



Sarada Vidya Mandir (CBSE), Raiganj

A Conversation With the Topper



Souradeep Das who had been a student of Vidya Bharati's Sarada Vidya Mandir (CBSE), Raiganj for ten years before he passed the AISSE, 2018, has bagged the first rank in the WBJEE, 2020. This is the Joint Entrance Examination of the state, the results of which were declared on the 7th August. This is a great honour for the school in particular and Vidya Bharati organization as such.

It may be mentioned here that Sarada Vidya Mandir English Medium School, is the only school of Vidya Bharati which is upto Class XII, affiliated to CBSE in Bengal.

Recently Souradeep visited Sarada Vidya Mandir with his parents and younger brother. He had a brief talk with the Principal of the school, Sri Dhrubajyoti Adhikary, about his preparations, the role his parents and teachers have played in his life, his opinions on the current educational scenario etc.

We are confident our readers will enjoy reading this interview. - Editor

Dhrubajyoti :

Namaskar everyone. Well, we are very fortunate that we have today with us one of the shining, you may say, luminaries, a diamond, who had been with us for a long time at Sarada Vidya Mandir. His results have spoken a volume about him. But it is not only the results, his mannerism, his culture, his behaviour, have always been an identification for him. I am talking about none else, but the topper in WBJEE, 2020, the one and only, Souradeep Das, who is with us in the school campus along with his parents and teachers. And he has consented to talk to us which he generally doesn't do. We are very happy that he is with us.

Welcome Souradeep to your school once again. Now, first question to you is "How is your feeling once you come to know your results are out and you find your name in the paper, everyone is calling you up and all, you find that you have topped actually. What were your feelings?"

Souradeep : I was totally amazed by this. I am happy that it has brought greater happiness for my family. They are happier than I am because of this result.

I am also very much thankful to all the teachers of my school as well as the teachers of this school because I learned about my culture here and



also the school helped me a lot when I was a student here.

Dhrubajyoti : We have seen like most of your senior teachers who are sitting in this room, I have come to know from Tathagata sir that our school always have had a very good relation not only with you, with your family also, like your father used to come here as a judge for the Ganit Vigyan Mela.

So... your father has been a big inspiration that what we know that whenever he used to come to school, talk to the teachers, he has always thought about you, he has designed ideas for you. And even we have seen that you somewhat think that he has played a major role, right? So, what can you explain about the role that he has played in your life till now?

Souradeep : My father has always been very helpful. When I used to attend the quizzes, like the science quiz, he made me practise by asking me many questions. I learned many things from there because that strengthened my

GK. And also he has given me all the things I needed for my exams.

Dhrubajyoti : So obviously parents have to play a major role. So, few... about like your alma mater, like Sarada Vidya Mandir, you got admitted here in the first standard and then up to class X. So it's a long duration of 10 years in this school with a kind of culture that the school harvest. What are your feelings, like what you want to say about your school where you have spent 10 years of your life, where you grew up. What are your feelings for your school?

Souradeep : I am just so much grateful to my school. I don't see any other school so much following the Indian culture as well as introducing modern teaching methods.

Also they have given every chance to get academic discussions. The most important thing is that teachers here always inspire us which is needed for our success.

Dhrubajyoti : So, just want to know one thing more from you like the present education situation or you can say the present education scenario in the subcontinent, where we have different kinds of boards like we have the state boards, we have the cbse board, we have the ICSE board...

What do you think like now you are past xii and now you want to pursue research, right? So what are your feelings about like education, should it be uniformed, should it be homogeneous, or should it be based upon the regions, upon languages. What are your thoughts about education?

Souradeep : What I think is that education should be Indianised but there should be a control or balance over the entire nation's needs, because now-a-days we see that many students are willing to become engineers but they are not getting





jobs. Anyone who wants to pursue other jobs is generally neglected. This is not good for a student because we need people in all kinds of jobs. Main thing is that there should be provisions for vocational education also, I think, which has been included in the new Education Policy as well.

Dhrubajyoti : So nice of you to get your thoughts and the last one for you...

