



SHAPE CHARITABLE TRUST (SACHETA)

Curated Internship Program

An immersive community engagement experience for Undergraduate/Graduate students

Locations:

- Salt Lake Office (Kolkata), BH 49, Salt Lake II, Kolkata- 91;
- Amtali Centre, Gosaba Block, 24 Parganas (S), Sundarbans;
- Chharenkhali Centre, Basanti Block, 24 Parganas (S), Sundarbans;

Duration:

- Curated Programs: 4 Weeks (1 Month) to 24 Weeks (6 Months) - Field immersion across SACHETA's core programs
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Broad Program Structure

Orientation – Salt Lake Office, Kolkata

- Introduction to SACHETA's mission, team and six core programs
- Training on ethical field practices, beneficiary engagement techniques and digital literacy tools
- Visit to Salt Lake Centre for firsthand interaction with learners and program staff

Field & Centre-Based Experience

Key Components:

- Field visits to Amtali / Basanti Centres in the Sundarbans;
- Regular visits to the Salt Lake Centre, Kolkata to support educational and digital literacy programs;
- Flexible scheduling, including potential Sunday activities based on program needs and community availability;

On-field & Off-field Activities Include:

- Teaching basic digital and academic skills to underprivileged children under DISHA program
 - Storytelling and creative engagement sessions with learners
 - Volunteering in:
 - Health camps under the *Sushrusha* program; Environmental interventions, including plantation drives under *Prantika*
 - Fundraising initiatives to support SACHETA's grassroots activities
 - Data compilation and beneficiary documentation across programs/Assisting with event logistics, surveys and training workshops
 - Supporting mentorship and supplementary education under *Navadisha* and *Praktoni*
 - Interaction with beneficiaries under SACHETA's Livelihood Support program (Purbasha)
 - Report Writing
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Learning Outcomes

- Real-world exposure to rural development work and social impact programming;
- Experience in teaching, storytelling, data analysis and community outreach;
- Skills in teamwork, leadership, communication and fundraising;
- Insight into the operational, logistical and human aspects of nonprofit work
- Enhanced understanding of ethical volunteering and participatory development

Additional Information

- Accommodation, Travel & Food: Provided for Sundarbans field visit/s
 - Mentorship: Regular feedback and guidance from senior SACHETA coordinators
 - Certification: Completion certificate and a letter of recommendation for outstanding contributors
 - Selection of students based on Interview by SACHETA members.
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Out-of-Pocket Expense Contribution

To cover the cost of travel, lodging, boarding during field visits and training resources, interns are required to contribute depending on the duration of the program and other related expenses.

(Payable at confirmation. Financial support letters available upon request for institutional sponsorships.)

About SHAPE Charitable Trust (SACHETA)

Empowerment Through Education and Livelihood: Join SACHETA's Mission

SHAPE Charitable Trust (SACHETA), established in 2005 and based in Salt Lake, Kolkata, is a dedicated impact organization committed to uplifting marginalized communities in and around the Sunderbans and Kolkata in West Bengal. Initially focusing on supplementary education for children, SACHETA has expanded its initiatives to encompass health drives, plantation efforts, livelihood programs and digital literacy campaigns, all aimed at fostering holistic development.

Our Journey and Impact

SACHETA was conceived as the philanthropic arm of SHAPE, a boutique consulting firm specializing in holistic development. Founded by Prof. Muni Chakrabarti and Shri Tushar Bhattacharya, SHAPE's work in the Gosaba block of the Sunderbans highlighted the pressing needs of distressed and underserved populations, leading to the establishment of SACHETA. Over the past two decades, SACHETA has touched the lives of close to 10,000 beneficiaries through its various programs. In 2016, SACHETA established its own office and education centre in Amtali village. Today, with the support of local resident teachers, SACHETA operates multiple centres, extending its reach through collaborations with like-minded organizations beyond the Sunderbans.

Our Core Programs

1. **Navadisha (Education):** Providing supplementary education to children, ensuring they receive the necessary academic support to thrive.
2. **Purbasha (Livelihood):** Implementing livelihood programs that equip individuals with skills and opportunities to achieve economic independence.
3. **Disha (Digital Skills):** Offering computer literacy drives to bridge the digital divide and enhance employability.
4. **Prantika (Plantation):** Conducting plantation drives to promote environmental sustainability and community well-being.
5. **Sushrusha (Health Support):** Organizing health drives to provide essential medical services and promote wellness.
6. **Praktoni (Mentorship):** Establishing mentorship programs to guide and support individuals in their personal and professional development.