

Nayanlipi

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Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust.



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Overview: of January, February and March.

"Doing good to others out of compassion is good, but the Seva (service) of all beings in the spirit of the Lord is better."

—SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

Here at Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust, we welcomed the New Year with excitement and fervor. We have been steadily working on a Model Village, namely, Nimbuni. This exciting project was sponsored by the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Megacity and the first phase of work had already begun last year. We have successfully installed 5 toilets with solar lighting facilities, a village Study Centre and 7 kitchen gardens for the residents of Nimbuni. From January of this year, we have started to teach the children of the village in this study center.

This year, we are beginning to move forward with the second phase of the project. In this second phase, we are going to install 5 solar street lights in the village. Every resident house is going to be provided with solar lanterns as well. This initiative has been taken up to counter the problems of inaccessible electricity in remote villages as well as to promote and encourage sustainable and earth-friendly methods of resource consumption.

The second phase is also going to introduce certain livelihood programs such as animal husbandry, in order to uplift the residents of our model village. NMCT is going to provide necessary training on animal husbandry and livestock: goats, ducks, hens etc. will also be sponsored.



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““Take up one idea, make that one idea your life. Think of it, dream of it, Live on that idea let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.”

—SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

The third phase of the project will be focused on ‘rain-water harvesting’. Ideally, we would like to install water tanks in every house, with a capacity to collect approximately 24,000 litres of water. This water source will be available to the house-holders to use it for all types of non-drinking purposes.

This final phase of our Model Village Vision will also witness certain kinds of “skill-development programs.” NMCT has been working hard on this ambitious project and we hope to reach our goals of implementing helpful plans that empower and uplift the residents of the Model Village.

Alongside this project, the first three months of the year were filled with various activities at NMCT. On the 2nd of February, a girl’s workshop was conducted in the presence of 25 of our female students. The workshop aimed to hold open discussion on problems frequently faced by women and created a safe space for the students. Two days later, on the 4th of February, staff, teachers, volunteers and students of NMCT gathered together to observe the birth anniversary (janma tithi) of Swami Vivekananda. This day was observed by 225 of our students and 30 of our staff and teachers.





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Saraswati Puja is always a special occasion in an educational institution.

On the 16 th of the month, we celebrated Saraswati Puja with much cheer and joy. A Workshop for girl students was conducted on the 23rd of February, by the “Cini” organisation. Another successful day of healthy discussion, lectures and problem-solving was held at the NMCT Daronda office.

As March rolled in, we organised a seminar about community health, for our teachers on the 8th of the month. The seminar was conducted by the honourable speaker- Dr Amit Ranjan Basu. We extend our warm regards to him for conducting a wonderfully insightful session. NMCT wrapped up the month with a beautiful event on 26th of March. The pension association of the Durgapur Branch of State Bank of India took up the responsibility of economic support, for the higher education of two girl students of NMCT. Kalindi Baski and Arati Mardi, are two bright-minded tribal girls from the villages of Khayer danga and Amkhoi respectively. Both the girls have recently been given the opportunity to conduct their higher education in the DMLT (Diploma for Medical Laboratory Technology) course from Swami Vivekananda Vani Prachar Samity in Durgapur. The kind gesture on the part of the SBI pension association propelled the girls a step closer to their dreams. We express our heartfelt gratitude and regards on such a noble initiative.



Story of Nayantara.

The cousins were all gathered in a room at “Bachhu da’s” wedding. They had the large sum of four thousand rupees in their hands but the atmosphere seemed to have turned heavy as Munnu’s words echoed in everyone’s minds. “Let’s help pregnant women like Nayantara (Mini) who need good healthcare but cannot afford it.”

Nayantara was the first cousin of the ones seated in the room. A sister similar in age as them, a sister dear and close to their hearts. But in an unthinkable incident in April of 2000, they lost Nayantara. In spite of the best medical facilities and doctors; she passed away at the tender age of 29, giving birth to her second child. This incident had left the cousins in utter shock, as they were a close-knit group of youngsters. The trauma of losing someone so young, and so dear, never truly left them. Nayantara’s memories were still vividly fresh and alive, and the gnawing urge to do something good in her name had touched the hearts of all the cousins, especially the four sisters. The four sisters had spent most of their childhood together, and a significant part of that was spent with Nayantara. After that unfortunate incident, they had been pondering over the thought of doing something noble in the name of their beloved sister. An idea that circulated within the conscience of the four.

So, a year and a half later, in that cheerful gathering, when the opportunity presented itself, the sisters jumped at it without hesitation. “Let us help the poor.

Pregnant women who might have complications, ones who need proper medical facilities but do not have the economic background to avail them, let us lend them our help. “

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Be grateful to the man you help, think of him as God. Is it not a great privilege to be allowed to worship God by helping our fellow men?

—SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

Humans of Nayantara.

This month, we are introducing not one, but two of our bright students.