Now you have your brothers and sisters in Sarada Vidya Mandir like you are an idol for many. Many are now following you. And what most of the teachers here like about you apart from the academics is that you are down to nature...earth, because here in Sarada Vidya Mandir also we prefer this that people should be down to earth, they should be more humble as we believe that a tree which is laden with fruits should actually bow down. So you are an idol for many students here in Sarada Vidya Mandir English Medium. What will be your advice for

this generation of students who will run for their board exams.

What are your advices for your brothers and sisters at Sarada Vidya Mandir, English Medium?

Souradeep : I would also like to encourage them because they are all like just my family. I would suggest them that "You should have faith in yourselves. Faith will help you have greater success. They also need to believe what teachers are trying to say is about what they are good at.

"You should not look at school life as some burden. It should be seen as a chance to get something."

Dhrubajyoti : Right, so it should be an opportunity to get something. It was so nice talking to you and it is so nice that we made you talk, we made you speak about many things. It was so nice of you. I hope you will be in touch with your school, with your brothers and sisters. And if you are guiding them whenever necessary, you should be the



same Souradeep which they have seen when you first stepped into the school and anyhow you will be guiding our students who will be studying here. So, thank you very much.

So, this was Souradeep who spoke his heart out regarding the school where he had spent a long duration of time, and he thanked his parents, he thanked his school, he thanked his teachers, and we all from the Sarada

Vidya Mandir family bless him and wish him that he stays healthy, that he remains as he is a humble person, very down to earth, very polite, very gentle. We wish him good luck, as well as, best of talent. It's not only luck, it's also talent which he is working on.

So from all of us, we wish you best of luck Souradeep. Thank you very much for spending time with us.

Achievements of Vidya Bharati Alumni

Debunking Myths Of Hotel & Tourism Industry By Vidya Bharati Alumni And Chef, Shri Avinash Kaushik From Rajasthan



Tourism and hospitality industry across the globe is one of the most booming sectors. In India it has emerged as one of the key drivers of growth among the services sector. In our country, it has significant potential considering the rich cultural and historical heritage, variety in ecology, terrains and places of natural beauty. Tourism is also a potentially large employment generator besides being a

significant source of foreign exchange for the country.

As of 2019, 4.2 crore jobs were created in the tourism sector in India which was 8.1 per cent of total employment in the country and the number is predicted to rise by two percent per annum to 52.3 million jobs by 2028. India is also the third largest globally in terms of investment in travel & tourism with an investment of US\$ 45.7 billion in 2018, accounting for 5.9 per cent of national investment.

But behind all these glitz, glamour and dreams, it is full of struggle and sweat. Dreams are often crushed under the pressures of reality. Vidya Bharati alumnus Shri Avinash Kaushik, who has made a mark in the industry, after 11 years of hard work, talked about the reality of the industry through a recent interview.

Mr. Kaushik started his academic journey from Vidya Niketan Chittorgarh Rajasthan, where he had studied from 1st class till 4th class, the due to transfer of his father, joined a private school and then came back to the same school to complete his 10th. After schooling he studied Hotel management from Pacific Institute of Hotel Management in Udaipur.

He had always been determined to enter the hotel management and tourism sector from the starting he focused his energies to make a mark in the industry. Presently he is working as a chef in Rajasthan with a professional experience of more

than 11 years.

While speaking about his journey in this industry, Mr. Kaushik explained that this sector is filled with trials and tribulations and high dropout rates. While starting the students are shown high dreams and expectations regarding salary and scope but the reality turns out quite different. For the first 4 to 5 years one has to work hard and start small. Often the hours are long and the job is highly stressful. If one manages to tough it out in the initial years then growth becomes easy. For example he spoke how there were 16 students in his batch when starting out but now only 3 are working in the industry. Rest of his batch mates have switched careers, after being unable to cope with the high demands of the industry.

According to Mr. Kaushik, the industry provides ample scope for the ones who are determined and passionate to work. Thus one has to be very sure before choosing this line. He also stated that if one finds it little expensive, one can also do department specific diplomas of 6 months, many of which are provided



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by the government before entering the industry.

