

Kakdwip visit report – 12th.February 2023

On 12th. of February, myself, Supriyo Mondal and our Treasurer, Goutam Majumder alongwith our esteemed contributor Soumitra Ghosh, went to **Kakdwip**, to check on the student progress from that area.

Kakdwip is a sub-divisional town, situated about 87 Kms off Kolkata in South 24 Parganas district. Eight students (6 in Class 11 & 2 in Class 12 who'll write HS this year) from one institute there ("**You Can Win**" Educational Institute, Kakdwip) are enrolled with PRAYAAS.

This institute is run by **Chandrakanta Ghorai**, a 2014 batch BE (Mining) of IEST, Shibpur and a local resident. The institute tutors for various entrance exams to professional studies, e.g., JEE Mains / WBJEE/ NEET/ JENPAS-UG / JEXPO / GNM ANM Entrance etc. Students from far and distant villages in the region (quite a few from financially challenged families) are provided with hostel accommodation in the institute – they get enrolled in local HS schools and prepare here to write the aforesaid entrance exams. Expenses are very minimal as compared to such institutes in urban areas. Presently, 65 students stay and study here, with 17 teachers on board. Several of these students are often unable to pay fees regularly – they make part payments as & when their finances permit.

With help from Chandrakanta we could identify 8 students from the students of this institute, who are from financially challenged families.

This is our second visit to this area – details of the students are as follows: -

S/N	Name	ID No.	Class / Grade	School enrolled in	Remarks
1	Shreya Mandal	BIF/2022_23/003	HS 2023 (Sci)	Kakdwip Shishu Shikshayatan HS	Resident of "G" Plot (southern Sunderbans), an island about 3 hours journey from Kakdwip. Father is a farmer, Mother homemaker, Younger brother in Class 1. Preparing to write HS & NEET in 2023, Test Marks – 396 (79.2%).
2	Subhajit Giri	BIF/2022_23/004	HS 2023 (Sci)	Kakdwip Shishu Shikshayatan HS	Resident of "L" Plot (southern Sunderbans), an island about 3 hours journey from Kakdwip. Father works in a hatchery, Mother homemaker, Elder sister graduation student, Younger sister in Class 8. Preparing to write HS & NEET in 2023, Test Marks – 446 (89.2%).
3	Gopal Dutta	BIF/2022_23/017	Std 11 (Sci)	Sunderban Adarsha Vidyapith, Kakdwip	Resident of Maipith (North-Eastern Sunderbans, flanked by Matla river), about 80 Kms from Kakdwip. Father is a farmer, Mother homemaker, Elder sister married. Preparing to write HS & JEE in 2024. Madhyamik Marks – 642 (91.7%). We advised him to write JEXPO also.
4	Rupam Mondal	BIF/2022_23/018	Std 11 (Sci)	Kakdwip Shishu Shikshayatan HS	Absent

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5	Sujit Mondal	BIF/2022_23/019	Std 11 (Sci)	Sunderban Adarsha Vidyapith, Kakdwip	Resident of Maipith (North-Eastern Sunderbans, flanked by Matla river), about 80 Kms from Kakdwip. Father works as fishing labour in Kerala, Mother homemaker. Madhyamik – 622 (88.6%). Will write HS & NEET in 2024. Advised to write JENPAS-UG also.
6	Anushree Pal	BIF/2022_23/020	Std 11 (Sci)	Kakdwip Shishu Shikshayatan HS	We couldn't talk to this girl, as she was sick (afflicted with chickenpox).
7	Ranjan Guchhait	BIF/2022_23/021	Std 11 (Sci)	Sunderban Adarsha Vidyapith, Kakdwip	Resident of Madhusudan Chak (North Sunderbans), about 65 Kms from Kakdwip. Father farmer (in others' land), Mother homemaker, Younger sister in Class VII. Madhyamik – 623 (89%). Will write HS & JEE in 2024. Advised to write JEXPO also.
8	Sayan Das	BIF/2022_23/022	Std 11 (Sci)	Sunderban Adarsha Vidyapith, Kakdwip	Resident of Madhusudan Chak (North Sunderbans), about 65 Kms from Kakdwip. Father deceased long back, stays with maternal grandparents. Mother para-teacher, Grandfather pensioner. Madhyamik – 635 (90.7%). Will write HS & NEET in 2024. Advised to write JENPAS-UG as well.

As discussed with Chandrakanta we will be making at least one visit every year & based on the success rate will develop this area as a bigger student catchment area in coming years.

Few snaps from our visit.....



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