



"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." –George Bernard Shaw

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WELCOME TO OUR Monthly Newsletter

Kick-off Golden Jubilee Celebration of Sabuj Sangha



The Golden Jubilee Celebration of Sabuj Sangha on 11th December 2024 marked 50 impactful years of service at ITC Sonar. The event commenced with a symbolic plant-watering ceremony symbolizing growth, hope, and sustainability. The program was graced by esteemed guests from renowned organizations such as L&T Finance, SBI Foundation, HDFC Bank Ltd, Asha for Education, and others, who have been instrumental partners in the journey of change, graced the occasion. Notable individuals such as Dr. Arun Deb, Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Mr. Namit Shah, and other dignitaries shared their invaluable insights. One of the highlights of the celebration was a compelling drama performance by the Adolescent Girls of the Nayantara Group. The performance shed light on important issues such as Gender-Based Violence and Discrimination, advocating for the rights of children and women. The celebration was brimming with inspiring narratives, meaningful dialogues, and an aura of optimism –a true commemoration of 50 years dedicated to transforming lives.

Assets Handing Over Ceremony



Under the HDFC Bank-supported Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP), an Assets Handing Over Ceremony was held on 25th January 2025 at the Sumatinagar Rice Mill Bazaar Ground in the presence of 15 farmers from different villages at Sumatinagar village of Dhaspara-Sumatinagar II Gram Panchayat, Sagar block, WB. The event was graced by Mrs. Sabina Bibi, Sabhapati of Sagar Panchayat Samity, along with Pradhans, Upa-Pradhans, social workers, and community leaders. Various assets were created to benefit the wider communities of 15 project area villages in Rudranagar, Dhaspara-Sumatinagar II, Dhablat, and Gangasagar Gram Panchayats. A total of six tubewells, 17 community ponds for rainwater harvesting, 145 solar street lights, and 41 women's SHG-based poultry units were handed over to the 15 community-based Village Development Committees (VDCs) during the ceremony.

Honoring Farmers for their contribution towards Sustainable Agriculture & Social Development

In recognition of the invaluable contributions made by farming communities in the Sagar Island Block, a Krishi Mela was held on January 24th-25th, 2025, at Sumatinagar Rice Mill Bazaar Ground. This event, part of the HDFC Bank-supported Holistic Rural Development Programme, brought together over 700 farmers from 15 villages in the project area. The esteemed presence of Shri Bankim Chandra Hazra, Minister-in-Charge of the Department of Sundarban Affairs in West Bengal, added a touch of encouragement and appreciation to the occasion. The event was graced by various dignitaries, including Sabhapati of Sagar Panchayat Samity, along with Pradhans, Upa-Pradhans, social workers, and agriculture experts. A highlight of the event was honoring 15 progressive farmers from different villages for their outstanding contributions to sustainable agriculture and social development, showcasing their organic agro products and agricultural practices.



The SBI OJAS Scholarship Empowering Talented students of Nadia District

At the Atalia Resource Centre in Nadia District, the SBI OJAS Scholarship of Rs.5000/- was distributed to four deserving students from economically backward groups. The Branch Manager of SBI Bank of Madanpur Branch graced the event along with members of Shimurali Gram Panchayat. Four deserving students from economically backward groups were the proud recipients of this prestigious scholarship. These students are facing financial hardships, have shown exceptional dedication to their academics despite their challenging circumstances. Among the recipients were four rural talents handpicked from similar backgrounds, with two excelling in sports and the other two shining in academics. The ceremony was a celebration of resilience, commitment, and potential, as these bright young minds were honoured for their hard work and determination.



Cluster Level Workshops in Murshidabad with Digital Sakhi



The Digital Sakhi Project has already made a significant impact on the lives of women in Murshidabad district. Presently 5 Cluster Level Workshops are being organized to empower women through digital literacy skills and awareness, with a special focus on women entrepreneurs. By providing access to digital literacy skills and awareness programs, the project is enabling women to harness the power of technology for their personal and professional growth. Currently, around 300 women entrepreneurs are benefiting from this project, with the support of Sabuj Sangha and L&T Finance. The workshops aim to showcase the program's progress, and achievements, and provide awareness on combating digital hacks and fraud. Esteemed officials like the BDO, block-level officials, officials from Police stations, SHG leaders, beneficiaries of the program, Gram Panchayat Pradhans, and GP members have actively participated to ensure the successful implementation of these initiatives. Participants have the opportunity to share their success stories, learn from each other's experiences, and network with like-minded individuals. Through interactive sessions and group activities, women are inspired to continue their digital literacy journey and make a positive impact in their communities.

Reflections from Aalor Disha School's 24th Foundation Day Celebration

The 24th Foundation Day of Aalor Disha School (a peri-urban unit of Sabuj Sangha), was a truly impactful event that brought together the community to honor Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's legacy while celebrating the school's journey towards empowering children. Mr. Anshuman Das, the Director of Sabuj Sangha, and Ms. Soma Das, Regional Head of the Peri-Urban Unit, began the day with a solemn tribute to one of India's greatest freedom fighters on his Birth Anniversary on 23rd January 2025. As the celebrations unfolded, it became clear that Aalor Disha School's journey was not just about achieving milestones but about transforming lives. Education served as the cornerstone of this transformation, acting as a powerful bridge for children from underprivileged backgrounds in peri-urban Kolkata. The school has played a vital role in providing quality education and support to those who need it most, laying the foundation for a brighter future for countless children.



Annual Sports Event Marks 76th Republic Day Celebrations with Enthusiasm and Inspiration



The 76th Republic Day was celebrated at Nandakumarpur GP of Mathurapur Block in South 24 Parganas district in the project units of Sabuj Sangha with patriotic fervor and various activities throughout the day. The celebrations included flag-hoisting ceremonies, cultural performances, and speeches emphasizing the significance of the day. As part of the Republic Day celebrations, an Annual Sports event was organized for the children of the Nandakumarpur program unit. From relay races to sack races, the young participants displayed remarkable agility, determination, and sportsmanship. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and camaraderie as the children cheered each other on and celebrated every small victory. The Annual Sports event was graced by eminent personalities, including Mr. Bapi Halder, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, who motivated the children to give their best in the sporting activities. The presence of dignitaries not only added prestige to the event but also inspired the young participants to strive for excellence and pursue their passion for sports.