

“KAREERSCOPE” – A CAREER COUNSELLING ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR KANYASHREE CLUBS OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN BARDHAMAN

On 31st August 2017 Honb^{le} District Magistrate & Collector, Purba Bardhaman, and Office of the District Project Management Unit, Kanyashree Prakalpa, Purba Bardhaman organised “**Kareer Scope**”, a Career Counselling Orientation programme in Sanskrit Lok Manch, Bardhaman.

Vikramshila was invited as moderator for this event. The programme was attended by Anurag Srivastava, Honb^{le} DM & Collector and his team. The event was inaugurated by Shri Tudu, Sabadhipati, Purba Bardhaman Zilla Parishad. The complete event was anchored Ms. Saradwati Choudhury, DPO, Purba Medinipur.

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members of classes VIII to XII. 1500 students participated in this event. The aim of the event was to guide students in making an informed career choice. In his inauguration speech Honb^{le} DM stressed the importance of having a goal and how important it was to have plans for careers firmly set in all their mind. He stressed that their education should work towards being independent and this is only possible with a career. Shri Tudu said that having a successful career should be coupled with being a good human being. Everyone should not only look after their parents but also the society.

Sayoni Das, successful English Channel swimmer, was invited to share her story with all present. Her story is of courage, hard work, grit and immense patience. She shared her journey of swimming from London to France in 14 hours and Eight minutes. She shared how being set in her goal despite all problems had made it possible for her achieve her feat.

Vikramshila set the tone for the event by sharing with students the process of planning for individual careers based on their inherent qualities. During the presentation the importance of understanding self, to psychometric testing to career information seeking behaviour was shared. The www.education2employability.org portal was shared and all tools that can be accessed by the students were also showcased like career trees, career cards and CII and MI. The presentation was not only a theoretical exercise but a practical approach for students/schools to use the available tools so that all can plan their careers. DPO Mam requested all Kanyashree members that once they go back to schools this needs to be shared with all students. Since information is available in a portal it can be accessed by all by using their smart phones if not computers.



Experts from various fields gave presentations like Doctor, Professor, Civil Servants, Lawyer and Vocational & Technical Education and Media persons. A

short and interesting presentation by Prof. **A.K. Mallik, IIT, Kanpur** was an **overview of famous women mathematician**. It highlighted not only their achievements but also the prejudices that these women had to overcome throughout the ages from 700 AD to 1950s. If we all had a teacher like Prof. Mallick we would definitely be in love with Mathematics.

Specialists from different fields gave an overview of their respective careers and also information about the various jobs available in each field and educational and other technical details. There was a section on Civil Service jobs and the presentation was made by Mr. Aneesh Dagupta, Probationary IAS officer, DPO, Purba Medinipur and a team of ADMs.

Sr. No.	Name	Overview of professions
1	Proff. A.K. Mallick, IIT Kanpur	Mathematician
2	Dr. Debjani Bandyopadhyaya	Medicine
3	Ms. Sutista Ghosh	Teaching in College
4	Mr. Aneesh Dasgupta, Asst Collector Ms. Saradwati Choudhury, DPO, Purba Medinipur Team of ADM	Civil Service
5	Ms. Somali	Lawyer
6	Ms. Indira Banerjee, News Reader & Anchor Mr. Sanjay Dutta	Media
7	Mr. Rajarshi, KPMG	Technical and Vocational Education

All the sessions were extremely informative and all speakers referred to the process of understanding self and the importance of making an informed choice while selecting careers. Vikramshila summed up the day-long event by requesting all students present to definitely use all information for career direction setting and to share whatever they have learnt with all students.



The programme ended with a spot quiz organised by Mr. Tahir Alam, Pedagogy Coordinator, SSA and his team.

Students who could answer questions were given prizes.

The auditorium had more than 1400 students and it must be mentioned that they were extremely well behaved. They were attentive and whenever they were asked questions they responded with a lot of enthusiasm.

The event was quite unique and extremely helpful for all students. Kudos to Purba Medinipur Kanyashree Project Management team for organising this event. The E2E portal received a lot of attention from all speakers and most of the speakers referred to the career counselling and direction setting processes outlined in the Vikramshila presentation. More such programmes will spread the importance of career counselling in schools and students.