

## Stories of some of our ex-ashramites

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*Since inception of the ashram some twenty years ago many girls from the Santhal and other under-privileged communities have passed through the institution. Some of them left before finishing high school because of various reasons. But others either pursued higher education or established themselves in professional careers and have achieved financial success and social standing. These are the encouraging feed backs for the organizers to document these instances for information for our venerable ashram friends and supporters.*

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## Subarna Soren

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Date of Birth: April 4, 1990

Father's Name: Gobindo Soren

Mother's Name: Shadi Soren

Residence: Debagram

Father's Profession: Dept. Of Irrigation, Pump Operator

Family Income: Rs.25000 per annum

Year of entry to Binapani Ashram: 1993

Pass High School: 2006

Pass Higher Secondary: 2008

Higher Education

College: Biharilal College of Social Science

BSc. 2010 Major: Home Science-Ist Class

MSc. 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Class

B.Ed. 2013-Ist. Class

Current Status: Teacher of Home Science in govt. aided High School

Name of the Sch. Nischintapur Rakhal Das High School –

In her own words:

***Binapani Ashram gave me the support to get me where I am today. Whatever I have accomplished to day was possible because of the care, love , affection and the direction I received from Binapani Ashram.***

Ashram Comments:

Subarna Soren joined Binapani Ashram as a Pre-Primary child learner. She grew-up in the Ashram environment , received financial support from Delhi based Ms. Uma Bhattacharya during her school days. She enriched herself with all cultural training along with her formal educational course. Subarna will be remembered by the ashram organizers for her excellent academic record and wonderful performances in different dance dramas, scripted by Rabindranath Tagore. She and her parents

regularly visit Binapani Ashram. I am sure she will be able to prove herself as a good teacher and mentor for her students in years to come.

Dr.S.Bhattacharya

Chairman, Binapani Ashram

**Response from our readers**

***These are some of the response we received about Subarna after her story was published through e-mail to all Ashram friends.***

**Upendra Nath Putatunda**

*Nice to get the glimpse of Subarna and her fulfilment of the mission with the support of Ashram.*

*Such achievements of ex students will provide confidence among those who are not only having direct linkage (in planning & managing things) but also associated persons who had been (and are) extending all supports-both moral and financial. Many of such personalities not even had the opportunity to acquire first hand experience on the mammoth activities going on at the actual work place.*

*BAHA puja issue need to contain brief account of such success beside heroic deeds by girls in India or abroad (as news item) which will definitely boost the morale of our present Ashram girls.*

*Wishing many such success stories.*

*U N Putatunda*

**Dr. Swapna Bhattacharya**

*Dear All,*

*I feel quite proud of Subarna, as I was very much involved with her admission, and also further progress. I remember taking her and Manjudi to our University. Manjudi was very much concerned with her accommodation, to which our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor Suranjan Das assured us, and really did his best. All the colleagues and all the top ranking officers (Pro- V.C, V.C) of my University know the great works of Binapani Ashram, and I am sure (and I can assure) that as and when more students come to Calcutta University from our Ashram, they will be accommodated. Subarna called me also and hope that she will remain in contact with the Ashram and with us.*

*With best wishes to you all*

*Swapna Bhattacharya*

**Ram Mihir Sen**

*Three Cheers for Subarna ! Sabbash! Congratulations for your outstanding achievements. Let there be many more such blossoms.*

*I bow my head to Manjusree and Barka Soren who started this garden.*

*Ram Mihir*

**Sukla Mondal**

*Dear mama*

*I read the story of subarna. It was inspiring. May her life will be full of happiness.*

*I got a call to give details about myself. Since I was busy so couldnot turn for that. Please get me format that what to write. I will fill it and send it back to you.*

*Thanks and Regards*

*Sukla*

**Dr. Sumit Roy**

*Excellent Sunil, way to go.*

*Have Debu post this now in Facebook. Probably will need to convert it to web form. I can help him if he needs it.*

*Great job. My natnees can't wait to go to India and meet Shukla.*

*Regards, Sumitda*

**Mr. Subir Sengupta**

*Sir*

*Really exciting and feel proud to be associated with your Ashram*

*Regards*

*Subir*

**Mrs. Alo Roy**

*Sneher Satya,*

*Its so nice to learn all about Subarna Soren!*

*Congratulations to her & you all too!*

*All credits go to you all who have motivated & aalthough have given continuous effort to help these children to become citizen of India with respect!*

*Now student like Subarna & others become an example but initial stage was so difficult, I can feel .....*

*I remember when Manju started this project with her husband I was thinking is it possible?*

