

## Sainthia & Asansuli visit report – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### 1) Sainthia

On 10<sup>th</sup> of September, myself, Supriyo Mondal, our Treasurer, Goutam Majumder, our student coordinator for that area, Suparna Sen, and GB member Pradip Mitra, went to **Sainthia**, to check on the student progress and conducting Selection Test for the new batch of students from Sainthia.

We reached Sainthia High School by 11:30am.

Because of time constraint, we started the Selection Test & Student review parallelly. Goutam & Suparna started the review. Pradip & myself started the selection test. Separate set of question papers for Arts & Science students (Madhyamik level) was made ready with the help of school teachers. As number of student was bit high our ex student Ranajit Pal who is presently working with Infosys (WFH) extended his help during the test. We also collected the required details from all of them post selection test (for evaluation purpose). In the review except three, all the students were present. Those three informed beforehand about their inability to join the individual review session because of prior engagements/classes.

Two of our ex student, Payal Das & Mousumi Mondal also attended the review session.

S/N	Name	ID No.	Class / Grade	Institute	Remarks
1	Puja Kabiraj	BIF/2015_16/015	MSc (Maths) – FINAL	Burdwan University	Completed M Sc (Math), final results awaited. Will enroll in B Ed, will write NET in September and GATE in Feb'23.
2	Sharmistha Kar	BIF/2015_16/016	MSc (Maths) – FINAL	Vishwabharati	Completed M Sc (Math), final results awaited. Will write GATE in Feb'23, will also write NET in Sept.
3	Paromita Mukherjee	BIF/2016_17/026	B Ed – 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Geeta Teacher Training School, Suri	Currently in 2 <sup>nd</sup> sem / B Ed at Suri Geeta Teachers' Training College. Preparing for competitive exams (Bank PO and Clerical)
4	Biswarup Mondal	BIF/2016_17/028	MSc (Maths) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Vishwabharati	Currently in 3 <sup>rd</sup> sem / M Sc (Maths) in Vishwabharati University. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem exams over on 09/09/2022. Will write NET in 2023. Was advised to write GATE also.
5	Srija Karmakar	BIF/2017_18/024	Diploma (Nursing) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	Suri Hospital	Currently in final sem of GNM, will pass out in Oct'22. To fulfil her passion, she has enrolled in History (Hons) under Netaji Open University. Once she bags a job, she will pursue studies concurrently.
6	Sabyasachi Kundu	BIF/2017_18/026	BSc (Agriculture) – 4 <sup>th</sup> Yr	Vishwabharati	Currently in 7 <sup>th</sup> sem / B Sc (Agri) in Vishwabharati University. Preparing for WBCS (online coaching), will also write SSC - CGL (Comb Grad Level) exam for recruitment as Group "B" & "C" officers of GOI.

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7	Sonia Pal	BIF/2018_19/002	MA (Geo) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Vishwabharati	Currently in 3 <sup>rd</sup> sem / MA (Geog) in Viswa Bharati University. Will go for WBCS after completing her Master's. She asked for support for stay & preparation for WBCS at Bardhaman.
8	Surya Mondal	BIF/2018_19/021	BSc (Botany) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	Vishwabharati	Currently in 5 <sup>th</sup> sem / B Sc (Botany) / Vishwabharati. Will write UPSC and WBCS exams with Geology (and, <b>not Botany</b> ) as elective subject, as he had good grasp of Geography at Std X level. Seems out-of-focus and impractical.
9	Shipra Mondal	BIF/2018_19/022	BSc (Maths) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	Women's' College, Burdwan	Couldn't come because of her classes
10	Sakshi Poddar	BIF/2018_19/023	BSc (Nursing) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	SSKM, Kolkata	Couldn't come because of her classes & duty roster.
11	Atanu Mondal	BIF/2018_19/024	BSc (Chem) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	Abhedananda College, Sainthia	Currently in 5 <sup>th</sup> sem / B Sc (Chem) at SainthiaAbhedananda College. Will do Master's, will write JAM in Feb'23. 4 <sup>th</sup> sem CGPA – 9.77
12	Niloy Acharyya	BIF/2019_20/024	B Tech (CS) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Purulia Govt Engg College	Couldn't come because of his classes
13	Joysree Roy	BIF/2019_20/026	BSc (Botany) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr	Vishwabharati	Currently in 3 <sup>rd</sup> sem / B Sc (Botany) in Viswa Bharati University. Will study Microbiology in her Master's.
14	Dipa Mondal	BIF/2020_21/018	BSc (Nursing) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Govt College of Nursing, Suri	In spite of higher rank, she has taken admission in Suri because of proximity from home (widowed mother stays alone). Classes started.
15	Bidisha Mondal	BIF/2020_21/019	BSc (Physiology) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Suri Vidyasagar College	Classes yet to start.
16	Dipa Mondal	BIF/2020_21/020	BA (Eng) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr	Suri College	Secured seat in B Tech (CS) in Guru Nanak Instt of Tech under EWS quota.
17	Pranita Basak	BIF/2021_22/019	Std 12 (Sci)	Sainthia HS	Currently in XII / Sainthia High School. (XI result – 445/500). Will write HS in 2023. Will write NEET. Was advised for writing JENPAS-UG
18	Sunami Dolui	BIF/2021_22/020	Std 12 (Sci)	Sainthia HS	Currently in XII / Sainthia High School. (XI result – 404/500). Will write HS in 2023. Will go for B Sc (Chem) after HS.
19	Prayana Majumdar	BIF/2021_22/022	Std 12 (Sci)	Sainthia HS	Currently in XII / Sainthia High School. (XI result – 403/500). Will write HS in 2023. Will go for WBIEE and JENPAS-UG after HS.
20	Shrabani Sen	BIF/2021_22/023	Std 12 (Sci)	Sainthia HS	Currently in XII / Sainthia High School. Will write HS in 2023. Will go for LIB after HS.

Based on the Selection Test score & background data we have selected 5 students for this year.

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## 2) Asansuli

We visited Asansuli, a 100% tribal village close to Bakreswar on 11<sup>th</sup>. September early hours. The study centre that we support in this village is run by a local NGO (Sayambharataa). There are two sections – one for the little kids in Classes I – IV and another for children in Classes V – VII. These children are tutored by senior girls from the same village & tribe, themselves being students of higher classes in HS & Graduation level. There is a third section for students of higher classes VIII – X, where tutoring is done by a couple of unemployed educated local youths & ex-schoolteachers. On the day of our visit, the senior batch of students (VIII – X), accompanied by one of their teachers, were off to a nearby school, writing STAR Talent hunt exams. A one-time scholarship is on offer for successful candidates in this exam, which is conducted by another NGO in this area. The junior most kids were having their teaching session in a ground under tree shades inside the village. We found the average attendance over the past few months to be approximately 70% of enrolment, which is quite good, as far as our experience shows. Total enrolment figures in these sections are : 40 (I – IV), 18 (V – VII), 16 (VIII – X). However, for the intermediate section (Classes V – VII), where classes are held in the local Govt primary school premises, attendance is very poor. As discussed with their teachers (they themselves are local girls of same village and caste, as said earlier), boys of Asansuli village fight shy of the study centre because they don't fare well in school as compared to boys of the adjacent village. This is a psycho-sociological problem, which needs consistent counseling of students and their parents. We had threadbare discussion with Sayambharataa on how to tackle this issue – all out efforts will be made to increase footfall of students in our Study Centre.

**Few snaps from the visit.....**

### a) Review & Selection Test @ Sainthia



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