক টন কাঠ পোড়ানো হয়। ধোঁয়ায় ক্ষতি হয় ফুসফুসের। গাছ কাটা পড়ে অসংখ্য। পড়াশোনা ফেলে ছোটরা জ্বালানি সংগ্রহের জন্য সময় নষ্ট করে। এক দিকে গ্রামবাসীদের স্বাস্থ্য, অন্য দিকে পরিবেশ— দুই-ই বিপদের মুখে। পরিস্থিতিটা কি বদলানো যায়? প্রশ্নটা সামনে রেখে আলোচনা শুরু করেন নরেন্দ্রপুর রামকৃষ্ণ মিশন স্কুলের প্রাক্তন ছাত্ররা। কিছু দিনের মধ্যেই তাঁদের উদ্যোগে তৈরি হয় 'প্রজেক্ট সানশাইন'। সমস্যার সমাধান হয় সোলার ওয়াটার হিটারের মাধ্যমে। উৎস শুধুমাত্র সূর্যের আলো। কোনও রকম দূষণ ছাড়াই উত্তাপ আসবে গরিব মানুষগুলোর জীবনে। 'পাইলট প্রজেক্ট' হিসাবে আপাতত হরোডি ও সিরমোলি, এই দুটি ছোট্ট গ্রামকে বেছে নেওয়া হয়েছিল। ঘরে ঘরে পৌঁছে গিয়েছে সোলার ওয়াটার হিটার। আনুষ্ঠানিক উদ্বোধনও সম্প্রতি হয়ে গেল।

নরেন্দ্রপুরের প্রাক্তনীদের প্রায় বর্ষব্যাপী প্রচেষ্টার ফসল এই প্রকল্প। নেতৃত্বে আছেন মায়াবতী আশ্রমের স্বামী একদেবানন্দ। যিনি বেশি পরিচিত 'দেবদা' নামে। প্রায় প্রৌঢ়ত্বে পৌঁছনো প্রাক্তনীরা অর্থ ও সময়ের পাশাপাশি 'প্রজেক্ট সানশাইন'-এর সাফল্যের জন্য উজাড় করে দিয়েছেন কর্মজীবনের যাবতীয় দক্ষতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা। হিটারের পাশাপাশি প্রাক্তনীরা মেডিক্যাল ক্যাম্প করেছেন বেশ কয়েক বার। উপকৃত হয়েছেন চারপাশের গ্রামের মানুষজন। প্রাক্তনীরা আশা রাখেন, ভবিষ্যতে আরও অনেকেই এগিয়ে আসবেন, তখন সফল ছড়িয়ে পড়বে দাবানলের মতো। রামকৃষ্ণ এখানে জেঁকে বসেননি ঠিকই, কিন্তু নরেন্দ্রপুরের প্রাক্তন ছাত্রদের কল্যাণে এখানকার গ্রামে গ্রামে সোলার হিটার জেঁকে বসতে দেখলে বিবেকানন্দের যে আনন্দের অবধি থাকত না, বলা বাহুল্য।

SWAMI ASAKTANANDA MEMORIAL INTERSCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT



The celebrations of Diamond Jubilee was set rolling with **Swami Asaktananda Memorial Inter School League –Cum- Knockout Cricket Tournament 2018**. The first match played on limited over format got off the starting block with Purwanchal Vidamandir playing Scottish Church Collegiate School on 10 March 2018. In all twelve schools took part in the tournament . The matches were fought as hotly as the pre summer heat.

Four Schools namely Ramkrishna Misssion Vidyalaya, La Martineer for Boys, Kamrabad Boys High School and Nava Nalanda High School reached the Knock Out Stage. Eventually Nava Nalanda and and Kamrabad Boys High School reached the finals.

The grand finale was held on 7 April 2018. Mr Arun Lal former Indian Test Cricketer and famous Cricket Critic and Commentator was the chief Guest. He recounted his days when he had played in the very Ashram Stadium as a player. The Hon'ble Mr Laxmi Ratan Sukhla former Indian Cricketer and presently Minister of State for Sports and Youth Services Government of West Bengal also keenly watched the match. Defeating the urban schools Kamrabad Boys High School emerged the champions. Thus proving that there is enough talent in rural Bengal .

