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**A Not for Profit Organization**  
**(A Charitable Trust)**

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## Our Motto

Inclusive and Quality Education for All.

## Our Vision

Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, believes that quality education is the foundation of sustainable development. The future talents, the builders of modern India in the coming days, remain scattered particularly in rural sector and they are to be identified and nourished with necessary educational inputs.

## Our Mission

“Sahaj Path” is a movement to provide access to real time learning opportunities to the school-going students in West Bengal. The focus area is in the small town and rural segments where there is limited access to teacher facetime and modern learning enablers. The end goal is to build quality education opportunity for all as close to the modern amenities available to students in the urban area. As the technological advancements weave into the society the “Sahaj Path” education foundation offshoot opportunities for the students to access the advanced resources for quality education on a real time basis.

Thus, Sahaj Path which is a not-for-profit educational foundation and provides endless opportunities, with advancing technology and resources to students seeking better learning experiences in regional languages, can fulfill and sustain the development goal of “access to quality education for all”.

## Our Aim

- To Encourage Curiosity
- To Provide Confidence
- To Inculcate Compassion
- To Kindle Creativity

amongst the rural and underprivileged urban children.

## Profile of SPKF Trustees and Directors

### Prof. Samir Kumar Brahmachari, Chairman of The Trust



Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari, J. C Bose National Fellow, is also the Academy Professor of Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research and Chief Mentor of Open Source Drug Discovery. He served as the Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, the largest chain of publicly funded industrial research and development institutions in the world, for over six years (2007-13). He is also the Founder Director of CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology, Delhi (1997-2007) and championed genomics research in India. Prior to this, he was a professor of Biophysics at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. In addition, Prof. Brahmachari is presently mentoring some startups in the area of healthcare, genomic medicine and big data analytics.

He was the member of National Innovation Council, Government of India (2010-14) and served as the Honorary Chairman of West Bengal Education Commission (2014-15) to prepare roadmap and vision document 2020-2030 from primary school to higher education and research. He also contributed to National Education Commission Report on school and higher education from the West Bengal state's perspective.

He is an elected fellow of The World Academy of Sciences and member of all four National Academies of Science & Engineering in India. He is also the recipient of honorary doctorate from five Indian universities and a large number of awards and honors including the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in Biological Science (1990). He has been conferred Banga Bibhushan, the highest civilian award by West Bengal Government in 2013.

### Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Trustee



A Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and a Chartered Engineer, Mr. Mookherjea, brings along a vast and rich corporate experience spanning across many decades. Currently the Chairman of Flakt India Ltd, the Indian subsidiary of a 1 billion Euro group, Mr. Mookherjea is involved deeply, as Chairman/Member of various Boards, in the industrial activities in the state and the nation. In the past he held extensive and all-embracing, top management positions, overseeing entire operations and functions. He has had country-wide responsibility for marketing, technology, R&D, Corporate Planning and Communication, Information Technology, HR, Quality Control, Process Improvement, Internal Consulting, etc.

#### Mr. Amit Mukherjee, Trustee and Treasurer



Mr. Amit Mukherjee is one of the cofounders of Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation and brings in a rich and varied corporate experience as a business leader and functional leadership in the field of technology and supply chain. Mr. Mukherjee is one of a few who has a very deep understanding of business coupled with his domain knowledge of technology. He started his career in Tata Steel where he worked in planning, supply chain and in the technology group. His subsequent stints were with SAP India, Hewlett Packard, Reliance Energy, RPG group as Group CIO and Executive Director. During his tenure at RPG group, he transitioned from a functional head to a business head and managed the Spencer's Retail business as Executive Director. His last assignment was as the Chief Operating Officer of Srei Sahaj e-Village Limited, a company formed under the aegis of NEGP for providing online government and consumer facing services to the rural population using ICT. He is a well-known speaker in industry forums and has been winner of many professional/industry awards. He also runs a foundation called "Foundation for Innovation in Health" along with renowned doctors with the objective of bring in affordable health care to the rural populace of India. Mr. Mukherjee is a post graduate in computer applications from B.I.T (Mesra).

