



Shishur Sevay
To Not Feel Alone in the Universe

LIFE AT SHISHUR SEVAY

Quarterly Activity Report July – September 2020

'This Quarterly Activity Report is a bit different. We want to give you a fuller picture of how our girls spend their time, particularly in learning. It has been easy to focus on activities of movement, dance, arts, martial arts, and music because they communicate visually what the girls are doing. But time spent in classes, or in studying, all look the same. Is she studying English or Bengali, beginner or advanced? It all looks the same.

Shishur Sevay has a robust program of academics. But we also discovered in going over these lists of classes that our online teachers are providing much more than “classes.” You will see that some children have several classes that are the same subject but with different teachers because as well as the subject matter these classes maintain the connection, especially during the lockdown. Our girls, who for too many years of their lives abandoned, do not feel alone in the universe. This is the miracle of Shishur Sevay.'

- Dr. Michelle Harrison, Founder and Secretary of the Board of Shishur Sevay

From our Teachers

'In IE (Instrumental Enrichment) classes I might use the same material but my questions/tasks/expectations will vary depending on the ability, push them some but only to an extent where they can still get success. Basically not set them a task in which they are bound to fail, an approach which I acquired during my training in Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment through Alpha to Omega, Chennai.

- Dr. Purba Rudra, Academic Director and Board Member of Shishur Sevay

'What amazes me constantly is how the girls are growing in mind and spirit. They care for and learn from each other and are truly developing into wonderful human being. The one hour I spend with them every Saturday morning is a bright spot in my week. It has been an absolute joy spending time every week with the children of Shishur Sevay. This year, with the restrictions due to the pandemic, I have been very impressed with all the different activities they have participated in within the home, while following all the lockdown rules.'

- Indranil Goswami, Senior engineer at DM Enterprises, Baltimore, Maryland

"I take a combined class on General Studies involving almost all our girls. Initially I felt I should start at the basics, however the girls surprised me with their eagerness to learn and now we discuss almost everything spanning from World History , the Sciences and Literature. The girls are specifically interested in learning about the history of India and their culture. Overall it has been an amazing journey and learning experience for me as well"

- Jayita Dey, Executive Director and Board Member of Shishur Sevay

In addition to the above, you will also see that our staff and teachers are working across disciplines to provide comprehensive range of subjects required.

- **Rajashree Biswas, Administrative Officer** - Teaches English
- **Srirupa Biswas, Teacher** - Teaches English, Living Science, Tobii assisted conversation
- **Anindita Dutta, Special Needs Teacher** - Teaches English, Maths, Bengali, Tobii assisted conversation
- **Seema Gupta, Vice President of the Board** - Teaches Bengali
- **Prakriti Mukhoty, Teacher** - Teaches English, Painting Theory, Numeracy
- **Ria Nag, Communications Officer** - Teaches Home Science, Mass Communication

Note: We have not mentioned our girls names or images for protecting privacy, and dignity. Most importantly protecting them from inevitable judgement that comes from differing levels of abilities.



AVATAR 1

• **She is preparing for Class XII Board Exams of the National Institute for Open Schooling: NIOS**

- NIOS Bengali **M T W TH F** (Seema G)
- NIOS Bengali **M T W TH F** (Prakriti)
- NIOS Bengali **F** (Success Study Point)
- NIOS Mass Communication **M T W TH** (Ria)
- NIOS Painting Theory **W** (Prakriti)
- NIOS English **M F** (Prakriti)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer Essentials **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



AVATAR 2

• **She is preparing for Class X Board Exams of the National Institute for Open Schooling: NIOS**

- English **M W** (Prakriti)
- English **W F** (Rajashree)
- English Reading **M W** (Purba)
- NIOS Data Entry **T TH** (Purba)
- NIOS Home Science **M W F** (Ria)
- Math **M W** (Purba)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer Essentials **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



AVATAR 3

• **She works primarily via the Tobii Eye Tracker technology in group and individual classes**

- Living Science **M W F** (Srirupa)
- English-Radiant Reader **T TH** (Srirupa)
- Tobii assisted conversation **M T W TH F** (Srirupa)
- Tobii assisted conversation **TH** (Purba)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



AVATAR 4

- For this child who also uses Tobii assisted communication classes are really more about being with the others and seeing onscreen their teachers.

