~ Reaching Out - Thinking Out ~

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PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Creativity enjoys a promise between the outer world and the self. This digital magazine is a good part of a journey that dignifies the reader and enriches all who follow the way. This magazine makes an admirable debut. Congratulations to all of you!





Subhojit Majumder (B.A. Semester 3)

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**Debolina** Bose (B.A. Semester 3)

"Swapnosindhu" is an NGO started by Subhojit Majumder (B.A. 3rd Semester), which now has 18 members including Ayan Dutta and Debolina Bose.

Subhojit and his batchmates Ayan Dutta (B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester) and Debolina Bose (B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester) are students of New Alipore College. They started their work on 25 December 2020, where they provided a day's meal and other necessary materials to 30 girls of a small school in Shilpara, who do not come from financially strong families.



It was difficult at first to provide as much help as needed due to the financial limitations that came with being student. But as word spread of their work, people started to make contributions towards their effort.

In their second work, they focused their efforts towards providing help to the homeless people of their locality. They started in March and continued till June. In this period, they provided 2-3 nutritional meals monthly, to about 100 people at a time who were living in Thakurpukur and Kadamtala area.





Due to heavy rain and flooding in the months of June and July, many families had to leave their homes and take shelter in their local club-houses and school buildings. Subhojit and his group provided food rations to about 120 families of Begorkhal, who were the victims of the flood.



(B.Com. Semester 3)

Mousumi Halder (B.Com. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester) is a fellow student from our New Alipore College. She has been actively involved in social work since 2018 during her school days, and she continued it despite the pandemic situation. She along with the members of "The Social Circle" group worked in Behala Parnashree and Rabindranagar area during the lockdown of May 2021. They got special permission from the area Police Station and provided masks, sanitizers, and necessary food supplies to the people in dire need of them. In this way they helped around 600 people in a month, providing them with the supplies they needed.







Recent times have not been kind to us. It has taken a serious toll on people in varied ways. Everyone has suffered losses, some heavier than others.

And it's in times like these that such people come forward who have an overwhelming desire to help. Their will to help is so powerful that they overcome every obstacle in their way, to help the needy.

Every help counts, no matter how small the gesture maybe, even though it may not seem like much to some. But for others, it could be like a ray of sunlight shining through the dark clouds.

These people are true heroes, who went out to help the needy despite the difficult situations. They are heroes to those, upon whose face they brought a smile. Their work is nothing short of admirable. And it fills our hearts with pride and joy that we have such students among us in our esteemed New Alipore College.

We have mentioned a few of the many heroes of our college, their work, and how they have made an impression on the lives of the people they helped.

This year on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 Mousumi and her fellow batchmate Sougata Mondal along with their group, spent the day of Mahalaya with the elderly people of "Notun Ghor" old age home in Keshtopur. They provided new clothes and food to the elderly, and also spent the rest of the day playing games and chatting with them.

The terrible curse of Pandemic has devastated mankind, but humanity has the spirit to rise beyond it. Students of New Alipore College were no less, they reached out, they wanted to stand by the members of society who were in dire need of assistance. We salute their spirit.



Nilesh Mahato (Representative, Students' Council)

Congratulations to the students of New Alipore College. Feeling immensely proud of all their achievements. Looking forward to more such contributions towards society. They will always have our support.



Sneha Sarkar (B.A. 5th Semester) of New Alipore College, started her NGO "Oder Hasi" as an effort to bring smiles to the faces of the less fortunate. The organisation that she started alone, now has almost 20 more members including Sk. Sanowar (B.A. 5<sup>th</sup> Semester) and Rehan Firdous (B.A. 6<sup>th</sup> Semester) working together towards fulfilling their goal.



On 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 she along with her group visited the poverty-stricken people living in the slums near Tollygunge metro station. They provided the people with masks, sanitizers, old clothes for the upcoming winter, and gifted snacks to the children. Again, on 5<sup>th</sup> October they also went to the Ashram in Korunamoyee and donated new clothes.





They visited the differently-abled children of the "Voice of World" blind school, Barisha on Diwali. They gifted them chocolates, which may not be much to some, but it lit up their smiles brighter than any 'diya' on that day. Then they spent the rest of the evening celebrating Diwali with the children.





**Pritam Chakraborty** (B.A. Semester 3)

Sohini Halder (B.A. 3rd Semester) and Pritam Chakraborty (B.A. 3rd Semester) along with some other students of New Alipore College form a part of "We the Students" group. They have been wholeheartedly helping the people living in brickfields, who are often overlooked and forgotten.

The first place they visited was Pujali Brickfield. Where they distributed masks, sanitizers, food supplies and provided clothes to the residents of the brickyard.



As there are only about 20 members in the group it takes time to gather resources and funds, so their next visit was almost a year later. This time they visited Chouk Chandul Brickfield on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, providing them masks, sanitizers, and cooking materials which they very much needed during the lockdown.

Their most recent effort was on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the day of Mahalaya, when they visited the people living in slums near Princep Ghat, Kolkata, providing them masks, sanitizers, and basic food supplies.

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