

## Sister Nivedita Educational Hub (SNEH)

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### SNEH Newsletter

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Sister Nivedita  
(1867-1911)

In the rural areas of West Bengal, particularly on Sagar Island, early marriage among girls remains a serious social and educational challenge. Many young girls face insecurity and emotional distress, conditions worsened by **COVID-19**, which led to a surge in early marriages due to economic hardship and social vulnerability. To address this serious issue, the Founder started a commendable personal initiative and established **Sister Nivedita Educational Hub (SNEH)**. The SNEH is dedicated to the education and empowerment of at-risk girls on Sagar Island. Inspired by the humanistic ideals of **Thakur Sri Ramakrishna**, **Holy Maa Sarada Devi**, **Swami Vivekananda**, and the vision of **Sister Nivedita**, the initiative embodies selfless service, resilience, and women's upliftment. Founded on **December 24, 2022**, marking the **155<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary** of the Anglo-Irish social worker and educator, and devoted disciple of **Swami Vivekananda**, SNEH stands as a tribute to **Sister Nivedita** for her dream of enlightened womanhood and social freedom.



SNEH is committed to providing comprehensive academic support and fostering empowerment among girls from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Currently, these girls are pursuing formal education from grades 5 to 12 in nearby schools. Support is provided by 25 dedicated teachers, 2 non-teaching staff, and other academicians who guide the girls' learning and impart computer literacy. The hub is maintained through donations from well-wishers, assistance support from NGOs such as the **Nabodiganto Tapassya Foundation (Kolkata)** and **Labdoo.ch (Switzerland)**, as well as voluntary efforts from some educators alongside the existing staff.



It is important to acknowledge the dedication of the teaching and non-teaching staff at SNEH, who receive modest honorariums for their invaluable contributions. This educational hub also receives moral support from the **Ramakrishna Math and Mission**.

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## FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT SNEH

The SNEH features a well-equipped library with a **Book Bank facility** and a modern **Computer Center**. It needs special mention that the **Book Bank facility** is mainly financed by **Nabodiganto Tapassya Foundation (Kolkata)**. We highly appreciate **Labdoo.ch** for donating **seven laptops** (more are on the way) through **Dr. Swapan Pradhan**, who provides logistical support by arranging the transportation of the laptops from **Switzerland** via friends and visitors.

SNEH regularly arranges **educational trips** to museums, academic institutions, and significant sites in Sagar Island and Kolkata. These activities aim to broaden students' horizon beyond the classroom, enabling them to experience art, culture, and history firsthand. Experts from various disciplines conduct free online classes to enhance girls' learning and overall performance. Through such exposure, the SNEH strives to foster the all-round development of its students—intellectually, socially, and culturally. The integration of academic resources and experiential learning makes the SNEH a true center for holistic education and personal growth for young girls.



The students of SNEH are trained in computer skills. They attend the exams regularly

## 26 AUGUST 2024: TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

SNEH has been conducting a **Tree Plantation Program** every year since its inception. The most recent event was held on **August 26th, 2024**. During this program, Saplings - including jackfruit and *lamboo* trees - were distributed to **70 students** and **20 faculty members** of SNEH. The Tree Plantation Drive was sponsored by the **Sankar Social Welfare Trust, Kolkata**. The event was graced by the presence of **Mr. Partha Dutta**, Associate Director at Cognizant; **Mr. Rupak Malakar**, Principal Consultant, Infosys; and **Dr. Abhishek Bhattacharya**, Associate Professor, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, whose participation and encouragement greatly inspired everyone.



Distribution of the Saplings, Jackfruit and *lamboo* trees etc, SNEH

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## 2 OCTOBER 2024: DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES TO WOMEN FROM POOR FAMILIES

The SNEH, in collaboration with teachers and students of **Netaji Nagar College for Women, Kolkata**, distributed **sharees (clothes)** to women from neighbouring villages. 30 women benefited from this. It is also worth noting that a local newspaper called **Nonachatar** covered this news.