- Tobii assisted conversation **M T W TH F** (Anindita)
- Tobii Communication **W** (Purba)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer using Tobii **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)



AVATAR 5

- A gifted artist who is working seriously to obtain the credentials that will allow her to pursue her advanced studies.

- Bengali **M W** (Seema Gupta)
- NIOS Painting Theory **M W** (Purba)
- NIOS English **T TH** (Purba)
- English **T TH** (Prakriti)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



AVATAR 6

- She loves being online with all her teachers and makes sure phones are always charged.

- English **M T W TH F S** (Anindita)
- English **M T W TH F S** (Prakriti)
- English Reading **TH** (Purba)
- Math **M T W TH F S** (Anindita)
- Bengali **M T W TH F S** (Anindita)
- Bengali **M T W TH F** (Seema G)
- General Study **M T W TH F** (Soma)
- Science/EVS **M** (Purba)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer **S** (Purba) (Mostly working with girls needing tobii assistance)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



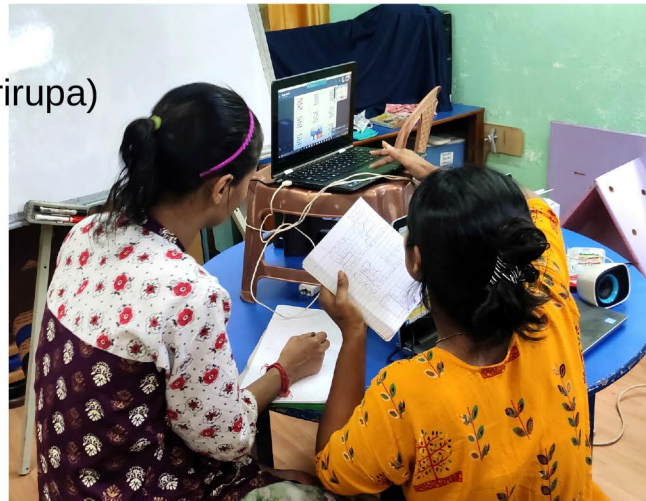
AVATAR 7

- She is organized with lot on her plate - hardworking and responsible with many interests.

- Living Science **M W F** (Srirupa)
- English - Radiant Reader **T TH** (Srirupa)
- Math **T TH** (Purba)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



AVATAR 8

- She attends The Cambridge School in Kolkata, now only online classes 4 classes / day 9am - 12pm **M T W TH F**

Shishur Seva Classes

- English **M T W TH F S** (Prakriti)
- Bengali **M T W TH F** (Seema G)
- Science/EVS **M** (Purba)

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)



AVATAR 9 & 10



- These girls assist Anindita in education of special needs children 5 days a week and also participate in group classes.
- They also work online with the physiotherapist in doing physio under his direction. **M T TH**

Group Classes

- IE **M T W TH** (Purba)
- Computer **S** (Purba)
- Spoken English **S** (Indranil)
- Current Awareness **TH** (Jayita)

THE IMPACT

1. Sustained interest and enthusiasm in learning over 10 months of isolation and lockdown.
2. Continued academic progress as recorded by teacher evaluations.
3. Improved computer skills.
4. Maintaining schedules, handing in work as assigned and flexibility with schedule changes and internet outages.



The daughters of Shishur Sevay are working as a cohesive family for the benefits of all. This is inclusion.

**When we set our goals of children thriving not just surviving,
their dreams can be achieved**

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In the next Quarterly Activity Report we would tell you about the girls ability to celebrate and enjoy positive events, adding happiness during these times.