*I know them from their chilhood days, affection always flows downward, that's why there was a doubt, but she has able to reach her goal with others.....*

*Wish you all more success in Binapani Ashram!*

*Shubhechha sober jonnyo.*

*Shubharthi Alodi*

**Mr. Biswadeb Chatterjee**

*the story of Subarna must be very encouraging to all other students of the school. praise to her and thanks and congratulatuions to the organisers of the school, particularly the initiators who could dream of the project.biswadeb chatterjee, a well wisher*

*Biswadeb Chatterjee*

*An inspiring story, truly! Feeling proud to be associated with the Binapani Ashram.*

**Dipankar**

*Dear Dada*

*Thanks for posting this excellent story of Subarna which touched us all and I am proud that our family and other well wishers are associated with such great mission of Binapani Ashram.*

**Mr. Subrato Bhattacharya**

*Your administrative role has definitely made a difference in managing the Ashram's objectives but I personally think we all still can do more to enhance the existing capacity building though I fully realise that the primary factor could be financial constraints.*

*I pray all good things happen with Subarna in future and she become an icon and inspiration for others to get inducted in formal education through this Ashram's platform and make their parents feel proud.*

*Best regards*

*Kesto ( Subrato Bhattacharya )*

## **Sukla Mondal**

Date of Birth:

Father's Name: **Adhir Mondal**

Mother' Name: **Gita Mondal**

Residence:

Date of entry to Binapani Ashram: **1999**

Period of stay at the Ashram: **1999-2004**

Pass High School : **Srinanda High School under West Bengal Govt. 2005 First division**

Pass Higher Secondary: **Srinanda High School under West Bengal Govt. 2007 First division**

Higher Education: **B.A examination with Japanese major, First Division from the Department of Japanese Language,Visva-Bharati, Central University, Santiniketan, West Bengal**

College: **Viswa Bharati University**

Current Status: **Working at Larsen & Turbo Infotech(Past Amazon.com)**

Place of posting: **Posted at Chennai, Tamilnadu**

Name of the organisation: **Larsen & Toubro Infotech**

Nature of responsibilities: **Employed as a translator and Interpreter for all technical documents, mail communications into Japanese to English and vice-verse, also responsible for all sorts of communications written, verbal and technical call between Japanese base clients and Indian engineers.**

In her own words: **Sukla expressed her experience and perception about Binapani ASHram in her own words:**

**Binapani Ashram is one of the place which I would never forget in my life. It was a great place for those who could never think to get education in their life or could not get support for too long. Though my journey was not so long but whatever I learned there was very practical. When I entered in Ashram I did not know English grammar at all. *Marango (Ms. Manjusree Saren)* and *Maramba (Mr. Barka Saren)* used to come every day to teach us English. *Marango* used to send us to *baramasi (Gauri Qanungo)* and to *Fulmashi (Dr. Sukla Bhattacharya)* for strengthen our knowledge. It was my root for knowledge. My parents were not sent to school and they wanted to literate their children. From my childhood I was suffering from financial stringency and had to undergo hardship. But I am fortunate enough to complete my study and achieved my dream.**

**Thanks to Binapani Ashram for its support in my initial days of learning.**

Ashram Comments:

**About Sukla:**

**Sukla's stunning performance in real life speaks for zeal and confidence to win over the odds and unknown. She is different from others which I have noticed in her leadership as well as writing style as a teenager in Binapani Ashram. We all know that her father, the only earning member had to struggle hard to raise his family and educate his children. And she did justice to her father's struggle in grooming his children. We are so happy that Sukla never drifted away from her alma mater and all along maintained contact with Marango and her friends of Binapani Ashram. She simply made us proud by her achievement in practical life. We all pray and wish that she will rise further in her career and establish herself as senior Executive in life.**



### **Response from readers**

#### **Upendra Nath Putatunda**

*Dear All,*

*I remember prior to our Chennai trip in 2013, my wife (Dr Rajyasree Putatunda) after search with great zeal could get the mob no. of Sukla Mondal. She was contacted over phone and we made it a point to meet her personally to track down her progress, as she was disjoined from Ashram for quite some time. She looked to be strongly poised and clear in her mission. Not only she is capable and independant (financial and other decision making),she has been instrumental in financial upliftment of her family and is extending all help ensuring that both her younger sisters get proper education. What moved me further that she was not ashamed to share that even today her father sells fish door to door.*

*I sincerely pray to God that let such ""Sukla Mondal ". be born in our country. Cheers for her and Ashram management and supporters.*

*U N Putatunda*

#### ***Mita Basu Roy***

**জয় হোক! চৰৈবেতি**