The entire tournament was sponsored by the 1971 Higher Secondary Batch. Sanjib Ghose the then School Cricket Captain and Deep Naryan Sarkar who played for the school (both played in First Division in Calcutta Cricket) organized the conduct of the tournament.



Ongoing match



Prize Distribution

Arun Das Memorial Inter School Football Tournament

The batch of 1984 of the School took the initiative to organize an Inter-School Football Tournament on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of R.K.Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur in association with the Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Praktani(NRVP). The tournament was held in the month of July, 2018.The batch also sponsored the entire tournament. As proposed by the batch of 1984 , the Football Tournament was dedicated in the name of Late Arun Das, Ex-Game Teacher of the School and the tournament was named as “**Arun Das Memorial Inter-school Football tournament**”. A total of 16 School football teams (up to X standard) participated in the tournament on knock-out basis.

Renowned Ramakrishna Mission Schools like, Rahara,Purulia, Sargachi, Taki along with the home team and other famous institutions like, Hare School, Scottish Church Collegiate School, La Mart for Boys’,Taki Govt. High School, St. Xaviers Institution, Panihati took part in the tournament.

The inauguration of the tournament was held in presence of some distinguished guests–Swami Sarbalokananda,[Secretary, R.K.Mission Ashram,

Narendrapur], Mr.Mehtab Hossain,[renowned footballer, Indian National Football Team],Shri Pratab Ghosh,[Ex-Goalkeeper,Indian National Football Team],Brahmachari Turiyachaitanya.[Headmaster, R.K.Mission Vidyalaya ,Narendrapur].

Most of the matches were very competitive in nature. The result of some of the matches were decided in Tie-breaker and Sudden-death. Chowbaga High School and Tirthapati Institution made it to the final match. The match was full of excitement and after a neck to neck fight Chowbaga High School won the game.

The Man of the Match for each game was awarded a trophy. From the Quarter Final level, each of the team members' along with officials were awarded individual trophies. Special individual prizes were there for the finalist teams. Besides this, Player of the Tournament, Top Scorer, and Man of the match (Final) were awarded attractive prizes along with Champion and Runner-up trophies. In the final match, Shri Arup Biswas, [Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, P.W.D, Sports and Youth Services Department, Govt. of West Bengal],Shri Arnab Mondal,[popular National Footballer],Shri Bikash Panji, [renowned Ex-National Footballer] were present as the guests of honour. All the match officials were provided by the Bengal Referees Association.

Along with the tournament, the batch of 1984 also organized an exhibition match between junior teams of two iconic football clubs -Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. It was a very exciting match and attracted a full house of spectators who cheered in support of their respective favorites. Renowned Ex-Footballer, Indian National team, Mr. Babu Mani was present as the special guest.



Players of Chowbaga High School with Champion's trophy



Each game drew huge number of spectators.



Ex-National Arnab Mandal was the Guest in chief



A moment during the final match

Saptarshi Das Memorial Inter-school Table Tennis Competition

Ramkrishna Mission Vidyalaya Narendrapur had organized Saptarshi Das Memorial Inter School Table Tennis Competition on the occasion of their diamond jubilee(1958-2018) an initiative by Vidyalaya Praktani 2005 Madhyamik Batch. It was held on 15th and 16th September 2018. The event was held in the memory of Saptarshi Das, a young Talented Doctor cum sportsman from SSKM hospital who passed away in 2014. He was the Praktani of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Narendrapur 2005 (Madhyamik Batch). He himself was a great Table Tennis player and had organized many events related to Table Tennis during his school and college days.

