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Rajesh Krishnamoorthy Merit cum Means Scholarship Program

Background

Activities of Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust in the area of: Education

In 2008, NMCT conducted a survey of 14 tribal villages in the Chaupahari Jungles of Illambazar Block, Dist. Birbhum, West Bengal. It was found to their dismay that illiteracy was strikingly rampant and till then only two villagers had passed the school leaving exam under the State Board. The major reason that surfaced was school drop-outs for various psychological and economic reasons. For boys, the next best option has been manual labourers and the girls were sheer victims of early marriages.

NMCT decided to fight against. It started its 'Free Supportive Education Program' at village level and coach these first-gen tribal children to bridge their learning gap and instill confidence to continue in schools next to other children.

This initiative indeed was rewarding as evidenced by the performance records since 2010:

No. of students appeared for Class X School Leaving Board Exam	96
% of girl students	60 %
No. of Students passed out	93
Students scored First Division Marks	2
Child Marriage of girls reduced from near 100% to	below 30%

Today, it is heartening to note that many of the successful students are pursuing their higher studies although NMCT is unfortunately handicapped today to support such aspiring students.

- *Performance of students & ex-students of NMCT in 2020*

We took a little while to respond to your esteemed proposal in our waiting for the results of the Class XII (Post High School 10+2) Exams 2020 under the West Bengal Higher Secondary Board. The same has just been published and NMCT are happy to record,

No. of students appeared for School Leaving Board Exam	9
No. of girl students	5
No. of Students passed out	7
Students scored First Division Marks	1
Highest Score by Miss SimaTudu	75%

NMCT is also happy that 3 of their tribal student beneficiaries who were sent at their early age to a full time residential institute called Parivaar Education Society, Kolkata had appeared for Class 10+2 Higher Secondary Vocational Exam in Home Science and their performances are:

1. JabaHembram 87.6%,
2. KalindiBaski 85.8% &
3. Sukho Soren 83.8% marks.

Jaba, Kalindi and Sima aspire to pursue Nursing or Hospital Management and we have helped them apply for the courses run by,

1. The West Bengal State GNM (General Nursing and Midwifery) course &
2. Matri Bhawan Hospital of Ramakrishna Sarda Mission in Kolkata run GNM course

NMCT's connection with Matri Bhawan is of very rewarding as 13 nos. ex girl students of NMCT are now in full professional employment having completed their Sahayika Sevika Care Giver course thereat.

Intervention under the Proposed Program

NMCT dreams to use your proposed **Rajesh Krishnamoorthy Merit cum Means Scholarship** beyond supporting some individual students for a larger cause that is, to encourage and motivate the tribal students' community to pursue higher education be it in academics or in skill empowerment.

NMCT, for the first time, has decided to extend their Supportive Education Programme beyond Class X and start the coaching classes for Senior Students of class XI and XII at NMCT Coaching Centre at Daronda Village itself. This Scholarship program will be used to sponsor the education expenses viz., books, tuition etc. of all the Girl Students of NMCT who have passed class X.