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### মহালয়ায় মায়েদের বস্ত্র বিতরণ

নোনাচাতরঃ পূজোর মুখে গত ২রা অক্টোবর মহালয়ার দিনে নেতাজি নগর কলেজ ফর উইমেন ও সিস্টার নিবেদিতা এডুকেশনাল হাব যৌথভাবে মায়েদের মধ্যে বস্ত্র বিতরণের কাজে সামিল হলো। উপস্থিত ছিলেন এলাকার সমাজদরদী ব্যক্তিত্ব সুখময় মহাপাত্র। ছিলেন রত্ননগর দেবেন্দ্র বিদ্যাপীঠের ইতিহাসের শিক্ষক মহাশয় পরিতোষ গিরি, যিনি একইসঙ্গে সিস্টার নিবেদিতা এডুকেশনাল হাবের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা। এই দিন ৩০ জন মায়েদের মধ্যে বস্ত্র বিতরণ করা হলো। কাকদ্বীপ, নামখানা অঞ্চলের পর এবার সাগর ব্লকের রত্ননগরে এই ধরনের সামাজিক কাজে হাত মেলালেন নেতাজি নগর কলেজ ফর উইমেনের অধ্যাপক অধ্যাপিকা ও ছাত্রীরা। এই সমাজ কল্যাণমূলক কর্মসূচির বিষয়ে কলেজের ভারপ্রাপ্ত অধ্যক্ষা ডঃ চৈতালি ভট্টাচার্য মহাশয়া বলেন, সুন্দরবনের এই প্রান্তীয় মানুষদের পাশে দাঁড়াতে পেয়ে আমরা নিজেদের ধন্য মনে করছি।



আগামী দিনেও আমরা এই ধরনের সমাজকল্যাণমূলক কাজে মানুষের পাশে থাকতে চাই। নেতাজি নগর কলেজ ফর উইমেন দ্বারা পরিচালিত সুন্দরবনের বিভিন্ন প্রান্তে এই কল্যাণমূলক কাজের প্রোগ্রাম কো-অর্ডিনেটর অধ্যাপক নিরঞ্জন জলদাস বলেন, গত ছয় বছর ধরে ২০১৯ সাল থেকে আমরা এই কাজ করে চলেছি। কলেজের শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকা ও ছাত্রীদের একান্ত সহযোগিতা আমাদের এই কাজে অনুপ্রেরণা যোগায়। শিক্ষক

পরিতোষ গিরি বলেন, নেতাজি নগর মহিলা মহাবিদ্যালয়ের অধ্যাপক অধ্যাপিকা ও ছাত্রীরা যেভাবে সুন্দরবন অঞ্চলের মহিলাদের সহায়তায় এগিয়ে এসেছেন, সেজন্য তাদেরকে সাধুবাদ জানাই। তিনি আরো বলেন, শিক্ষার ক্ষেত্রে আমাদের মেয়েদের নিজেদের প্রচেষ্টা, পরিবারের প্রচেষ্টা এবং সামাজিক প্রচেষ্টা -----এই তিনের সম্মিলিত প্রচেষ্টার মধ্য দিয়ে মেয়েদের প্রকৃত উন্নতি, সার্বিক উত্তরণ সম্ভব।



**Distribution of the clothes among the poorer women of nearby villages,  
Sponsored by Teachers and Students of Netaji Nagar College for Women, Kolkata & SNEH.**

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## 28 OCTOBER 2024: BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SISTER NIVEDITA

The students and faculty members of SNEH celebrate the birth anniversary of **Sister Nivedita** every year. On **28<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, the students, faculty, parents, and several invited guests gathered at SNEH to celebrate the **157<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sister Nivedita**. Nearly 250 participants joined the celebration. **Revered Swami Stavapriyanandaji**, Secretary, Ramakrishna Ashrama, Manasadwip, Sagar, graced the occasion with his inspiring presence. Arrangements were made for *prasad* and lunch for all participants. The entire expenditure of this program was sponsored by SNEH.



Cultural performances by the Students, SNEH



Gatherings of Students, Faculty, Guardian and other Guests

## 12 DECEMBER 2024: VISIT AT RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAM MANASADWIP

On December 12, 2024, students of SNEH visited the **Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Manasadwip, Sagar**. They were accompanied by **Mrs. Mamon Das, Mrs. Anima Khamari, Mr. Mahitosh Patra** and **Mr. Paritosh Giri**. The visit proved to be both memorable and inspiring. The students spent time in the ashrama campus and interacted with **Revered Swami Stavapriyananda, Secretary of the Ashrama**, who delivered an encouraging and motivational speech to them. The experience left a deep impression on the students and greatly inspired their academic and personal growth. On the same day, the students also visited the **Kapil Muni Temple, Gangasagar**. This visit was supported by **Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Manasadwip, Sagar** and SNEH.



