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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 of 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 Hony. Director (Projects) joining SPKF



Dr. Kunal Ray joined SPKF on 19th December 2017. He did his PhD from Bose Institute, Kolkata. Then he moved to USA where he spent many years in University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Cornell University, New York for advanced studies in Biology.

On returning to India in 1998, he joined CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata to lead the division of Human Genetics from where he retired as a Chief Scientist. On his superannuation from CSIR-IICB, he joined Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), New Delhi (an Institution for National Importance) in 2013 to provide leadership and oversee academic programs for approx. 3000 PhD students registered with the Academy.

So far 20 research scholars have completed PhD under his supervision. He is co-inventor in two US patents that led to formation of a biotech company where he was one of the founders. He has published approx. 200 research papers in peer reviewed journals. He is a Fellow of West Bengal Academy of Science and National Academy of Science, India.

SPKF Trust Meetings

In the financial year 2017-18, five 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 regarding the proceedings, activities and future plans of the Trust.

Sahaj Path's step towards Social Media Marketing

On 14th April 2017, the official Facebook page of Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation was launched by SPKF team to reach out to wider segment of students through social media. Facebook page of SPKF is being utilized as a means of popularization of the program.



SPKF Teachers' Meet

Teachers who share their valuable time on voluntary basis for supporting the students in Teacher on Call are the backbone of the program. Meeting of the management with the teachers is crucial to understand their experience on interaction with the students, identify any challenging situation that needs to be handled prudently and their ideas and suggestions for further improvement of the program.



Photo of Sahaj Path Teachers' meeting with the SPKF team [From the left; Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari-Chairman, SPKF, Sri Asit Baran Giri- SPKF Teacher, Sri Aloke Mookherjea- Trustee, SPKF, Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee- Social Connect, SPKF, Sri Ajay K. Brahmachari- SPKF Teacher, Sm. Moushumi Mukherjee- SPKF Teacher, Sm. Hiya Banerjee Lahiri- Project Coordinator, Sm. Dipti Mukherjee- SPKF Teacher, Sri Partha Jana- SPKF Teacher and Sri Kalyan Kar- Trustee, SPKF.]

Our Teachers

- Dr. Aditi Nag Chowdhury
- Sri Ajay Brahmachari
- Smt. Antara Ray
- Sri Asit Baran Giri
- Dr. Chabinath Mandal
- Dr. Chitra Mandal
- Smt. Debalina Biswas
- Sri Deepak K. Sinha
- Sri Dipanjan Mitra
- ◆ Smt. Dipti Mukherjee
- Smt. Ipshita Roy
- Sri Kalyan Sarkar

- Smt. Keya Ganguly
- Sri Krishanu Acharya
- Smt. Lalita Samaddar
- ◆ Sri Madhusudan Som
- Sri Manojit Mitra
- Smt. Moushumi Mukherjee
- Sri Nachiketa Sarkar
- Smt. Paromita Dutta
- Sri Partha Bagchi
- Sri Partha Jana

- Dr. Prabal Dey
- Prof. Prabir K. Das.
- Smt. Pradipta Guha Roy
- Sri Pramit Banerjee
- Sri Raja Dey
- Smt. Sarmishtha Das
- Sri Sasanka Dingal
- Sri Sibabrata Mukherjee
- Sri Subrata Dutta
- Sri Sumit Bhattacharya
- Sri Tushar Kanti Mondal

PROJECTS

Teacher on Call

Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari along with others created an educational foundation (SPKF) on 08-May-2016 to generate new learning opportunities for underprivileged students by using technological innovation. From the last year Teacher on Call program continued with additional vigor and popularity in the media. As a result, a much larger number of students availed the services.

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, IX & X are being catered.

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

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



Photo of students of Ekalavya Model Residential School, Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur during school visit of SPKF team.

Snapshots on Sahaj Path (2017-18)

- Teacher on Call pilot phase ends in July 2017.
- ➤ Teacher on Call program launched in full scale across West Bengal.
- ➤ Toll free number (1800-3000-8003) launched on 5th September 2017, that is on Teachers' Day
- First registration on toll free service: 8th Sept'17
- First article on Teacher on Call service published in *Times of India*: 6th Aug'17
- Second article on Sahaj Path in Ananda Bazar Patrika: 18th Sept'17
- Dr. Kunal Ray joined as Honorary Director, Projects of SPKF on 19th December 2017
- On students' demand class 9 & 10 added in the service
- Total students registered: 5704
- Total calls from registered students: 69002
- Total teachers empaneled: 35
- Total number of schools from which students registered in Sahaj Path: 406
- Districts covered: All districts of West Bengal

School visits

In order to popularize Teacher on Call service, several schools were visited in Jhargram, South 24 Parganas and Kolkata. The process of the Teacher on Call program was explained to the students and their queries related to the service were addressed. An overwhelming response was received from the curious students.