The first is, Kalindi Baski. She is a resident of “Khayer-Danga” village located in the midst of the Illambazar forests in Birbhum district, West Bengal. Coming from a scarce economic background and a family of four children, her father Arjun Baski provided as much as he could. She was a student of NMCT till Class IV, after which she attended the wonderful “Parivar” residential institute. Kalindi studied home science and passed her Higher Secondary examinations with a whopping 85% marks. After her high school graduation, with the help and guidance of NMCT and Parivar, Kalindi is now doing her Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT) from Swami Vivekananda Vani Prachar Samity in the city of Durgapur. We couldn't be more proud of her sincerity and perseverance.



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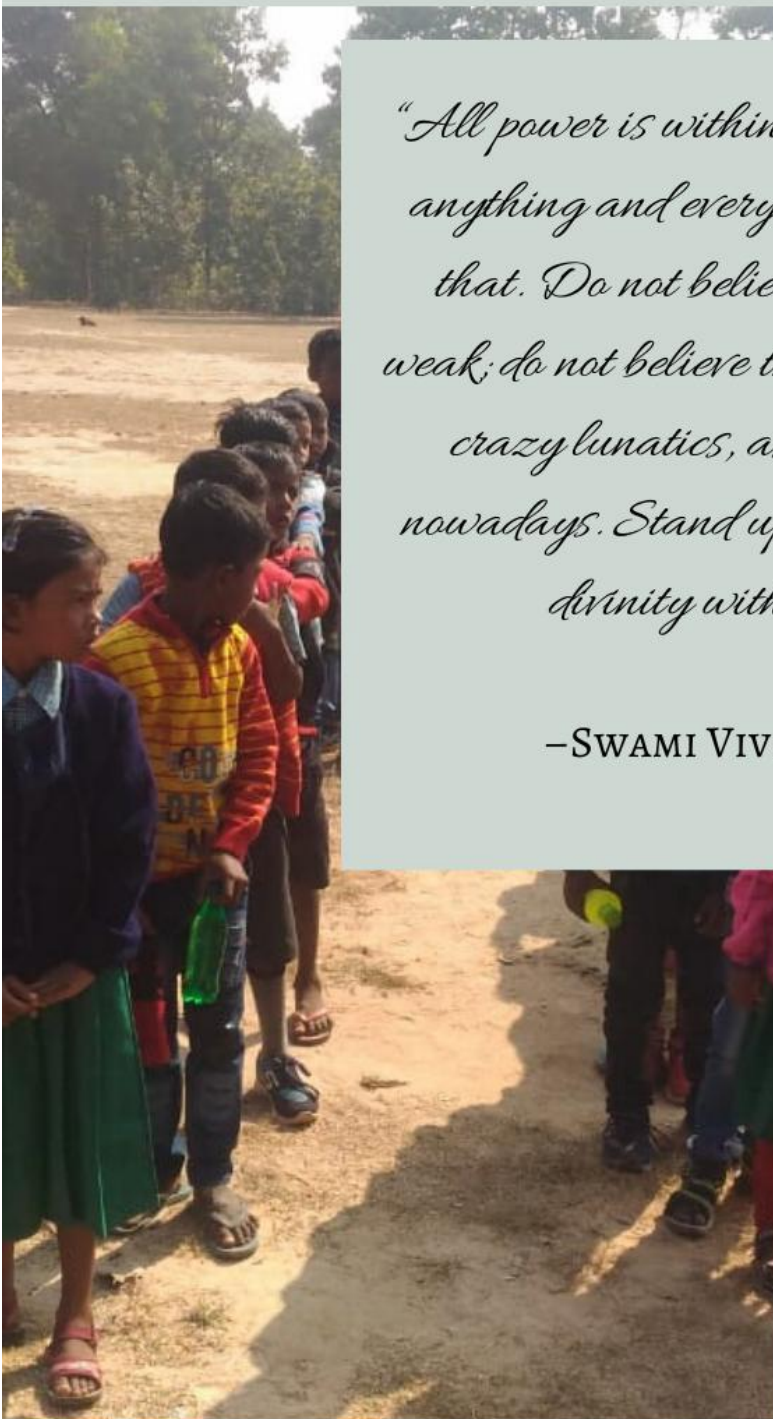
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Our next student is Arati Mardi. She is our student from the very beginning of her educational journey. Arati comes from the nearby village of “Am-Khoi” situated in the lap of the Illambazar forests. She had always been a wonderful and sincere student and had passed her Higher Secondary exams with good marks. After passing her H.S though, she was unable to move forward and so, stopped her education for a year. But the urge to stand on her own feet was ever-present in her heart. A year later, NMCT guided her to her goals and she joined the Diploma course for Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT) from Swami Vivekananda Vani Prachar Samity as well.

This reputable course will hopefully propel the girls into a bright and secure future. We are proud of their journey so far and we wish them the best of luck.



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"All power is within you. You can do anything and everything. Believe in that. Do not believe that you are weak; do not believe that you are half-crazy lunatics, as most of us do nowadays. Stand up and express the divinity within you."

—SWAMI VIVEKANANDA



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