

Parivaar Year-end Newsletter

In Memoriam : Sevavratee Baidyanath Maity (1979-2015)

A tremendous blow to the whole Parivaar family came at the sudden passing away of Shri Baidyanath Maity on 28th May '15. Baidyanathda was walking down the NH-6 near Bagnan, his native village in Howrah district, where he had then gone, and was hit by a heavy goods vehicle. He passed away on the spot itself. He had elderly parents, wife and a 4 year old daughter. Parivaar fully stands by them in the hour of irreparable loss and is committed to supporting them on a lasting basis.

Joining Parivaar on 28th March Baidyanathda epitomized the spirit of Parivaar very deeply. In these ten years he worked in multifarious roles and became a key person in the Leadership team at Parivaar. From the establishment of the separate Girls' Campus (Parivaar Sarada Teertha) in June 2011 he had been posted there. He was the program anchor for the tutorship program and coordinated relationship with outside schools which our post-secondary group attended. He was involved in conducting the daily prayer services at Parivaar.

As soon as this news reached us at Parivaar our team rushed to the spot. A 7-day mourning period was observed at Parivaar. On the thirteenth day of departure of Shri Baidyanathda i.e. 10th June '15, a Mangala-Hawana was conducted at both campuses of Parivaar. From that day till 28th June (a month after his departure) his photographs were placed at the Prayer Halls of both the campuses and all the children, Sevavratees, and closely associated local well-wishers of Parivaar offered floral tribute to the departed soul.

In the memory of Baidyanathda the two new blocks of Parivaar that have come up (one each at boys' campus and Sarada Teertha) have been named as 'Sevavratee Baidyanath Maity Memorial Block'.

Parivaar has also instituted Sevavratee Baidyanath Maity Academic Award in government schools in the local area given to top performing students in Grade 10 and Grade 12 in memory of recently deceased Sevavratee Shri Baidyanath Maity. Twelve students from Muchisa Haridas Krishi Shilpa Vidyapith were conferred the award. The local area foodstock scheme under which more than 800 old ailing women receive foodstock has also been named after Shri Baidyanath Maity.

In his passing away we have lost a brother who was a living model of how a Parivaar Sevavratee should be. Everyone was deeply fond of his endearing nature and disposition. May his simplicity, sincerity, joyful nature, complete dedication, and spirit of service continue to inspire us forever.



As on 1st December '15 there are 1052 resident children at Parivaar, making it the largest and high-quality residential program for children from impoverished strata in West Bengal.

Children profile at Parivaar:

1. As on 1st December '15 there are 752 boys and 293 girls.
2. Out of them 635 are from highly impoverished tribal pockets from districts of Bankura, Purlia, Midnapore (W), Birbhum West Bengal and Singhbhum, Saraikela, Ranchi and Giridih in Jharkhand.
3. From non-tribal areas i.e. 417 children, the children have either lost both the parents or have only mother who is in very difficult circumstances of deprivation. These are children of high vulnerability prone to exploitation, child labor, vulnerability of being used by anti-social elements, child labour, conditions of homelessness etc.

State	District	Boys	Girls	No (S) of Children
West Bengal	24 Pgs (N)	10	11	21
	24 Pgs (S)	93	62	155
	Bankura	21	0	21
	Purulia	22	2	24
	Burdwan	1	9	10
	Howrah	3	5	8
	Kolkata	112	73	185
	Medinipur (E)	2	2	4
	Medinipur (W)	262	64	326
	Birbhum	106	40	146
	Murshidabad	1	0	1
	Hooghly	0	1	1
	Nadia	1	3	4
Jharkhand	Singbhum (E)	103	8	111
	Saraikela	1	0	1
	Giridih	1	0	1
	Ranchi	5	0	5
Bihar	Chapra	2	2	4
	Navada	9	5	14
	Nalanda	1	1	2
Chattisgarh	Durg	1	0	1
	Total	757	295	1052

Fieldwork by Parivaar Seva-vratees:

Rigorous fieldwork by Parivaar team in villages of West Bengal and Jharkhand for pre-admission process for admitting children was conducted. More than 250 children from some of the most impoverished adivasi areas of West Bengal and Jharkhand are being admitted in coming months into Parivaar.



Parivaar Team involved in rigorous fieldwork in the villages of West Bengal and Jharkhand

Examination Results for Grade 10 and 12 in 2015:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total	Pass
10th	26	22	48	48
12th	12	9	21	20

Skill Education at Parivaar

Parivaar has started a Skills and Vocation Educational Cell in collaboration with the Balrampur Institute of Vocational Aid (BIVA) from February 2015. The objective of this program is to impart life skills to children, which can also be beneficial, though its not the primary objective, for their livelihood preparation.

The Process

All the children were properly guided and counseled while selecting for the courses to be conducted at Parivaar. These efforts were intended to make them realize the relevance and utility of the skill training. Thus, out of 9 different options offered by BIVA, they had chosen 3 courses as per their interest.

