

“Be not a traitor in your thoughts. Be sincere. Act according to your thoughts and you shall surely succeed. Pray with a sincere and simple heart, and your prayers will be heard.”

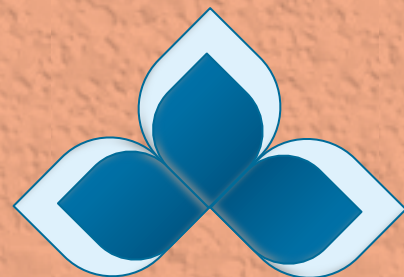
~ Sri Ramakrishna

“I tell you one thing my child -- if you want peace, do not find fault with others. Rather, see your own faults. Learn to make the world your own. No one is a stranger, my child; the whole world is your own. ”

~ Sri Sarada Devi

*“Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man.”
“All love is life; it is the only law of life; all selfishness is death, and this is true here or hereafter”.*

~ Swami Vivekananda



“We want that 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



A step towards Enlightenment...

INFORMATION BROCHURE

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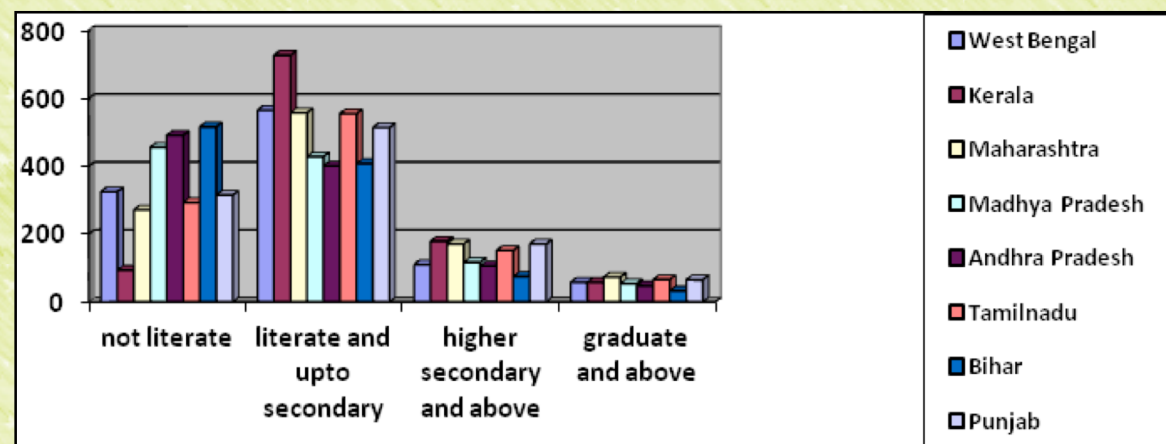
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Who we are...

Vivek-Uday Students' Welfare Society, a registered voluntary students' welfare organization, was started its journey in the year 2001 at **Belgharia** in Kolkata, West Bengal. It has been making an earnest effort to help meritorious students, who despite having intense socio-economic limitations, dream of higher education. Though in its early years, the Society feels glad for the boys it could be of assistance to. From supporting a few boys, to accommodating them, the society has grown in its own right over the years. Though this organization was initiated by some ex-students of *Ramakrishna Mission Calcutta Students' Home*, Belgharia, later on many other people from different places have become attached. The society is inspired by Swami Vivekananda's idea of "*Man making education*".

We are appealing to you, since you are in a position to empathize with the students who want to study, who need jobs to feed their families but are denied, all because of money. As you know, for higher education, costs have escalated rapidly and the institutes are still concentrated mainly in the urban areas. In this scenario, we lose plenty of bright minds and good men from rural areas, who quit studying after school. The following survey conducted by NSSO (National Sample Survey Organization) in the year 2004-05 reflects the huge loss of human resources resulting from denial of higher education.



You must have felt for the numerous teenagers forced to take up farming, labour works, works in small shops and peddling in trains and buses just because they, their families somehow have stayed neglected. We, who are now a little comfortable with our lives can look out to help the deprived, make little changes; give something back to them who in some trifle way have contributed to our present being. Your help means a lot to these families, these students who want to study further. One day you too would feel proud and happy in the success of these disadvantaged students.

