

Activities & Visits - December 2019

Balwadi Creche of ABWU on 6th Dec'19

Another day, another memorable experience with the little kids of Balwadi Creche of ABWU on 6th Dec'19. Four of our group members -- Godhuli , Tripti , Nabanita & Shivabrata spent some beautiful moments with these wonderful, lively kids , always a pleasure to be amidst children.

It was Group B's turn today to Balwadi Creche at ABWU today. There were so many lovely gifts for the children apart from books for their new session to start next year. . The teacher-in-charge Mrs Rita Mitra received all of them . She thanked our Group profusely for this thoughtful and noble act . For the first hour after we went all these lovely children were engrossed in their studies and also in drawing. We felt so happy to see these well disciplined children so very attentive to their respective work. We examined their copies (few of them) and found most of them to be diligent and accurate in their work. Their drawing too was remarkable. Once the study period was over, the children came into their bubbly selves. They received with glee the pieces of cake and toffees from the ladies and really savored them. Were so happy and surprised to note that each of them were punctilious in dropping the wrapper of the toffees in the wastepaper box -- .Exemplary discipline. Shivabrata also had a lovely session with the children with each of them jostling to give his/her exercise book to him for checking. Whatever mistakes he pointed out , they corrected immediately and showed the exercise back to him for rechecking -- amazing to see the zeal in them to learn and grow in life. It ultimately came down to the children offering him their pencil boxes, water bottles, and even napkins for checking. Then the batch left as it was closed to lunch time . They left in a disciplined line bidding us goodbye and went for their lunch. And then came the time for us to leave too. But all group members left in a buoyant mood , happy with the day's experience. Cannot end without acknowledging the dedication of the Teacher's involved in grooming up these wonder kids.

Prabartak Sangha on 13th Dec'19

Built in 1985, the three storeyed building of PRABARTAK SANGHA is situated in a quiet neighbourhood at the end of CK market of Salt lake, Kolkata. Behind the gates of Probartak more than 55 inmates are being looked after with compassionate care by Sri Tanmoy his wife Tulsi and their team. This orphanage is special in the sense that the inmates are disabled orphans, most of them are either deaf mute or affected with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or some other neurological problems. Apart from sheltering them, the inmates are also provided with education, food and therapy. Even today in our society there is a lot of stigma and discrimination towards children and adults with such disabilities, and their chances to survive without resources is minimal . That is the reason why many such unfortunates are abandoned by their families and end up in institutions like Probartak. Probartak is one such organisation which is doing a commendable job with donations from individuals and some private companies. But frankly in order to improve the living conditions and welfare of the inmates they really need more fund than they collect from different sources. We have been supporting their cause for over a year now and today's visit was one such very fulfilling day since we brought smiles on their faces by providing them with a sumptuous lunch of chicken curry and rice along with daal, sabji and chutney. We also took with us some clothings for them, some useful items like light bulbs , bed sheets, woollens , curtains etc along with their one month's grocery requirements .

While sitting in their office space this afternoon, one thing that caught our attention was the shabby and dilapidated condition of that space . Some masonry work and a fresh coat of paint could make the space look brighter. Any person / organisation willing to help them in this matter may kindly contact us or them directly .