Speaking about his family, Mr. Kaushik stated that his entire family is very close to RSS and Vidya Bharati. Originally being natives of Uttar Pradesh, his family had shifted to Rajasthan, when his father started working in the forest department of the state. He along with his sibling was born and brought up in Rajasthan. His wife is a teacher in Vidya Bharati School and his children are also students of Vidya Bharati. He also has a brother, who is a software engineer.

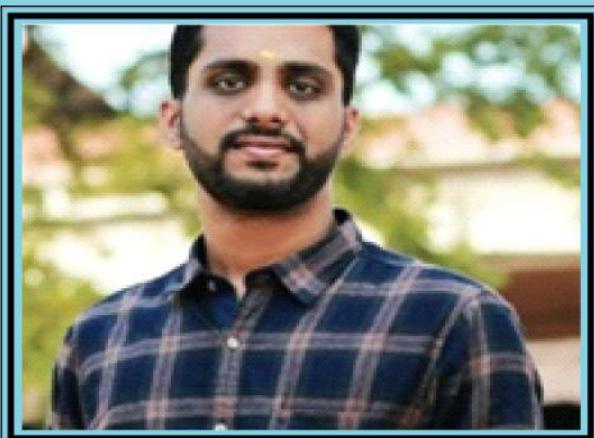
While talking about his school, Mr. Kaushik pointed out that perhaps, Vidya Bharati is the only institution in the

country that puts stress on complete education. Here Indian culture is given equal importance as to quality academics. Although many new generation parents feel that English medium education is better for their children, it is not true as many of his schoolmates presently hold high positions in their career.

Before ending his interview, Mr. Kaushik urged everyone to experience the educational system of Vidya Bharati, stating that it can be life changing.

Vidya Bharati thanks Shri Avinash Kaushik for taking out time and sharing his informative thoughts with the community.

Vidya Bharati Alumni From Kerala, K Aman Chandran, Who Successfully Cleared Civil Service Examination Talks About His Journey



Every year thousands of Indian Civil Service aspirants sit for the examinations. For some it is the dream of a better and secure future for oneself, for others it's the prestige that cracking the exams brings, but for few it is the wish to see a

better India.

No matter what the aim, the exams are not easy to go through. It takes dedication, sound knowledge, and patience and iron determination. Stings of failure often makes the best of the candidates to opt out and in search for an easier goal.

This year several of Vidya Bharati alumni have managed to secure top ranks in UPSC examinations, who look forward to serving their country and intend to bring positive changes in our country. One such success story is that of Mr. K Aman Chandran from Kerala.

Mr. Chandran hails from Palakkad, Kerala and his family consists of his father, mother and brother. He is an alumni of Vyasa Vidya Peethom, Kallakked, Palakkad, where he had studied from 2007 to 2012 (classes 7 to 12). He did his graduation from College of Engineering, Trivandrum in B. Tech. (Electrical and Electronics Engineering).

He has always wanted to serve his country through Civil service, but took a deeper interest in it during his college days. Chandran was an avid reader and spent a lot of his time reading in libraries about national and international news and policies. The subjects interested him a lot and he felt that he had a good aptitude for civil services. His friends and family also supported his belief.

In 2018 he sat for his first UPSC examination, but was unable to pass the interview stage. Without giving up, he again attempted to clear the exam in 2019, and was successful

in his second attempt, securing a rank of 197.

Speaking about Vyasa Vidya Peethom, Chandran said that he has only fond memories of his school. He thanked the teachers for always being supportive and guiding him during his school days. He felt that his school days were one of the most formative years of his life. The culture, discipline, alongside good academics has had a great impact on his life as he feels that it is the accumulation of all experiences that shapes the personality of an individual. His school also instilled in him the sense of social and national service in him.

As a parting message to all UPSC aspirants, he said that the most important aspect of success is to never give up and have faith in one's own abilities. It is crucial to aim for the sky and never look back.

Vidya Bharati thanks Mr. K Aman Chandran for sharing his journey with the community and wishes him all the best for his future endeavours.



