

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Against All Odds: Marginalized Children Triumph in Board Exams

Children from various educational initiatives under Sabuj Sangha have achieved remarkable success in the Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations this year. A total of 44 children from the Nayantara Program successfully passed the Madhyamik exams, while 14 students cleared the Higher Secondary exams, many of them being first-generation learners from socio-economically challenged backgrounds.

Beyond Nayantara, other educational programs under Sabuj Sangha have also produced inspiring stories of achievement. Two boys from Notun Alo, a residential home initiative, passed the Madhyamik, and one cleared the Higher Secondary examination. Aalor Disha, a school cum child support center in the peri-urban belt of Champahati in South 24 Parganas, celebrated the success of one girl who passed Madhyamik. Meanwhile, two more girls passed Madhyamik from the Nadia district under the Gram Seva Program, which provides free remedial classes.

Many of these students had uncertain futures and nearly dropped out due to financial hardship, family responsibilities, or societal pressures. However, with consistent counselling, remedial coaching, and a supportive peer environment, most were able to overcome their challenges and continue their studies. One of the most touching success stories is that of Anjali Gayen from the Nayantara Program. Anjali, the daughter of a widowed mother burdened with familial responsibilities, was nearly forced into early marriage due to financial constraints. When her plight became known, the girls of Nayantara stepped in, providing her with academic support and even managing her educational expenses through their Kishori Bahini savings group. Their intervention not only enabled Anjali to continue her education but also changed her family's perspective. She passed her Madhyamik exams

with commendable marks and has since earned the full support of her mother and grandmother to pursue further studies. Another inspiring journey is that of Rinki Patra, the first Nayantara student of the Sabuj Sangha Sagar Unit. Despite living with disabilities and having no parents, Rinki was adopted by a couple who belonged to an economically weaker section and were nurtured through the program. She successfully passed her secondary exams and is now continuing her education with renewed confidence and ambition. These stories reflect more than just academic success—they underscore the transformative power of community support, peer solidarity, and dedicated intervention. These programs are not only helping children pass exams but also giving them a fighting chance to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

“Refuse Plastic, Restore Nature”: Sabuj Sangha Leads Grassroots Action on World Environment Day 2025

On World Environment Day, 5th June 2025, Sabuj Sangha joined global efforts to combat plastic pollution—mobilizing thousands across rural Bengal under the resounding call: “Refuse Plastic, Restore Nature.”

From the lanes of Nadia to the forest-fringe communities of South 24 Parganas and the quiet hamlets of Murshidabad, people came together—children, youth, community leaders, and educators—to take action that inspires lasting change. The day was marked by rallies, street plays, tree plantations, cleanliness drives, and drawing competitions, each echoing a united message: “Our Earth. Our Responsibility.”

In a world drowning in plastic, Sabuj Sangha’s grassroots efforts sparked hope, rooted in awareness, empathy, and a shared resolve to protect our only home.



Sanjeevani Clinic on Wheels



Visit of SBI Foundation at Gram Seva Program

The Gram Seva Program is an integrated rural development model aimed at empowering economically weaker communities through a holistic and sustainable approach. Focusing on key areas such as health, education, sanitation, livelihood promotion, digital inclusion, women’s empowerment, and environmental sustainability, the program fosters community participation to build resilient, self-reliant villages.

Recently, Mr. Suman Gair, Assistant Manager of SBI Foundation, visited Simurali Gram Panchayat in Kalyani Block, Nadia district, to review the ongoing progress under the program. The visit highlighted a series of impactful initiatives, including the Digital Seva Kendra, rainwater harvesting systems, Sanjeevani Clinic on Wheels, and remedial coaching with digital classrooms. Women-led livelihood ventures such as SHG-based poultry and fish farming, clean sanitation infrastructure, and a battery-operated waste collection van further showcased the program’s reach.



Sanjeevani Program is transforming healthcare access in Alipurduar through its Clinic on Wheels. This mobile medical unit travels across remote tea gardens and villages in Kalchini and Alipurduar II blocks, offering free check-ups, medicines, lab tests, and health counselling. The initiative has already reached over 34,000 beneficiaries, including elderly patients, children, and pregnant women. For Sumitra Toppo, a tea garden worker, the van ended years of walking long distances for treatment. Raju Oraon’s child received a timely diagnosis and referral during a routine visit, potentially saving his life. With services like BP and diabetes screening, maternal care, and awareness sessions, the clinic is a lifeline for underserved communities, bringing healthcare, hope, and dignity to their doorsteps.