Photo of the students in Ekalavya Model Residential School, Jhargram



Photo of the students in Ekalavya Model Residential School, Jhargram



Photo of the students in Gopalganj BKRM Institution, South 24 Parganas



Photo of the students in Jamtala Bhagaban Chandra High School, South 24 Parganas



Photo of the students in The Park Institution for Girls, Kolkata



Photo of the students in Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya, Kolkata

Data Analytics of Teacher on Call Program

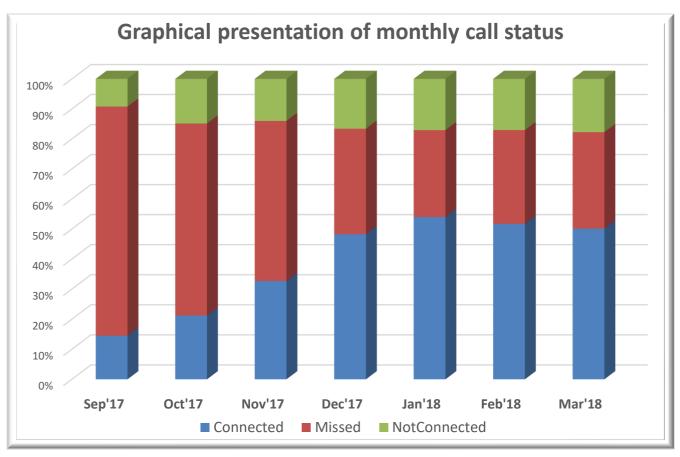


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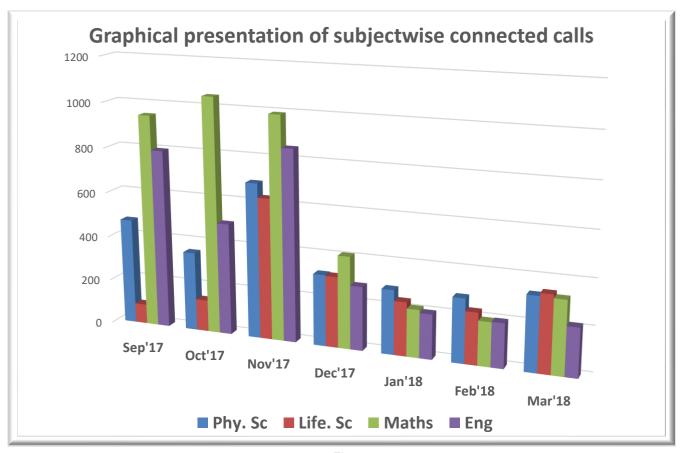


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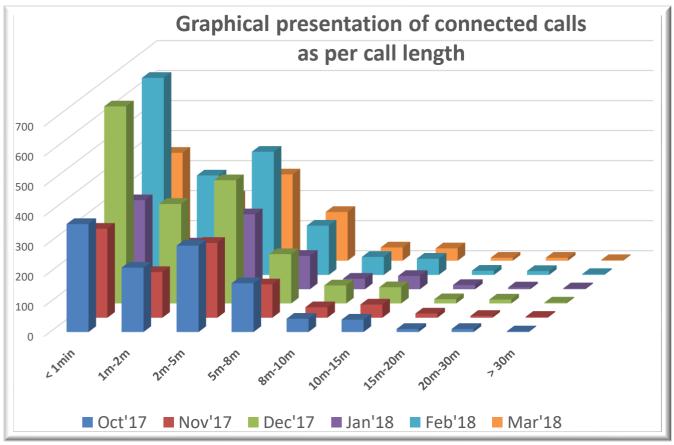