32 players from 9 schools participated in the competition

1. Delhi Public School, New Town,
2. Uttarpara Amarendra Vidyapeeth,
3. Garden High School,
4. Rammohan Mission High School,
5. St. Lawrence High School,
6. The Heritage School,
7. Future Campus School,
8. South City International School,
9. Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur

Results of Saptarshi Das Memorial Interschool Table Tennis Competition

Champion : Ankan Chakrabarti of Uttarpara Amarendra Vidyapeeth

Runner up: Swapnil Nath of Future Campus School Sonarpur

3rd position: Anurag of DPS Newtown

4TH position: Rahman Gazi of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur

The tournament was played on two new Table Tennis boards (Tiger/SS approved by TTFI) donated by our batch 2005 to the Vidyalaya.

The batch also hosted an intra-school Table Tennis competition from class 5 to 7 at junior section on 15 September.



The participants in the tournament



Ankan Chakrabarti of Uttarpara Amarendra Vidyapeeth with the Champion's trophy

Batch Activities and Accolades

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Teen paddlers on show

Brilliant serves, powerful smashes and long rallies — the Saptarshi Das Memorial Inter-school Table Tennis Competition, held in association with The Telegraph Young Metro, unearthed a few exciting young talents




(Left) Ankan Chakraborty makes a serve during the final against Swapnil Nath; Ankan receives the trophy from chief guest Swami Sarvalokananda, secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrams, Narendrapur

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, witnessed an inter-school table tennis tournament for the first time thanks to their 2005 Madhyamik batch. They organised Saptarshi Das Memorial Inter-school Table Tennis Competition, in association with The Telegraph Young Metro, as part of the diamond jubilee celebrations of the school.

In total, 22 students of classes VIII to XII from nine schools, including the host school, participated in the knockout championships.

"We have organised this tournament in memory of our friend and batchmate Saptarshi Das, who was a great table tennis player. He was a doctor at SSKM Hospital and passed away in 2014," said Dr Prithviraj Saha, batch coordinator, 2005.

Four boys from the host school — Ayanisham Ghosh, Class VIII; Pritham Kumar Ghosh, Class IX; Soumyajit Chakraborty, Class X, and Mahabubur Rahman Gazi, Class XI — made it to the quarter-finals. The other four boys in the last eight were Samantak Kumar Das, Class VI, St Lawrence High School, Swainil Nath, Class X, Future Campus School, Anand Bose, Class X, DPS Newtown, and Ankan Chakraborty, Class IX, Uttarpara Amarendra Vidyalaya.

In the quarters, however, three of the four host school players lost their ties and only Mahabubur Rahman Gazi survived to play in semis. Ankan, Anurag and Swapnil were the other three players who made it to the last four.

It was a cakewalk for Ankan and Swapnil in the semis as they won their matches in straight sets against Anurag and Gazi respectively. The final between Ankan and Swapnil was a close contest. Both the boys unleashed some brilliant smashes and they played some great rallies. However, Ankan had the last laugh and he clinched the crown in straight sets.

The alumni organised an inter-class competition for the junior students too as part of the event. Abhishek Tudu, Class VII, bagged the winner's title in the category while Ankan Bajerjee, Class V, became runner-up.



The 2005 Madhyamik batch of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur, who put in all the hard work to make the event a success



Mahabubur Rahman Gazi of the host school, who was the biggest crowd puller, in action during the tournament



Ankan Chakraborty in action during the final match



Ankan Chakraborty receiving a trophy from Swami Sarvalokananda

I was amazed to see the skill of the boys. They played really well. It was a great final and I want to congratulate both the finalists.

— **Swami Sarvalokananda**
Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrams, Narendrapur

We organised an inter-school table tennis tournament for the first time and I am glad to see the response from the students. Praktani, the alumni association of our school, is like the pillar of our school and they have been organising various events throughout the year to mark the diamond jubilee of the school.

— **Brahmachari Turiyachallanya**
Headmaster, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur

I'm honoured to be here. The tournament was interesting. There are a few boys who can go a long way if they get proper guidance. I was really impressed with the way Gazi played without any professional training.

— **Sourav Ghosh**
Ace table tennis player and chief guest

BOYS WHO MADE A MARK

Ankan Chakraborty
Class IX, Uttarpara Amarendra Vidyalaya

He was undoubtedly the best player of the tournament. He didn't lose even a single set. Ankan has already won district and state-level tournaments and bagged a bronze in an 14-17 national meet in 2016.