Mission...

The primary aim of the society is to provide a home like atmosphere in a shelter where boys and girls from rural areas, who cannot afford to go for graduation due to financial shortcomings but are enthusiastic and admirable. The society also takes care of the expenses of the boys' and girls' viz. the college fees, books, tuitions etc. In addition to these, it has also been trying to develop a realistic sense of life and values in the students to become a good citizen. The Society also provides effective career guidance by bringing the aspirants in touch with the eminent professionals in their relevant field of study.

Vision...

At present, the society supports 11 students in a rented house at Belgharia in Kolkata. Our goal is to ensure a permanent residential place so that some more students can also be financially helped. This can only be possible with your help.

A residential facility for the girls is also to be ensured as early as possible. As more sponsorship comes our way, we could provide support to the higher secondary students too. **Our society grows with you.**

Journey so far...

- ✦ We started by fully supporting a boy in 2004.
- ✦ In 2006 we shifted to a rented house with three new students. Two boys in 2007 and four more in 2008 led us to shift to a bigger rented house to accommodate all.
- ✦ 17 more students were admitted from 2009-12. In 2013 and 2014, we have taken in total eight new boys and with the successful passing out of previous students; we currently have 11 boys in all. Vivek- Uday has shifted to a new abode recently.
- ✦ Our story beams with many successes of our students, who would have quit study after higher secondary if not for Vivek Uday.
- ✦ 2014 has come with a new ray of hope for talented girl students as well. Jnui, Priya, Bani and Mita, hailing from quite humble background, have geared up for a bright future with the stipend and books provided by Vivek-Uday.



Activities...

- 1. Vratiboron:** Apparently it is nothing different from an official fresher's welcome occasion. In reality it is far away from the usual series of leg-pulling and game shows, the fresher's welcome functions are popularly known as. In **Vivek-Uday**, it marks the beginning of an enlightened journey of these struggling young minds, for whom, the journey towards education has been littered with stones and pebbles of hardships. It is observed on 15th August every year and starts with students paying homage to Sri Ramakrishna, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda. The seniors welcome the juniors in the august presence of Maharaj from Ramakrishna mission and many eminent educational personalities from renowned institutions. The society aims at making the event a launch pad for the youths for a bright future. Many academic as well as non-academic interactions take place between the students and the professors and teachers, which motivate them to tread the path lying ahead with unfailing enthusiasm and persistence. These students are kept in touch with these professionals throughout their career struggle so that they can reap the benefit of an expert guidance.
- 2. Cultural activity:** Our students love to fill their recess time with music and poetry. Sagar and Animesh are the lead singers, supported efficiently in the instrumental part by others. Every year, on various special occasions like Bhasha Dibosh or Saraswati Pujo or Independence Day, we publish our wall-magazine '**Vivek-Uday**'- the ultimate playground of creativity where freedom of spirit works at its best! Ranging from the confused cloud of ideals to the social, national and international doldrums hovering over our existence, ranging from the enigmatic fascination our nature offers upto the quirky alleys of love and romance, our Vivek Uday youths have serious say in every field! The comic illustrations, which quite often touch upon the dangerous boundary of sarcasm, sometimes leave us wondering whether they have been created by the professionals! One of our students is soon going to publish a book of poetry under the patronage of the great poet Shankha Ghosh.



3. Excursion: Once in a year we take the students on an outing for a refreshment of both the physical and mental health. Last year we ventured into the woods of Metala, a place in Bankura. The society also arranges education tour for our students to visit different places.

4. Bridge-the-gap: We believe there is a gaping hole between education and the prospects of education. The uniqueness of knowledge gathered in the under-graduation level is lost soon, leaving the education as a petty collection of curriculum and semesters and students soon lose the objectivity. To enliven this tryst with textbooks, we arrange for special talks by professors and research scholars in various fields. In these friendly exchanges, students come to know the scope and prospects awaiting them. Above all, in these hours they can learn a lot of things of their subjects from a new perspective and can clarify many fundamental conceptual doubts they are having while proceeding through their syllabus. The other way around is that, research scholars sometimes rediscover the magic of their subjects while handling the dicey queries of the inquisitive students.