#### Mr. Kalyan Kar, Trustee



Mr. Kalyan Kar is the Co-Founder & Director of InQube Innoventures, which incubates "Innovative Inclusive Initiatives". Earlier, he Co-Founded an US based Healthcare Services company which was finally acquired by the World's largest employee benefits organization for US \$140 Million. His ventures have won "Great Place to Work" award in India for 3 continuous years, as well as "Exciting Emerging Companies to Work for" by NASSCOM and was the All India Finalist for "NASSCOM Innovation Awards". Mr. Kar graduated from St. Xavier's College and is a Chartered Accountant as well as a Cost Accountant by Profession with All India Merit Rank in both the examinations. He is currently the Chairman of the National Education, HR & Skill Development Expert Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce as well as the Executive Committee of Bengal Chamber and Innovation & IT Sub-Committee of CII. He has also been a part of Government and Business Delegates to overseas countries promoting the "Make in India" & "Bengal Global Business Summit" initiatives.

#### Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay, Executive Director



Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay is a BE (Mech) from JU / PGDM from IIMC. He has 20 years of experience in Consulting and Education Management, a Member of CII (ER) committees in Marketing, Retail & Skills, and Education committee of BCCI. He is a Certified Corporate Governance Educator from Global Corporate Governance Forum, IFC, World Bank, and recipient of Education Leadership Award for 2013 from CMO-Asia. He is Member of Education and Skills committee in Indian Chamber of Commerce.

## SPKF Website Launch



This is a photo of the official launch of the website of Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation on 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. From the left are Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay - the Executive Director of SPKF, Prof. Prabir K. Das - Associate Secretary of Education Affairs, Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari - Chairman and Mr. Kalyan Kar - one of the Trustees of SPKF.

## SPKF Trust Meetings

In the financial year 2016-17, six Trust meetings were held in the office of Sahaj Path in the presence of the Chairman of the Trust, the Trustees, The Directors and the Secretary of the Trust. Discussions were held on various topics relevant to SPKF including the proceedings of the previous meetings, activities undertaken and future plans.



# PROJECTS

## Teacher on Call (Pilot Phase)

The idea of the unique project is a brainchild of Prof. Brahmachari who thought that the dire need of educating underprivileged children can be achieved by creating a bridge between them and the educated group of people keen to provide help. Therefore, he along with others created an educational foundation (SPKF) to generate opportunities by using technological innovation to break the barrier of communication.

**Teacher on Call** is an educational help desk for the students with curiosity.

Teachers are available on call from 9 AM to 12 PM and 4 PM to 9 PM from Monday to Saturday and 9 AM to 9 PM on Sunday.

Students of classes V, VI, VII & VIII are being catered during this year.

Queries from four subjects - Physical Science, Life Science, Mathematics and English are welcome.

Students need to call at the service number, as per the input selection, for IVR to help them to talk to the respective teachers.



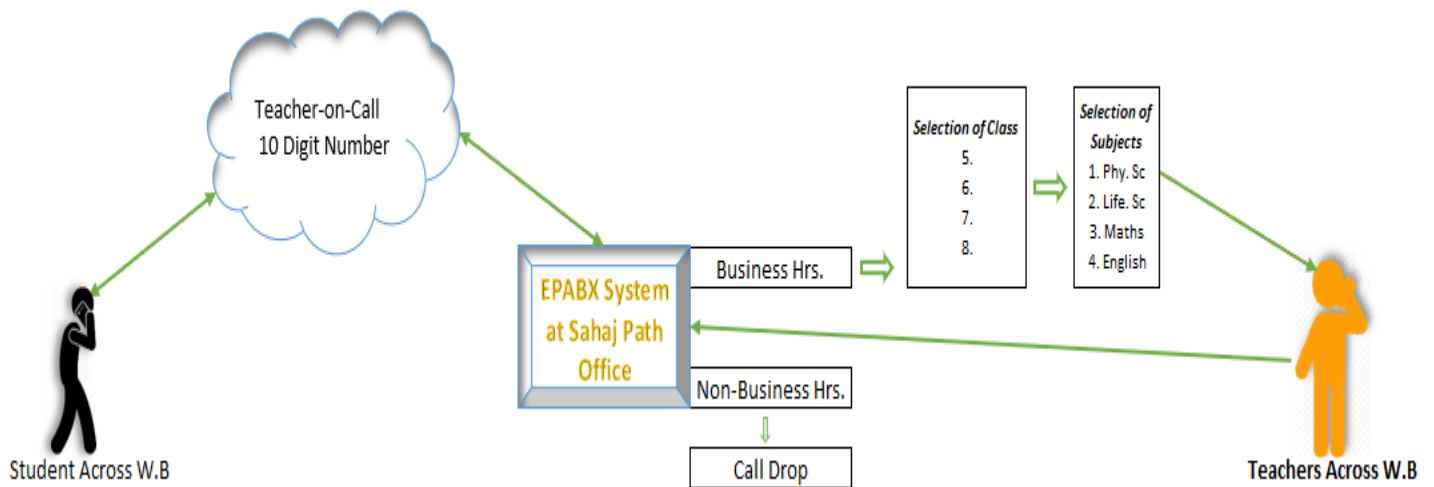
Photo of students of Kuchuighata Junior High School, Sainthia, Birbhum during school visit of SPKF team.

