



Mukti Visit January 2024

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The Overall Visit

- 27th January - Reaching Mukti on evening (Via Sealdah using **Jam packed Namkhana Local**)
- 28th January
 - Morning Kishalaya Visit
 - noon time visit to Mukti health center and Model village sites with Sankar Halder
 - Afternoon meeting with MIT students and old MSS Teachers
- 29th January – Morning visit to two new MSS
- 2nd February – Meeting at Mukti office discussing with education department, Sankar Halder and Asha volunteer Dilip Som

27th January Evening



Pleasantly surprised by this cyclone resilient sustainably developed community center/guest house in Mukti park

More details about this project funded by individual donors - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQgc-LmH9No>

28th Morning



Kishalay school visit (Class 1 – 4)

Note – Kishalaya is not supported by Asha. It is supported by individual donors and orgs. It was started during pandemic to fill the gaps.

28th Noon (Model Village)



Near the main campus with
the community center in
background



Cyclone resilient model
houses for villagers

28th Noon (Model village)



Fields being maintained by Mukti



Sankar Halder describing future plans

28th Noon (Model village)



Boats near the river



Reservoir being developed
and this will be beautified as
a place to visit

28th Noon



Dragon tree (planted by Mukti, maintained by families)



Mangrove Project (funded by AID)

28th Noon



Mukti employees outside Mukti Health center and other offices

We discussed regarding the pandemic times and how the centers are used with oxygen concentrators

28th Afternoon



Mukti Campus



Newly renovated govt. school

28th Afternoon



With MIT teachers and students



With MSS teachers

Discussion with students – what they are learning, how they feel about their own strengths and weaknesses, what are their current status (most going to basic MIT courses)

Primary Talking Points with MSS teachers

Teacher student ratio in Schools

3 types

- Only Govt school (almost zero)
- MSS + Govt school
- MSS + Govt school + private tuition

Differences with Private Tuition

- 20-40% cost
- Separate teacher for separate subject and classes
- Special guidance for higher classes
- Value education and holistic knowledge

Teachers present in the meeting

- Purbasridharpur (3/5)
- Baradanagar (1/5)
- Damkal (4/5)
- Purbajata (4/5)
- Uttar Kankandighi (2/5)
- Jogendrapur (2/5)

29th Morning



29th Morning Visit to First MSS



Purbachintamonopur visit – running before school hours, govt school has very few teachers, growing student strength

29th Morning Visit to First MSS



29th Morning Visit to Second MSS



Santhoshnagar visit after the class – talked to the people running the MSS, this area students learn only from MSS

Overall Impression of the Site Visit

Lots of New things

- The village looks prettier with roadside plants
- There are a lot of grassroot engagements
- The efforts to create nice campuses while meeting certain needs like community centers and water
- Dragon trees everywhere managed by locals
- Improvement of fields
- Efforts to increase sustainable tourism in the area

- MSS running smoothly
- MIT with slight strategic change
- New areas adopting Mukti Models (e.g. 2nd model village by another friend)

2nd February Office Visit and Discussions

Discussion Points

- MSS Evaluation (ASER model) with focus on reading speed
- Arranging some outside syllabus books that they would enjoy reading (e.g. comics)
- For new MSS, updates and improvement over last 2 years

MIT and MEE Updates about classes

- MIT students join MEE for further interview-oriented training, external training and grooming followed by interviews (arranged by Dreamline and individual connections)
- In MEE classes – 30h Eng, 30 h Computer, 16-18 h attitude/behavior training
- MEE Class trains using custom analysis and placement – Thursday English by Ishthana, online grooming class and local teachers for computer
- More details in report