5. Vivek-Uday library: Vivek-Uday has a personal library with a commendable collection of books (approximately 251), both text books and story books. The Society try to cover the text books as well as reference books as per requirements of the existing Hons. Students and effectively it includes most of the subjects in science and arts stream. Apart from text books, our library can boast of a variety of story books that provide food-for-thought (67 total), to name a few: **A Brief History of Time, Rabindra-rachanabali, Galpoguchho, Sarat-samagro, Sukanta-samagra, Bankim-samagra, Sukumar-smagra, Aloukik noi loukik, Lila-prasango, Karmojyog, Gita, Vivekananda's Patrabali, Sri-Ramkrishna ke je rupe dekhiyachi, Swami shishyo sangbad** etc.

Future Plans...

- ✦ A permanent residential place equipped with all necessary facilities for the students.
- ✦ A larger place is needed since we want to house more needy students. Our goal is to make a provision for about 100 students by the year of 2020.
- ✦ We want to increase the number of girls' fellowship and arrange a place for girls to reside permanently and study for graduation.
- ✦ To make the Vivek-Uday library bigger and to make the membership of the library more general.
- ✦ To provide the school students with financial help in the form of scholarship.
- ✦ Social activities in the slums around Vivek- Uday, Belgharia.



Success Stories...

We are proud of the students of Vivek-Uday who have completed their graduation in different subjects. It is more heartening since the students had joined Vivek-Uday from very remote part of West Bengal and many would have left studies after school had they not been helped while the very first students are employed as a teacher and an engineer, one of them is also doing his PhD. So far, total 20 students has successfully completed their graduation, now some of them are doing jobs, or either their masters or B.Tech. Few such stories are highlighted below:



*Mr. Sandip Thakur, a boy from Lutunia, Medinipur, has built his career successfully by completing B.Tech from **Rajabazar Science College** & has now been working at **Shri Nataraj Ceramic and Chemical Industries Limited**.*

*Mr. Ratan Bera, from Egra. He did M.Sc in Physics from **IIT Bombay**. At present, he is pursuing research career at **India Institute for Plasma Research at Gandhinagar**.*



*Mr. Milan Maji, from Moyna, after completion of his graduation in Chemistry (H) from **R.K.M.V.C. College**, now he is doing M.Sc in Chemistry at **IIT Guwahati**.*

*Mr. Sagar Ghorai, from Belda, west Midnapur, after completion of graduation in Physics (H) from **R.K.M.V.C. College**, Now he is doing M.Sc. in Physics at **IIT Madras** after successfully clearing JAM.*



We are incomplete without You...

To fulfil our visions and to bring to life the dreams of countless young students, we request you to extend your helping hand in any of the following forms:

- 1. General contribution:** You can make a monthly/quarterly/yearly contribution of any amount by cheque or in cash.
- 2. Student Sponsorship:** You can sponsor one or more students for a year. **The expenditure per student per month is around Rs.2,700/-.** You can also sponsor for partial expense of a student.
- 3. Lump sum Endowment:** You can make a donation once to accelerate our Society's growth.
- 4. For Girls:** You can contribute to the monthly scholarship (Rs. 500/-) for girls only.
- 5. Books:** You can enrich our library with important text books.
- 6. Circulation:** You can circulate our activities and the opportunities we provide which will help our society spread further and further, as well as let needy students know of us and apply to us for educational support.

We will inform you each year the academic progress of the students and submit an account of the utilization of your contribution. We shall also notify you about the different activities and developments of the Society all throughout the year.



We are used to the current socio-economic evil which distributes educational opportunities unevenly and makes money, not mind, the primary criteria for education. But, we can justify our own education by standing in protest. Let's educate... and empower.

Payment* options...

- Cash:** Contact any member of Vivek-Uday
- DD/Cheque :** To be drawn in favor of Vivek-Uday Students' Welfare Society, payable at Kolkata, if sending by post, address is:

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Bengal, India

3. Wire Transfer:

A/C Name : Vivek-Uday Students' Welfare Society
A/C Number : 31007781214
Bank : State Bank of India(S.B.I)
Branch : Belgharia

*80-G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 under process.



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