### Snapshots on Sahaj Path (2016-17)

- Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation Trust registered on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- Its website launched on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- Teacher on Call launched on: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017 on the auspicious day of Saraswati Puja
- First registration on Teacher on Call: 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017
- First student registered from: Mitra Institution, Bhawanipore, Kolkata
- Total students registered: 52
- Total calls from registered students: 354
- Total teachers empaneled: 10
- Total schools outreached: 23
- Districts covered: 6



## Flowchart of the process in pilot phase



## School Visits

In the pilot phase of the project the Chairman, SPKF visited Mitra Institution, Bhawanipore, Kolkata as the first school to initiate the program. Next, communication was made with some of the schools Kolkata and Birbhum and visited a few of those to reach out to a larger segment of students and wider circulation about the availability of this free service.



Photo of the students in the classroom of Mitra Institution, Bhawanipore, Kolkata along with the Head of the institution



Photo of Purandarpur High School, Suri in Birbhum visited by SPKF team during pilot phase



SPKF team explaining Teacher on Call process to the students of Sajina Public High School, Suri, Birbhum



Students of Kuchuighata Junior High School, Sainthia, Birbhum showcasing their extra-curricular activities in front of The Chairman, SPKF



SPKF team visiting a school in Birbhum to encourage the students to learn from Sahaj Path



SPKF team visiting South Suburban School in Kolkata to enlighten the students on the Teacher on Call program



Students of Ramrick Institution, Kolkata, following the mechanism of Teacher on Call process demonstrated by SPKF team



SPKF team addressing the queries of students of Kuchuighata Junior High School, Birbhum regarding Teacher on Call process

# Key Supporters who strengthened us in 2016-17

## Details of the Donor



Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari,  
Chairman, SPKF



Mr. Aloke Mookherjea  
Trustee, SPKF



Mr. Amit Mukherjee  
Trustee, SPKF



Mr. Kalyan Kar  
Trustee, SPKF



Jain University  
Bangalore

## Our Teachers

☛ Sri Ajay Brahmachari

☛ Sri Partha Jana

☛ Smt. Antara Ray

☛ Dr. Prabal Dey

☛ Sri Asit Baran Giri

☛ Prof. Prabir K. Das

☛ Smt. Dipti Mukherjee

☛ Smt. Sarmishtha Das

☛ Smt. Moushumi Mukherjee

☛ Sri Sasanka Dingal



# Our Team

## Board of Trustees

**Prof. Samir Kumar Brahmachari**

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**Mr. Alope Mookherjea**

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**Mr. Kalyan Kar**

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**Ms. Hiya Banerjee Lahiri**

Project Coordinator

## Our Social Connect

**Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee**

MBBS, DA (England), FFARCS (England & Ireland)

# GET INVOLVED

## As a Citizen

Be a part of this philanthropic endeavour and support the children to become educated and responsible citizens of this nation.

## As an Individual or Corporate

The Foundation invites all individual donors, Corporate and PSU officials to make use of their CSR funds as well as social impact funding for the cause of underprivileged children's education.

## As a Volunteer

Housewives, Retired teachers, Professionals who are willing to teach students on a voluntary basis.

# Contact Us

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*“We want the education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one’s own feet.”*

*~ Swami Vivekananda*