Swapnil Nath
Class X, Future Campus School

The Sonarpur boy caught everyone's attention with his unique serving style and swift returns. Swapnil won all his matches till the final with ease. However, he lost his cool at crucial moments during the final and made some serious errors.

Anurag Bose
Class X, DPS Newtown

Anurag has been playing table tennis for the past four years. He took part in the inter-DPS national tournament in Meerut in 2016. The Salt Lake boy won all his matches in straight sets before losing to the eventual champion Ankan Chakraborty in the semi-final.

Abhishek Tudu
Class VII, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur

Abhishek started playing table tennis just a year back and fell in love with it. He impressed all and won the inter-class tournament for the juniors for the second time.

Samantak Kumar Das
Class VI, St Lawrence High School

He was a strong contender to lift the title. He lost to the eventual champion Ankan Chakraborty in the quarters. Samantak has been playing the game for the past seven years and has already won two national championships in the under-12 age category.

Mahabubur Rahman Gazi
Class XI, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur

Gazi received the maximum support and cheering from the crowd as he was the only one from the host school to reach the semis. He impressed all with his powerful smashes and returns.

Text by Ayan Paul, pictures by Gopal Senapati

The news about the tournament was published in a leading daily newspaper

H S Batch 1970

Awards and Achievements

Members of this batch of many luminaries have significantly contributed to the cause of Public Administration as well as socio-economic paradigms individually and also as a group.

- **Ashok Kumar Ghosh**, who has retired as Senior Medical Officer (G & O), Govt. Of West Bengal is the Batch Coordinator and a **Founder Member of NRVP Doctors' Forum** that had been taking important initiatives in organizing clinical programmes and in developing general awareness on the issues of health and hygiene. He has earned accolades as a photographer and a florist too. He is the President of **Photographic Association of Bengal** and acted as a Member of Jury in 3 International Photographic salons in last one year. He also acted as a **Member of Jury** in Annual Flower Show conducted by Agri-Horticultural Society of India.
- **Bibek Deb Roy** is an erudite scholar in the field of Economics and Planning and he is currently the **Chairman of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India**
- **Chinmoy Ghosh** has contributed significantly to the growth and development of Distance Education in India and was elevated to the post of Director, National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
- **Ngangom Sarat Singh** has been entrusted with the duties and position of the Chairperson, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the states of Manipur and Mizoram.

H S Batch 1972

Activities and Achievements

Members of this batch have acted as a group, fondly named *Bahatture*, to undertake several responsibilities of social and individual concern. The batch representatives identify the areas needing

support, visit the sites unless it is remotely placed, access the quantum of support needed, arrange the funds by seeking contributions exclusively from batch members only, transfer the same to the designated accounts or portals and monitor the progress of the work for which the help is extended. Followings are a brief account of their activities during the year 2018:

- The Science building of Vivekananda Institution, Deulti, Howrah, with which batch member Sibaji Byabarta is voluntarily associated, was supported by the batch has been completed. A sum of Rs. 1,50,000/- only was raised for this purpose and the results have been heartening.
- On 30th June 2018, an amount of Rs.50000/- was transferred to the designated bank account of beloved teacher in distress, Prasit Roy Choudhury for his treatment and nursing. Soon after, Prasitda expired, and the fund is being utilized to support his ailing sibling.
- On 20th August,2018 an amount of Rs.50,000/- was contributed to the Kerala Chief Minister's Flood Relief Fund by the batch members.
- In December ,2018 a sum of Rs. 49,950/- was given to an orphanage, Anath Bhandar, Bowbazar, Kolkata with which two of the batch members namely, Tapan Mukharjee and Somnath Matilal are voluntarily associated.

- A member of this batch, Mrinal Dutta, who himself was visually impaired and had an excellent academic record, has founded a residential school for blind children at Krishnagar. The Hellen Keller Academy has been assessed for support by the batch representatives with a quantum of Rs.2,40,000/- only and the amount would be handed over in December 2018 itself.