The students and faculty of SNEH attended Swami Stavapriyanandaji's talk in Prayer Hall




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### 27-28 DECEMBER 2024: VISIT TO ALIPORE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AND VICTORIA MEMORIAL

During the Christmas holidays, a special educational and recreational trip was organized for 65 girls, accompanied by their teachers of SNEH, Mrs. Mamon Das, Mrs. Anima Khamari and Mr. Paritosh Giri. Mr. Partha Dutta, Tapan Chakraborty and Dr. Niranjana Jaladas also joined and supported this tour. The group visited the Alipore Zoological Gardens and the Victoria Memorial in Kolkata. The students really enjoyed the experience, finding the visit both inspiring and enriching, which helped broaden their knowledge and awareness of the world around them. The journey from SNEH took approximately three hours. The trip expenses were partly covered by the students, with the remaining cost generously supported by Sundarban Ramakrishna Ashrama, Kakdwip, SNEH, Mr. Sneharthi Gayen, Atanu Bhattacharya and Mr. Partha Dutta.



Victoria Memorial, Kolkata



Students performing dance, games etc., at Alipore Zoological Garden, Kolkata

### 4 FEBRUARY 2025: WORSHIP OF GODDESS MOTHER SARASWATI

Saraswati, one of the principal goddesses in Hinduism, is revered as the Goddess of knowledge, wisdom, learning, arts, speech, music, and culture. She symbolizes purity, creativity, and enlightenment. It is believed that sincere, obedient, disciplined, and hardworking students who pursue knowledge with devotion are blessed by Goddess Saraswati with wisdom and a fulfilling life. On February 4<sup>th</sup> 2025, Saraswati Puja was held at the SNEH campus. All students and teachers gathered to chant prayers and offer flowers in devotion to the Goddess, seeking her blessings for knowledge and wisdom. The ceremony created an atmosphere of peace, inspiration, and spiritual joy for everyone present. The expenditure of this program was supported by SNEH.



Worship of the goddess Saraswati by the students, SNEH



Mr. Paritosh Giri, offering flowers to goddess Saraswati

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## 9 MAY 2025: BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF NOBEL LAUREATE RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Every year, students of SNEH celebrate the birth anniversary of **Kabiguru (The Great Poet) Rabindranath Tagore, the Nobel Laureate in Literature**. The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including **Dr. Swapan Pradhan**, Principal Statistical Analyst, Bank for International Settlements, Switzerland; **Mr. Utpal Chakraborty**, a teacher and writer, Kolkata; **Mr. Bhagyadhar Barik**, a former teacher and writer, Sagar; **Mr. Anjan Das**, a former government official of the Sundarban Department; **Mr. Sukhomoy Mahapatra**, an official of the Public Works and Technical Department; **Mr. Jaydev Das**, Headmaster of Khansaheb Abad High School and social worker; and **Mrs. Tutumoni Giri**, Teacher, Dhablat Lakshman Parabesh High School (HS). Over **100** students and parents joined the celebration, paying tribute to the great poet through songs, recitations, and reflections on his timeless works. The event fostered an atmosphere of cultural pride and deep admiration for Tagore's lasting legacy. This program was supported by well-wishers of SNEH, **Dr. Swapan Pradhan** and **Mr. Utpal Chakraborty**.



**Dr. Pradhan and Mr. Chakraborty are on stage along with other guests.**



**Dr. Pradhan spoke to our students on computer literacy.**

## 16 AUGUST 2025: MOTIVATIONAL AND CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION ON THE BIRTHDAY OF LORD KRISHNA

On the auspicious occasion of **Janmashtami, on August 16 2025**, several distinguished guests visited SNEH to inspire and motivate the students. Among them were **Dr. Pratap Mukhopadhyay**, Scientist, All India Fishery Institute; **Mr. Partha Dutta**, Assistant Director, Cognizant; and **Mr. Rupak Malakar**, Consultant, Infosys. They shared valuable insights and words of encouragement with the students. Also present were **Mr. Sukhomoy Mahapatra**, Former Deputy Superintendent, P.H.E; **Mr. Anjan Das**, retired officer, Sundarban Department; **Mr. Jaydeb Das**, Headmaster, Khansaheb Abad High School; and **Mr. A**. A special motivational and career counselling session was held for 50 students from grades IX to XII on the same day, starting at 10 a.m. The session was highly interactive, with students actively participating in discussions with the guests, who shared their professional experiences and encouraged them to dream big and pursue their goals with confidence. This program was supported by SNEH, **Mr. Partha Dutta** and **Mr. Rupak Malakar**.



