

"AND THIS OUR LIFE, EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC HAUNT, FINDS TONGUES IN TREES, BOOKS IN THE RUNNING BROOKS, SERMONS IN STONES, AND GOOD IN EVERYTHING." - WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (AS YOU LIKE IT)

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DISTRICT LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP AT MURSHIDABAD, WB TO EMPOWER WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH DIGITAL FINANCIAL INTEGRATION



The District Level Stakeholders Workshop for the Digital Sakhi Project, supported by L&T Finance, was conducted on 20th February 2025 at Rabindra Sadan, Berhampur, Murshidabad, WB. The event brought together 182 Women Entrepreneurs, 99 Digital Sakhis, and 30 special guests, including members of L&T Business Team, Community Advisory Panel, and Panchayat Pradhan, to review the project's impact. Esteemed guests like Ms. Apurva Rathod (Company Secretary & Head of Sustainability, L&T Finance), Dr. Sukanta Saha (PD-DRDC & Additional District Mission Director), Shri P. Promoth (Additional District -

Magistrate/LR) and Mr. Ansuman Das, Director of Sabuj Sangha, graced the event, emphasizing women's empowerment and financial inclusion. The workshop featured insightful presentations highlighting the project's success over the past two years. A key highlight was the distribution of demo models to 10 Women Entrepreneurs, promoting digital financial transactions in their businesses. The event concluded with a focus on celebrating achievements and reinforcing the project's future roadmap, underscoring the commitment to empower women through digital and financial literacy.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMUNITIES: GENDER SENSITIVE CLIMATE EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

The International Seminar was successfully conducted on February 24th and 25th, 2025, at Nandakumarpur Knowledge Campus. The seminar successfully brought together students, educators, national and international environmental experts to discuss pressing environmental issues and explore sustainable solutions. The commitment to tree planting and ecosystem conservation was reaffirmed, reinforcing the path toward a greener and more sustainable future.



NAYANTARA GIRLS' TRIUMPH AT VILLAGE LEVEL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT INSPIRES GENDER INCLUSIVITY IN SPORTS

On February 2nd, 2025, two teams of Nayantara girls traveled to Baradanagar village of South 24 Parganas to participate in a football tournament organized by the Rainbow Sporting Club. The tournament, primarily featuring boys' teams from various localities, took a step to invite the Nayantara girls to play, aiming to challenge gender stereotypes and demonstrate that girls, too, can excel in football. The Nayantara girls displayed remarkable skill, resilience, and determination on the field, proving their capabilities in the sport. The event was a significant step towards breaking barriers and promoting gender inclusivity in sports at the grassroots level.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITAL BUILDINGS OF WEST BENGAL SUPPORTED BY SBI FOUNDATION

SBI Foundation's support for infrastructure development in West Bengal's schools and hospital buildings is making a significant impact on the community. The program is focused on transforming government schools, Health and Welfare Centers, and ICDS centers across 11 districts. Renovation, repair, and coloring work are underway to provide better facilities for children and healthcare services for the people. With the installation of computers and the setup of computer rooms, students will have access to modern technology. This initiative aims to improve the overall environment of schools, reduce dropout rates, and ensure that children, especially girls, have access to quality education. With the improved facilities, girls will no longer have to leave school early due to the lack of proper toilets.

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY: SAGAR GERMAN BAKERY



Following the success of the German Bakery in Nandakumarpur, Mathurapur II block, South 24 Parganas, the foundation stone of Sagar German Bakery was laid during a momentous ceremony on February 22, 2025. This marks a significant step towards fostering women's empowerment, economic development, and cultural exchange in the region. The inauguration was led by Dr. Amal Mukhopadhyay, Founder Director and Chairman of Hanseatic India Forum e.V. in Germany, alongside Mr. Steffen Leonardt from the same Organization. The esteemed presence of Mr. Bankim Chandra Hazra, Hon'ble Minister of Sundarban Affairs in the Government of West Bengal, Mr. Srimanta Kumar Mali, Sahakari Sabhadhipati, South 24 Parganas Z.P & Chairman, GBDA, along with Mr. Ansuman Das, Secretary and Director of Sabuj Sangha and Member of the Sundarban Development Board, added prestige to the event. The primary objective is to enhance women's participation in decision-making roles, fostering income generation and gaining societal respect. This initiative aims to empower women, ensuring their active involvement and success in building a more inclusive and progressive society.