Vivekananda Institution, the beneficiary school, before and after the endowment

Awards and Accolades:

- **Amit Kumar Dinda**, Professor, Nano medicine, AIIMS, was the recipient of **IAAM Gold Medal** on Innovation for Translational Genetics at Stockholm, Sweden.
- **Hemanta Kumar Sharma**, Professor, Petroleum Engineering, University of Calgary, Canada has received the **Society of Petroleum Engineers' international Distinguished Service Award** in Dallas, TX in the SPE Awards Banquet on September 25, 2018 .



Amit K. Dinda receiving IAAM Gold Medal



Hemanta K. Sharma receiving SPE International Award

Batch 1979 (MP) & 1981 (HS)

Activities and Achievements

The alumni of this batch have formed a philanthropic organization named **SOUTH SUPRAYAS** back in 1989 itself and over the period of last 20 years they

have carried out several important programmes. These include:

- Publication of an anthology of writings on the early days of Vidyalaya, “*Narendrapur : Ekti Iskuler Brittanto*” which is in its second edition now.
- Construction of toilets for visitors in “Aambagan”
- Financial assistance for the education of the children of the Dining Hall Workers of the Vidyalaya, every year
- Providing Grinding Machines for preparation of spices under the self-help scheme at the Blind Boys’ Academy, Narendrapur
- Ensuring Medical Insurance Coverage for Retired Teachers of the Vidyalaya

They also felicitated teachers of the Vidyalaya on the occasion of completion of 25 years of their passing out in a befitting manner.

Batch 1983 (MP)

Awards and Achievements

Several members of alumni from this batch have made important marks in the fields of academics and literature. Quite a few are

mentionable here.

- **Subhashis Ghoshal** has been honoured with professorship with distinction at North Carolina State University for his outstanding scholarship on high and infinite dimensional models, Bayesian inference and various applications of nonparametric Bayesian methodologies.
- **Santanu Chatterjee** has been appointed as Group COO of the Calcutta Hospital Group which includes CMRI, BMBirla and other hospitals. Santanu had done his higher training in Gastroenterology from UK and has a MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau



Subhashis Ghoshal



Santanu Chatterjee

- **Sirsho Bandopadhyay** has tied up with Amazon Westland to publish his fifth novel, first in Bengali, then in English and other regional languages. Sirsho's first novel *Shardul Sundari* has been translated into English and is being published by Pan Macmillan. Presently he is with Aajkaal and the German broadcaster Deutsche Welle.



Sirsho Bandopadhyay



Tathagata Dasgupta

- **Madhab Ray** is the founder and president of Healthy Heart Initiative, Inc. which is a nonprofit organization focused on cardiovascular health awareness among school children, early detection of risk factors, and amelioration of morbidity and mortality. He has conducted cardiac health awareness sessions in several schools in Kolkata including our school. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Tufts University, Boston, US.



Activity of Healthy Heart Foundation

- **Tathagata Dasgupta**, is the Head of Data Science and Advanced Analytics at Viacom and recently translated the works of Nobel Laureate poet Tomas Tranströmer into Bengali. He also co-edits the Bengali literary journal *Ogrobeej*, which is published simultaneously from

India, Bangladesh, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

Batch 1984 (MP)

