



Support Pancha Nabadisha School, a home for Sabar children in Purulia, West Bengal, India

Sabars, a traditionally forest-dwelling primitive tribe of India, lack experience in agriculture, and rely on the forests for their living. Having deprived of livelihood and without alternatives, they took to criminal ways of life and were branded criminal tribe by British under Criminal Tribes Act 1871. Though some things have changed in Independent India, much of the stigma and struggles continue. With no or little means of earning a Sabar child is easily trafficked.



'Pancha Nabadisha School' is trying to change things. They have accommodated 50+ Sabar children aged 6-12 years in a home and teaching and feeding them.



Rather than a school this can be termed as a 'home' for abandoned or nearly abandoned children. So naturally the first emphasis is on feeding and keeping them

rather than on study.



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It is all the more tough as this is run by individual initiative of a Kolkata Police constable **Arup Mukherjee** who is trying to help out due to 'passion'.

Total 52 children are enrolled between aged 2 and 12. Six of these are tiny kids and don't go to school, 7 in class 1, 4 in class 2, 15 in class 3, 4 in class 4, 8 in class 5, 6 in class 6, 2 in class 7. All of them go to just nearby primary or nearby middle school.

Over past three years, Arup has been able to provide shelter to these children. With some donor support he has been able to build three rooms for stay and study, providing four times meals to these children.

There is immediate need for proper sanitation facilities, drinking water supply system and educational infrastructure.

However, we found feeding the children wholesome meal regularly is a real problem with single handed effort. Feeding a child a **basic meal** costs minimum **Rs 600** per month. A wholesome meal recommended by WHO would cost at least **Rs 1000**.



Requirements for Sabar children at Pancha

Item	Heads	Qty /head /week	Total Monthly Qty	Units	Unit Price	Total
Rice/Staple	55	2.8	616	Kg	20	12320
Potato	55	0.35	77	Kg	18	1386
Soyabin	55	0.2	44	Kg	83	3652
Pulses	55	0.3	66	Kg	60	3960
Eggs	55	3	660	Num	4.6	3025
Chicken	55	0.15	33	Kg	100	3300
Vegetable	55	0.7	154	Kg	25	3850
Total						31493

Expenses per head per month

573



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To overcome this problem, Arup had been approaching donors and other voluntary organisations for support and we

'Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith Purulia 1985 Batch - RKMV85' – a school batch mate organization from the same district has been providing food



supplies amounting Rs 12 thousand every month. We have also provided mattresses, summer and winter garments among other things. Some other organizations are also providing support to the school on an

occasional basis.



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মাঝে মাঝে মিলিত হয়ে শুধু নিজেদের পুরানো স্মৃতি রোমন্থন করা বা সম্পর্ক ঝালিয়ে নেওয়া নয়। পিছিয়ে পড়া দুঃস্থ গ্রামীণ পরিবারের শিশুদের পড়াশুনায় সাহায্যের হাত বাড়িয়ে দিতে সংগঠন তৈরি করেছেন পুরুলিয়া রামকৃষ্ণ মিশন স্কুলের প্রাক্তনীরা। ১৯৮৫ সালে এই স্কুল থেকে পাশ করা ছাত্ররা কয়েক যুগ পর একজোট হয়েছেন এই উদ্দেশ্যে। পুরুলিয়ার প্রত্যন্ত গ্রাম পুঞ্চায় একটি স্কুলের শিশু পড়ুয়াদের দু'বেলা খাবারের ব্যবস্থা করেছেন প্রাক্তনীরা। পিছিয়ে পড়া শবর পরিবারের ছাত্র-ছাত্রীরা পুঞ্চা নবদিশা মডেল স্কুলে নিখরচায় পড়াশুনা করে। সম্পূর্ণ ব্যক্তিগত উদ্যোগে দেনা ও নিজস্ব সঞ্চয়ের অর্থে এই স্কুলটি চালান কলকাতা পুলিশের এক কর্মী। তিনিই এই স্কুলটি তৈরি করেছেন। পুরুলিয়া রামকৃষ্ণ মিশনের প্রাক্তন ছাত্রদের সংগঠনের সম্পাদক দেবাশিস ঘোষ জানিয়েছেন, খাবারের ব্যবস্থা না করলে দুঃস্থ শবর পরিবারের শিশুদের স্কুলে ধরে রাখা সম্ভব নয়।" ... **Bartaman,**
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We now request your support. Please support Sabar children of Purulia. Donate generously.

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