

From Editors' Desk

Dear Readers,

Please accept warm greetings of Bijaya and Diwali from Team EKK.

In this edition, we will brief you about the "Medha 2013-2015" program held on 7th July. Ms. Sudeepta Ray shares her experience of interacting with Krishna Mondol (Medha beneficiary 2010-2012) about her journey after Madhyamik to Higher Secondary examination.

Please let us know your feedback on this newsletter. For any question, feedback and suggestion, please feel free to reach out to us at the contact details mentioned here.

Kind Regards,
Sudeepta Ray, Editor

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অভাবী মেধাবীদের পাশে 'এসো কিছু করি'

স্বাভাবিকভাবে প্রতিবেদন: মাধ্যমিক উত্তীর্ণ অভাবী মেধাবী ২০ জনের পাশে সাতাল 'এসো কিছু করি'। সবিবার বাংলা আকাদেমি সভায় 'মেধা' প্রকল্পে এদের সহায়তা করা হয়। পাশাপাশি উচ্চমাধ্যমিক উত্তীর্ণ ও জনকেও সেওয়া হল বিশেষ বৃত্তি। অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত ছিলেন সুলভা অফ এনার্জি স্টাডিজের ডিরেক্টর বিশ্বজিৎ ঘোষ, বিশিষ্ট নিউমো সার্জেন ডাঃ সুন্দরন বসু ও মুখ্য। এ নিয়ে গত কয়েক বছরে ১৭০ জন অভাবী মেধাবী পড়ুয়াকে সহায়তা করে 'এসো কিছু করি'।

"At a time when people are busy struggling with their own lives, EKK has been an inspiration working for a wonderful cause."

Mithu Banerjee
Houston, Texas, US

Let us introduce Ourselves!



ESO KICHU KORI (EKK) is a non-profit organization. Our focus is on providing higher education to academically brilliant students coming from very low-income families. We are different from other organizations that focus on enhancing literacy and primary education. We exist to advocate a progressive change in our society by creating an opportunity for poor brilliant students to continue their education. We want to help such students to utilize their full potential and prepare for careers that would yield a high level of self-fulfillment and ultimately lead to an overall development of our society.

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Lakshmi Kanta Lahamodak

In 2008, Lakshmi Kanta passed Madhyamik Examination with 96.75% marks when EKK held his hand as a part of the Medha project. He continued his battle against poverty and other challenges and scored 90% in HS examination in 2010. EKK continued to stand beside him with Sopan project. A student of Jadavpur University (Production Engineering), Lakshmi has just bagged two jobs from two coveted software MNCs. His success is a great inspiration for all the members, volunteers and beneficiaries of EKK. Team EKK wishes him all the best for his future.



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A heartwarming and inspiring story of interacting with Krishna and being a part of her journey from struggle to excellence.

The warrior girl – Sudepta Ray, Member, EKK

“Eso Kichu Kori” – come let us do something – as the name suggests, is an effort – a tireless effort to stand beside the meritorious but poor students of rural Bengal and help them fight their battle against all the odds and ultimately win. Needless to mention, these students are the lifeline of our effort – their battle becomes our battle, their problems become our worry and their success becomes our pride. Naturally, these young boys and girls become a part of our life.

I, personally, always feel very protective about and extra proud of the girl students - somehow their battle is a bit tougher than usual. When I had first known Krishna, a Medha 2010-2012 beneficiary, I was immensely impressed with her hand-writing and command over the language. “This girl is sure to go places”- I thought. Gradually, as we started to know each other better, I was astonished by her clarity and depth of thought and subtle yet confident approach towards any problem. As usual, she was under huge pressure to perform – from family, school and the situation. It was hampering her concentration and making her restless. As a result, she was committing small mistakes in the exams (though she knew the subject pretty well) – lowering her total score and hence the confidence. It was a difficult time for both of us – where there was not much need of technical help – but only moral boost, affection and continual support to make a difference. I tried my best to guide her and Krishna trusted and followed me. I made her courier me her answer sheets of some test papers and we together analysed her scopes of improvement. Ultimately Krishna did extremely well in the HS examination in all the subjects, making all of us very proud of her.

Sometimes, all these students need is a caring and encouraging elder brother/sister to guide them through – and they can do wonders. Hope EKK family continues to fill this gap and change many more lives.



Medha 2013-2015, Anita Lala, Volunteer, EKK

A list of authenticated students is prepared and those students are awarded an annual scholarship (in terms of books, stationeries and all other necessary articles) for each of the two years under Higher Secondary studies.



Like every year, EKK family organized the introduction and felicitation of students of Medha 2013-2015 batch on 7th July 2013, at “Paschimbanga Bangla Academy”. This year we welcomed 20 students in our family whom we would be supporting for the duration of coming two academic years. We also felicitated 4 students of previous Medha batch, Pranab Ghosh, Suman De, Biswanath Bhaduri and Subhendu Burman for their outstanding result in HS 2013.

The program started with the song "Aaguner Poroshmoni" followed by the welcome address by EKK president Ms. Madumita Datta. Afterwards, the chief guests Dr. Sunandan Basu (renowned Neuro surgeon) & Dr. Biswajit Ghosh (Director, School of Energy Studies, Jadavpur University) inspired the students and audiences with their knowledgeable and inspiring speeches.

Medha-listed student Sukanta shared an amazing story of his life with the audience where he fought physical and economical challenges, while EKK stood by him and he secured first class in history honors in BA examination from Rabindra Bharati University and cleared SSC exam this year.

Like last year, this year also few generous people came forward to support the students who were facing financial difficulties to continue their studies even after scoring stunning marks in HS. Last year's Medha beneficiary Sonali Chakraborty received "Usha Datta Smriti Medhabrittii", presented by Ms. Paramita Datta.

Another Medha student Nabakumar Patra received "Ruby Basu Memorial scholarship" presented by Smt. Sukti Sarkar. Subhadip Chatterjee, another Medha beneficiary received "Saratchandra Chakraborty smriti medhabrittii" presented by Shri Prasanta Chakraborty.



Ms. Sudepta Ray presented "Fire dekha 2012 - 2013", a beautiful journey synopsis of EKK for last year. Later on, the souvenir cover was introduced by the chief guests. The program concluded by distribution of books and stationary to the Medha students, followed by refreshments for all.

It was a well organised and beautiful program enjoyed by all. We are again looking forward to the next.

An appeal to you >>

Dear Reader,

Team EKK carries out all their activities from a fund which is raised from membership subscription and personal donation from well-wishers. To continue our work, to ensure a progressive change in our society - we need your support. So, if you want to join hands with us, if you believe, together we can change our society for better – please contribute to our fund. On behalf of all those students, who can continue their education with your help, we thank you!

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