Activities and Achievements

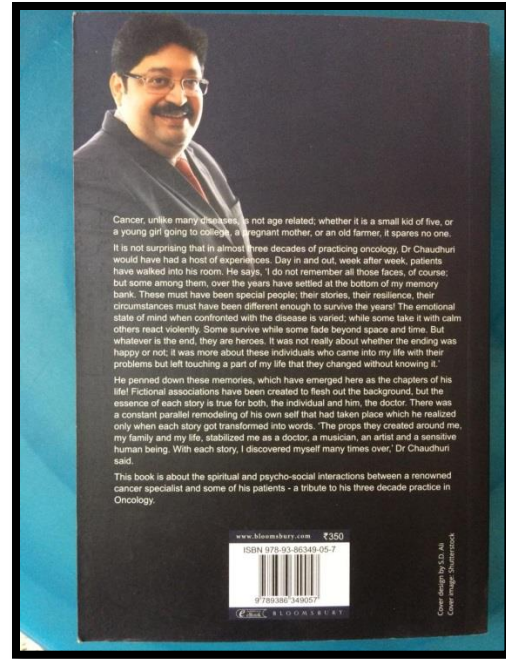
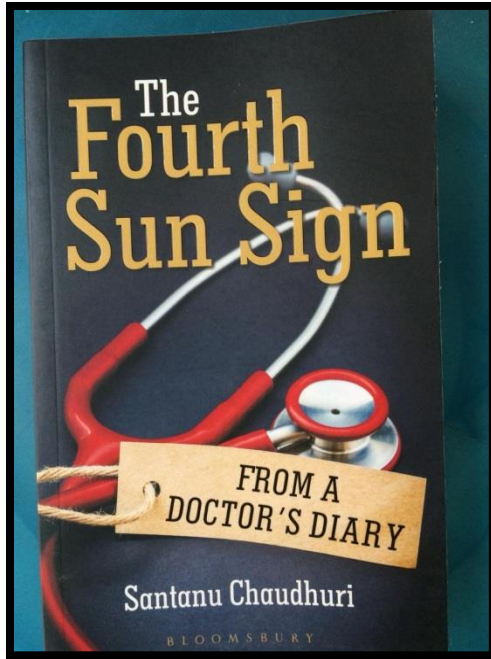
The batch of 1984 of the School took the initiative to organize an Inter-School Football Tournament

on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of R.K.Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur in association with the Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Praktani(NRVP). The tournament was held in the month of July, 2018. As proposed by the batch of 1984, the Football Tournament was dedicated to the memory of Late Arunda , Ex-Game Teacher of the School and the tournament was named as “**Arun Das Memorial Inter-school Football tournament**”. A total of 16 School football teams (upto X standard) participated in the tournament on knock-out basis.

A report on the tournament is appended separately in this Newsletter

Awards and accolades:

Santanu Chaudhuri, who is a leading oncologist of the country and an alumnus of Tata Memorial Hospital, has penned a collection of short stories titled “The Fourth sign” which was published by Bloomsbury in the recent past.



From Santanu Chaudhuri's book cover

Batch 1986 (MP)

Awards and Achievements

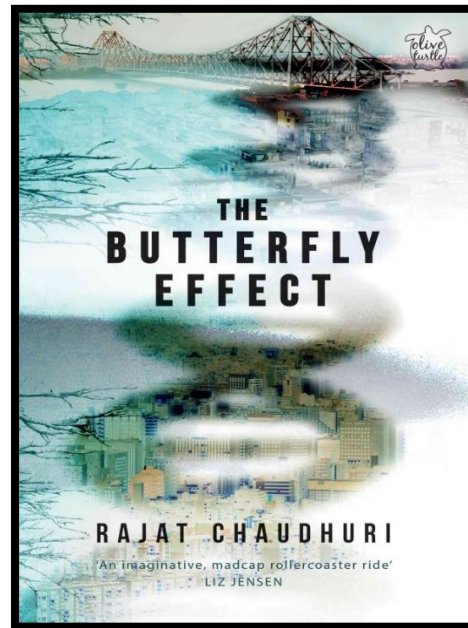
Shantanu Mallick, was awarded with an **Award of Excellence** by **Navi Mumbai Anesthesia**

Association and **Indian Medical Association, Navi Mumbai branch** for his contribution to the field of Anesthesia, Pain management and critical care.



Shantanu Mallick receiving the award

Rajat Chaudhuri's work of fiction "The Butterfly Effect" published by Niyogi Books in August 2018 has already generated tremendous response and received good reviews in all leading portals of media



Rajat Chaudhuri, author of The Butterfly Effect and his Book cover

Batch 1987 (MP)

Achievements through social service

Uddyom will always be transparent. This transparency will be manifest in a clearly identifiable and responsible leadership structure. Uddyom will always make its finances transparent.

Uddyom is built on a target of spending at least 90% of our budget on projects. The rest will be spent on administration, infrastructure, fund raising, and awareness.