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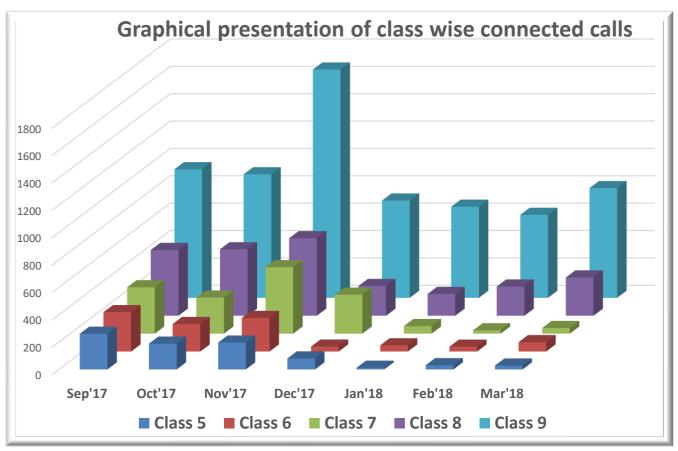


Figure 4

Success Stories



Name: Indrajit Ruidas

School: Patharmora High School

District: Bankura

Registered with Sahaj Path: 14th October 2017

Marks obtained in Madhyamik Examination 2018: 93%

Key Supporters who strengthened us in 2017-18

Details of the Donor



Smt. Vaishali Mashelkar Trustee, Anjani Mashelkar Foundation, Pune



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GET INVOLVED

As a Citizen

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

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

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

Media Reports

THE TIMES OF INDIA

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Worried over quality edu? It's just a call away

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Kolkata: On the eve of Pallavi's English examination, she was unable to solve active and passive voice of imperative sentences. Shedid not have any private tutor and no help was available at home since her parents are illiterate. Her only saviour was 'Teacher On Call—an initiative by Sahaj Path, a charitable trust.

Pallavi called their helpline number and spoke to the teacher concerned. She raised her query and it was addressed immediately. The teacher gave her a task and called her back later to check whether she was able to solve it.

The brainchild of Samir Brahmachari, former chairman of West Bengal Education Commission, it's an effort to give inclusive and quality education to all. The project was launched to bridge the gap between rural and urban educational amenities and promote self-learning and creativity. It aims to help rural and underprivileged urban schoolchildren. Teacher On Call' mostly caters to students of classes V,V, VII, VIII & IX and help them in subjects like English, maths, life science and physical science

"I visited the districts of Bengal when I was the chairman of West Bengal Education Commission and found that the students were meritorious and eager to learn more. Many of them are first-generation learners. However, there was dearth of teachers. Hence, I came up

TEACHERS ON LINE



- students of a Birbhum school

 Present helpline No: 7603038000
- It will become toll-free soon (No. 1-800-3000-8003)
- > website: sahajpathonline.org
- > Teachers are available on call from 9.00am to 9.00pm, 7 days a week
- > Students of classes V, VI, VII, VIII and IX will be attended
- Queries in subjects such as physical science, life science, mathematics and English will be addressed

with the concept of "Teacher On Call". It's a pilot project to help these kids whom I call 'hidden Ramanujans'," said Brahmachari, chairman of Sahaj Path Trust.

The Sahaj Path team has al-

The Sanaj Patri team has an irready visited several schools in the districts and Kolkata. "We explained our purpose to the students and teachers and got an overwhelming response," sa di Kalyan Kar, one of the trustees of Sahaj Path. "Till date, more than 1000 students from 20 schools — both from districts and Kolkata — have dialled the helpline number to clear their and technology, the system works through crowdsourcing latent resources (retired teachers, professionals and educated housewives), who

HOW DOES IT WORK?

By using telecom

- can impart quality
 education to students

 Students need to
 call the Sahaj Path
 helpline number which
 will become toll-free
 soon
- ➤ The helpline has IVR on class and subjects and based on the inputs by the students the calls get routed to the concerned teachers

doubts," added Kar. The students are also satisfi-

The students are asso starsy ed. Sayanta Guha, a student of Class VII of Mitra Institution, Bhowanipore, said, "Before my first-term examination, I called Teacher on Call' to learn dialogue-writing and story-writing. The teacher taught me the nitty-gritty so thoroughly over phone that I scored good marks."

Sanchita Debnath Som, the

Sanchita Debnath Som, the head of Kaikhali Gopalgunj BKRM Institution, said: "The students will benefit from this new concept as there's dearth of teachers mainly in schools lockted on the outskirts of the city."

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"Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, knowledge makes you great"

~ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