BIVA provides the trainers to conduct the training sessions. It also prepares the training agenda, shares it with Parivaar and co-ordinate with the trainers in such a manner that the training programs are conducted smoothly. Parivaar bears the cost of honorarium of the trainers, raw materials and facilitates overall operational management.

These skill training sessions have been introduced for interested groups of children from Class 10 to 12, and undergraduates. The table below shows more details on each selected courses:

The course has now finished. And a new set of courses will be introduced soon which will again be opted by the Parivaar resident students as per their liking.

Sr. No.	Course Name	Course Duration	No. of Children
1	Air Conditioner & Refrigeration Maintenance (for boys)	260 Hours	27
2	Hair & Skin Care (for girls)	180 Hours	40
3	Computer Hardware and Networking (for boys)	180 Hours	36
Total			103

A certificate from BIVA has been awarded to all the successful participants.



The “Air Conditioner & Refrigeration Maintenance” training session being conducted at Parivaar Boys’ Campus.



The “Hair & Skin Care” training session being conducted at Parivaar Sarada Teertha.

Other Livelihood courses

Some other youngsters at Parivaar are undergoing some other trainings:

1. Lipika Sarkar underwent training as an eye care nurse in an Eye Care Hospital. **She has also been offered a job after her training but she has declined that offer as of now as she wants to complete her graduation in Science.** (She is currently in Third Year BSc at Vidyanagar College and lives as a resident girl at Parivaar for last 12 years).
2. Rukhsar Khatun has undergone 6 month training with Bandhan in Hospitality services and is now appearing for her job interviews. She is also pursuing graduation in humanities from Vidyanagar College. She lives at Parivaar and is a resident girl for last 12 years. **She has also received job offer from a confectionery company and has joined there as a trainee.**
3. Shubham Bose, Mastakin, Sheikh, Sanjana Dey, Rahul Das, Rintu Doui, Tamal Naskar, Bablu Das, Prasenjit Debnath, Purnima Das, Amirul Seikh, and Rai Singh are also attending Bandhan’s 6 month course in Hospitality Services. They are doing undergrad course at Vidyanagar College.
4. Puja Datta is attending the 6-month program at Bandhan in Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) course while also doing her undergrad from Vidyanagar College.

Redesigning and expansion of Computer Lab at Sarada Teertha ((parivaar Girls campus)

New machines have been purchased and latest softwares installed to enable girls at Parivaar Sarada Teertha practice and hone their skills at using computers. Computers is a part of curriculum at Parivaar's Amar Bharat Vidyapeeth too and also during evenings and weekends girls work in the computer lab.



Enrolling group of highly meritorious children at the level of Grade 6 and 7 to top ICSE School in Kolkata

For last 3 years Parivaar has been selecting 2-3 kids each year based on their performance at Amar Bharat Vidyapeeth and enroll them to a top ICSE School in Kolkata which has a tie-up with us. The idea is to nurture this group as an academic focused group and enable them to get much greater peer exposure, benchmarking with other meritorious students and be a part of a academically illustrious ecosystem. The students in this group are : Vivek Nag, Pabitra Bagh, Prenrna Kumari, Lakshmi Singh, Pragati Kumari, Rahila Tudu, and Surajmoni Tudu.



Infrastructure Development

Two new residential blocks inaugurated at Parivaar on 23rd Nov '15. They will now accommodate 200 more girls and 150 more boys. Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice-Chancellor of the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belur Math inaugurated the new blocks. The two new blocks have been named 'Sevavratee Baidyanath Maity Memorial Block'.



New Building of Amar Bharat Vidyapeeth in completion phase

Our new building of Amar Bharat Vidyapeeth is almost complete and ready to use. Already its ground floor was in use for last one year. It has taken more than three years in making. This building has more than 40 rooms and the School can accommodate more than 2000 children in classrooms, the capacity which Parivaar will scale up to in next 3 years.



Teacher Professional Development Workshop Series:

Dr Tamo serves as a Foreign Associate with Center for Studies of Privatization in Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, and as a Visiting Faculty at New York University's Steinhardt School of Education. Previously, he was an Assistant Professor of Practice at the University Of Notre Dame, USA; and was the Director of International Educational Development with Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives. He has been taking Teacher Development workshops at Parivaar. Last year 16 half-day workshop have been taken.



Teacher Professional Development Workshop conducted

Other Important Highlights

1. Parivaar has been selected as 'Charity of the Year' by Deutsche Bank Singapore. This involved rigorous process of shortlisting and voting by DB employees.
2. Parivaar has received 'Swami Rama Humanitarian Award' presented by Himalayan Humanitarian Institute. The award constitutes a cash prize of Rs 5 Lacs. Each year one individual / institution is selected. Past recipients include Shri Sundarlal Bahuguna, Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt, SEARCH (Dr Ahay and Dr Rani Bang), Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (Karnataka).
3. Festivals of Eid, Rakshabandhan, Ganesh Utsav, and Janmashtami were celebrated in this quarter at Parivaar.
4. Parivaar has instituted Sevavratee Baidyanath Maity Academic Award in government schools in the local area given to top performing students in Grade 10 and Grade 12 in memory of recently

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