Uddyom will undertake two kinds of endeavors. We will either invest financially in worthy projects or undertake the execution of projects ourselves. Said another way, we will provide the funding for a worthy cause and allow the recipients to execute the project. Alternately, we will undertake projects in which both the funding and the execution is managed by Uddyom.

All projects Uddyom undertakes will have to have a defined and feasible plan for sustainability.

Just as Uddyom will demand timely accountability reports from entities that we invest in, we will provide regular progress reports to donors and members.

Uddyom organized a health camp in Raychak in December. The health camp was attended by over 300 individuals.



A few pictures from the Health Camp organized by Uddyom last week in Khasmullick. Around 350 received treatment at the camp.

Here is a snippet about the camp in Ananadabazar: <http://tiny.cc/s0gy3x>



Uddyom provides Susrut mobile eye check up at our health camp today .



We are teachers, lawyers, engineers, and doctors. We are in business. We are in government. We write books, lyrics, and columns. We make music and we make movies. We live in far corners of the world and travel to even farther corners. Yet we are united by the shared experience of attending the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya (School) Narendrapur between 1981 and 1987. We are NDP1987.

We spent the formative years of our lives in the tutelage of Ramakrishna Mission, an organization founded by Swami Vivekananda. There, we attended countless sessions learning about his life and teachings. It was during one of those sessions that we learnt how Vivekananda had renounced the comfort of a plush bed, and stayed awake all night while in New York. When asked about the reason for his sleeplessness, he replied, "I could not sleep up there in all that comfort, thinking of the millions of my countrymen who have no place to lay their heads." We are no Vivekananda. None of us have that mettle. But in our journeys through life each of us has witnessed human suffering and need in all corners of the world.

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Mission

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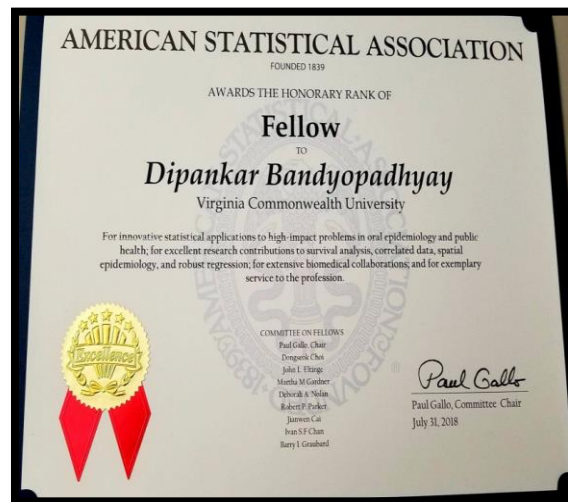
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Batch 1992 (MP)

Awards and Achievements

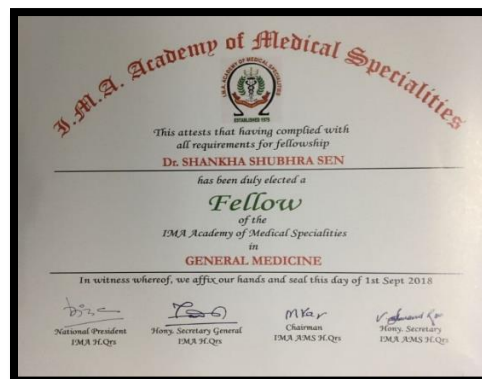
Dipankar Bandyopadhyay of Virginia Commonwealth University was awarded with

Honorary Rank of **Fellow** by the **American Statistical Association** on 31 July 2018.



Dipankar Bandyopadhyay and his Citation

Shankha Shubhra Sen, was elected a **Fellow of the IMA Academy of Medical Specialties** by Indian Medical Association in September 2018



Batch 1993 (MP)

Achievements

What makes us happy and fulfilling?

Swamiji said once, make an impact however little that might be.

As an ex-student of RKM Narendrapur, I am very proud of the fact that we are giving something back to the society. As a batch (1993 Madhyamik), we have been consistently raising funds since 2002 to support many initiatives by the mission.

