

## From Editors' Desk

Dear Readers,

Team EKK hopes to find you all in good health and happiness.

Study tour is a unique program of EKK where teams of EKK members and volunteers visit the homes and schools of each of our Medha beneficiaries of the year – to know more about their social-economic situation and to be able to support them even better.

In this edition, our volunteer Ms. Rituparna Chatterjee and once a beneficiary, now a volunteer Mr. Chandan Bose narrate their experience on study tour 2014.

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 we have the Medha 2014 program scheduled – to felicitate a bunch of new stars. Please stay tuned to hear more on that in our upcoming editions.

Please tell us 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,  
Sudepta Ray, Editor

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"EKK is an organization that gets immediate respect. Their struggle, their aim, their focus and their ambition have made them what they are today"

**Anupam Roy**  
Singer, Song Writer, Composer

## 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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Suman Dey

Suman Dey hails from Sonamukhi, Bankura. His father is a poor weaver. As it is very difficult to get their livelihood from weaving, his father also sells toys in village festivals. Growing up in such extreme poverty Suman scored 88.38% in Madhyamik and 88.02% in Higher Secondary. This Medha Scholar of Eso Kichu Kori is presently studying Electronics and Communication Engineering in NIT, Durgapur. His scored 8.52 in first year final. EKK wishes him success in life !



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After the elections of 2014, a team of EKK visited Bankura to complete the study tours for this year. Rituparna tells about her day meeting these students

## Study Tour to Bankura – Rituparna Chatterjee, Volunteer, EKK

On one of our last study tours this year, we visited Bankura on the 7th of June to attend three of our students residing in Taldangra of the Bishnupur region. Our team boarded the Aranyak Express at 7.45 in the morning to reach the destination by 11.30 am. There we were joined by our friend Rajat Sinhamahapatra, a teacher at the local school, whose knowledge on our students and the local roads eased our journey.

Mahadeb Sinhamahapatra was our first student of the day. Mahadeb, who has lost his father, is a resident of village Kunduliya and attends Harmashra High School from his maternal uncle's house. Financially, his condition is very trying, and the sole source of family income is the few cattle reared by his mother. Even such situations have failed to suppress his dreams of becoming a Doctor, and he is working hard to make it a reality. Our next student, Saurav Khan is a student of the Bibarda Sachchidananda Vidyapith, and lives in village Koli of Bibarda. His father is a farmer and mother is a home-maker. Irrespective of his humble households and poor access to television, newspapers and internet, Saurav is exceptionally well-informed about the contemporary world and all its happenings. He aspires to be an Engineer after completing the Higher Secondary course. Shouvik Dey of Khichka, Harmashra was our last student of the day. The boy lives in a simple thatched hut with his parents and grandmother. Very studious by nature, Shouvik dreams of becoming a Doctor or a Researcher in Chemistry in future.

Having completed our mission, we returned back to the city, not only with mere information or photographs, but enriched with invaluable experience to be cherished forever!



We boarded the Howrah-Midnapore local on the second of March this year to meet our Medha 2013-15 students of the Midnapore district on the first study tour of the year. As decided earlier, I along with a couple of members started our half of the tour from Balichawk station to cover the students of Sabang and Mohar area, while the others headed for Mecheda station.

The route map prepared with Google's help made our journey easier.

## Study Tour to Midnapur, Chandan Bose, Volunteer, EKK

A team of EKK members/volunteers visited Medha students of Medinipur in March, 2014. Chandan narrates his experience of meeting these shining stars of tomorrow.

After getting off the train, we hired an ambassador to reach our first student of Sabang, Debabrata Das. Debabrata, of Chandkhuri Union High School, aspires to be a doctor but is also preparing for the Engineering Entrance Exam, just in case. Kartik Das, Debabrata's father earns livelihood for the family of six members by cultivation and hundred-days-work, assisted by his mother who weaves mats in her spare time. Reading newspaper is Debabrata's main hobby.

Our next destination was the house of Pranati Das of Sabang. Her father is a farmer and mother a housewife. She is fond of Physics and dreams of becoming a doctor.

Though she has to travel a long distance to attend private tuitions, she finds out time to write stories, poems and is also very good at recitation. She also teaches her brother at home.

Susmita Burman, the student we reached next, is a student of Sabang Saradmoni H.S. School. Her father is a farmer and mother is a housewife in a family of seven members. She has a personal choice to go for Chemistry Honors, though her family wants her to be a doctor. She is a tough girl and can go a long way with a little inspiration.



The last student we attended that day was Arunabha Mondal, a student of Mohar B.M. High School. His father practices cultivation and mother is a ICDS AW worker.

Arunabha dreams of becoming a software engineer. Here, we came across Priyanka, another student of EKK who came to visit us in spite her impending examinations.

We wished her and the other students all the best as we concluded this memorable day and returned, enriched with valuable experiences!



### 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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