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देश को आत्मनिर्भर बनाएगी शिक्षा नीति

■ नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने शनिवार को कहा कि आत्मनिर्भर, समृद्ध, खुशहाल तथा आधुनिक भारत के निर्माण में शिक्षा का बहुत बड़ा महत्व है और इसी सोच के साथ नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति पेश की गई है।

देश के 74वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस के अवसर पर लाल किला की प्राचीर से राष्ट्र को संबोधित करते हुए प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति नवोन्मेष और शोध को बल प्रदान करने वाली है।

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■ राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति हमारे विद्यार्थियों को जड़ से जोड़ेगी

को नया आकार प्रदान करेगा। हिन्दुस्तान के हर कोने में यह समाचार एक नई ऊर्जा, एक नया

बहुत आवश्यक होता है। उन्होंने कहा कि नवोन्मेष और शोध को जितना बल मिलेगा, उतना ही देश को आगे ले जाने में... प्रतिस्पर्शी दुनिया में आगे बढ़ने में बहुत ताकत मिलेगी।

सरकार ने पिछले महीने नयी राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति को मंजूरी प्रदान की थी जिसमें स्कूली शिक्षा से लेकर उच्च शिक्षा तक आमूलचूल सुधार का प्रस्ताव किया गया है ताकि भारत को ज्ञान की महाशक्ति बनाया जा सके। मोदी ने कहा कि आपने सोचा होगा क्या कभी इतना तेजी से गंभीर तक

सार्थक चितले मूक/बधिर श्रेणी में प्रदेश की प्रावीण्य सूची में प्रथम

भोपाल। माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल द्वारा घोषित हाथर सेकेण्डरी परीक्षा परिणाम 2020 में विद्या भारती से सम्बद्ध सरस्वती शिशु मंदिरों के 6 छात्र/छात्राओं ने प्रदेश की प्रावीण्य सूची में स्थान प्राप्त किया। प्रांत प्रभुमुख डॉ. रामकुमार भावसार ने बताया कि माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल मध्यप्रदेश द्वारा घोषित परीक्षा परिणाम 2020 की हाथर सेकेण्डरी प्रावीण्य सूची में प्रथम स्थान (मूक बधिर श्रेणी) में ऐसा सार्थक चितले वालक सरस्वती विद्या मंदिर, गोरखी, न्यालियर ने प्राप्त किया। विज्ञान एवं गणित समूह से



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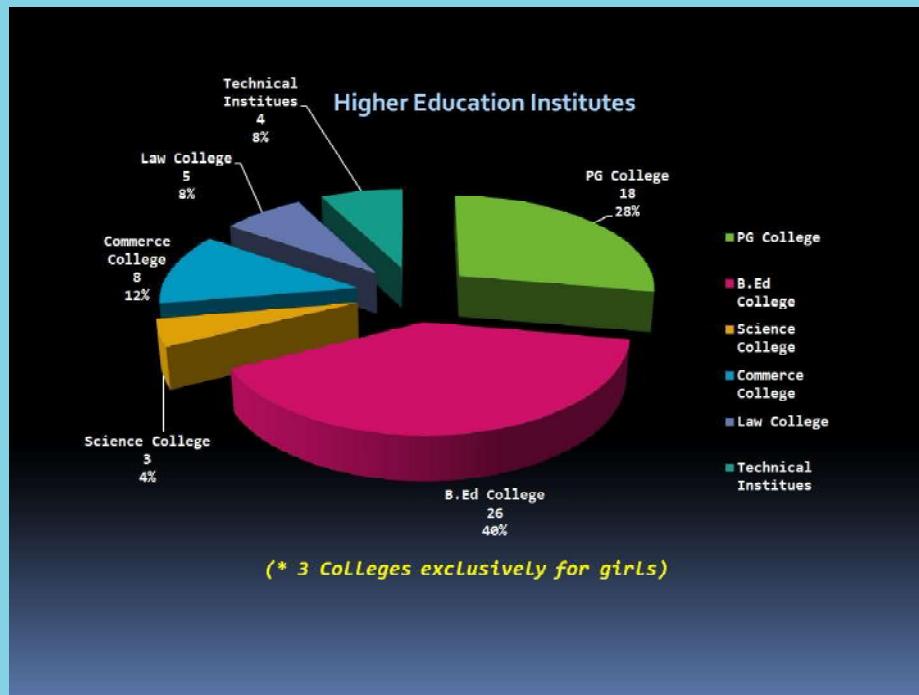
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