**Dr. Pratap Mukhopadhyay, Mr. Partha Dutta, and Mr. Rupak Malakar interacted and inspired the students, SNEH**



**Mr. Sneharthi Gayen, Mr. Paritosh Giri and Mr. Jaydeb Das, interacting with students of SNEH for career and future opportunities**

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**16 August, 2025: Mr. Anjan Das and Mr. Paritosh Giri are distributing saplings to the students, SNEH**

### **5 SEPTEMBER 2025: TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION**

Teachers' Day in India is celebrated every year on September 5 to honour the **birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, a distinguished scholar, philosopher, and the second President of India. In essence, Teachers' Day reminds society of the noble position teachers hold — as mentors who light the lamp of knowledge and nurture the next generation with dedication and compassion. The expenditure for this program was supported by **SNEH**.



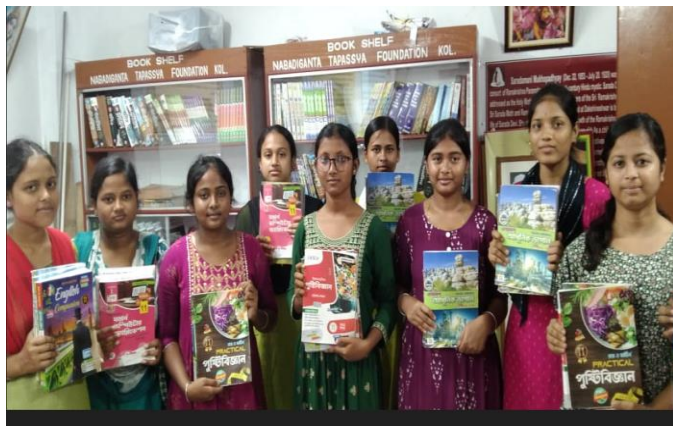
**Mrs. Basanti Giri**, mother of **Mr. Paritosh Giri**, along with other distinguished guests, was present on stage during the Teachers' Day celebration. **Mrs. Giri** is known for her kind heart and generous spirit and has been a dedicated well-wisher and supporter of **SNEH**. She warmly welcomes guests to her home and takes great joy in preparing delicious homemade meals for them, reflecting her warmth and hospitality.

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## 28 SEPTEMBER 2025: DONATION OF BOOKS TO 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> STANDARD STUDENTS

Nabadiganta Tapassya Foundation, Behala, Kolkata, regularly donates books from their book bank to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students of SNEH. Twenty students received books. On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025, books were distributed among the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students of SNEH.



Books received by students of SNEH



Dr. Kalipada Jana (pursuing Post.doc in Japan) and his wife, Mrs. Moupia Ghosh Jana, interacting with the students of SNEH

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3. Others

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5. **Mr. Samir Ranjan Giri**, Headmaster (Retired), Krishnanagar Higher Secondary School
6. **Mr. Utpal Chakraborty**, Teacher & Writer, Kolkata

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13. **Mr. Sukhomoy Mahapatra**, Former Deputy Superintendent, P.H.E, WB
14. **Mrs. Tutumoni Giri**, Teacher, Dhablat Lakshman Parabesh High School (HS), Sagar

Encouraged by **Mr. Frank Geisler, Labdoo Hub Zurich, Switzerland (labdoo.ch)**, we have created our first newsletter, featuring updates on our activities since 2024. We plan to share the newsletter regularly on our Facebook page and with our sponsors and donors.

We sincerely thank Dr. Swapan Pradhan, Principal Statistical Analyst, Bank for International Settlements, Basel, Switzerland, for his invaluable support in designing and preparing this newsletter. We also thank Dr. Niranjana Jaladas, Assistant Professor, Netaji Nagar College for Women, for drafting the newsletter.

We look forward to your continued support and encouragement to our mission to uplift girls from underprivileged families.

**Mr. Mahitosh Patra**  
Coordinator, SNEH

**Mr. Paritosh Giri**  
Founder, SNEH

*Let's join hands for this noble cause. Those who wish to contribute may use the following account details.*

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