From supporting school for various educational requirements like upgrading computer lab, digital lab, sports infrastructure to different divisions of Ashrama e.g. Blind Boys Academy, Loksiksha Parishad – we have tried to extend our financial support as much as we could.

We have continued to provide an annual contribution to BBA since 2003.

We have also contributed financially in charitable efforts like Lokashiksha Parishad's Vivekananda Child Development Fund-(VCDF) since 2003- for supplementing the education and health of children in remote rural areas of West Bengal. More than 60+ children have benefited from the Funds provided to VCDF by our batch.

Here is a message from Swami Sarvalokananda ji – the hon. Secretary of RKM Narendrapur regarding our collective efforts as a batch.

<http://narendrapur93.com/interview-rkm-narendrapur-mission-secretary/>

We are proud to announce a new fund initiative from this year on the occasion of our 25 years of passing out. **This fund, named Bhratri Bandhan fund, aims to support the non-teaching staff of the school.**

1993 batch will give the seed money for starting this fund and will continue to support in the coming years. However, this is not specific to our batch. Like Gurudakshina fund for the teachers, this fund is common for every batch / ex-students to support. As discussed with the praktani management and headmaster of the school, they will manage the fund henceforth.

But, we are merely the enablers. It is that ecosystem of some faceless people who make the impact truly visible.

Recently, we went to a Loksiksha Parishad run school at Jayanagar. And it was a very significant day that would underline our collective efforts since 2003.

Mathurapur. A remote village that is 2 hrs drive from Narendrapur towards Jayanagar – a place famous for those ‘moa’s. We were excited to meet a room full of little ones.

We sang with them, talked to them, gave away some gifts, and wished that we continue to support them for years to come. These kids. Despite being under privileged and deprived of even some basic needs, they were full of unbridled enthusiasm. They were so excited to stand in a queue and collect their gifts. I wish we could take some more gifts for them. It was so emotional for us that no words truly can articulate the events that unfolded. This school started in 2008 with just 35 kids and today it houses about 180 children. Set up and fully supported by Loksiksha parishad, Narendrapur, this school has successfully created a significant awareness among the local villagers (very poor families) about child education. It was also heartening to see almost a 50-50 ratio of girls and boys. Some of them are very bright too.

Till this day we have sponsored about 60+ children through the Vivekananda Child Development Fund initiative. We promise to keep this growing.

It means so much to these kids. Thanks everyone for making this possible. God bless!

(To know more about our initiatives, please visit www.narendrapur93.com)



May and December 2018

Retreat

Two Retreats were arranged in the year 2018. The Summer Retreat was arranged in the month of May and about 70 participants revisited their bygone days by following the

routine protocol with fun, joy and austerity befitting the occasion. The Winter Retreat took place on 15-16 December 2018. There was a huge demand for and seats filled up within half an hour of opening announcement back in May. Only 100 participants could be accommodated which in itself exceeds the natural capacity of Advaitananda Bhaban, where the participants were lodged. In retreat, within a cycle of 24 hours, the participants take part in outdoor games(football being all-time favourite), evening and morning prayers, PT under the watchful guidance of Sharad da , a cultural meet at Junior Section assembly courtyard and of course sumptuous meals in the dining hall. Rooms are allotted batch-wise and a campfire is usually lit in winter retreats. A nominal charge is taken from the participants to meet up the cost. There are plans to increase the quota but at the moment it is restricted to seats available in Advaitananda Bhaban only.





Summer Retreat, May 2018





Winter Retreat, December 2018

POSTSCRIPT

PRAKTANI BARTA will be published periodically, every six months, if possible. It will principally feature the alumni activities in and outside the campus. These include batch activities- philanthropic, academic, and administrative or any other that deserve the mention. Here in NRVP, we feel, honour received by one praktani is an honour of all. So, feel free to share information regarding your activities and achievements accompanied by a few photographs but **share these with your Batch Coordinator first**. Batch coordinators would be happy to transmit these for publication. Information can be mailed to:

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Wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.