

## Kutchina Foundation celebrates Annual Day



**K**utchina Foundation celebrated its annual day to commemorate the outstanding contributions and efforts by the existing Krittikas in bringing about a social impact and change in the society and to introduce the new Krittikas who have been identified to be offered fellowship for their respective projects under Kutchina Krittika - an initiative to identify woman change-makers and support them. The women identified under this initiative are called 'Krittikas' as it stands for a group of stars (female Nakshatras) also known as the 'Stars of Fire' and is related to a commander, foster mother, luster, glow of power, physical and creative force. The occasion was graced by the presence of Seema Biswas, National Award winning actor of Bandit Queen fame, and acclaimed singer Usha Uthup. The new Krittika are from Kolkata, Nagaland and Assam. The courageous women whom Kutchina Foundation has identified for the fellowship this year are: Bhaotina Mushahary from Kokrajhar, Assam works for marginalized disabled women facing some or the other forms of gender based violence. Saswati Arora works towards creating an enabling environment for the less privileged children of our society through a range of sustainable and reliable services. Namit Bajoria, Director, Kutchina and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Macedonia said, "Of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by United Nations, goal 5 is to achieve gender equality. While the world has achieved progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment under the Millennium Development Goals, including equal access to primary education between girls and boys, women and girls continue to suffer discrimination and violence in every part of the world." "Providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, decent work, and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large", Mr. Bajoria added.

## School Leadership Development Program organised



**R**ashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, 'State Council of Educational Research & Training' and under the aegis and organisation of School Education Department of the State Government, a 4-day training workshop of school heads was held recently at the Midnapur Town School. Sixty heads of West Midnapur participated in this workshop. Information & Cultural Affairs Department official, of West Midnapur, Ananya Majumdar inaugurated the workshop at the Kartick Chandra Mitra Auditorium of the school. The workshop was christened under the 'School Leadership Development Program (SLDP)' initiated by National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT). Present on the occasion were head of the school, Dr Vivekananda Chakraborty, a President's National Teacher award winner and Rabindra researcher, School education Department of West Bengal's Assistant Inspector of Schools Sachindranath Paul, West Bengal Madhyashiksha Pardshad's Teachers Representative Rajib Manna, Councillor Kalpana Mukherjee. In his inaugural address, the steering force of this workshop, Dr Chakraborty gave an insightful speech on 'School Leadership Development Program'. He said that in 2011, honourable chief minister Mamata Banerjee had constituted a 'Specialist Committee' on school education and entrusted it with the responsibility of deciding on the syllabus, its structure and textbooks.

- Dr Chakraborty highlighted five pillars of the national syllabus structure. They are:
- 1: The knowledge acquired in the classroom would be applied by the students in their daily lives.
  - 2: Instead of depending on crammed up knowledge, to embrace Tagore's educational philosophy and to cultivate the students' power of thinking and imagination.
  - 3: The teacher and the student to not be confined to curriculum only but to be inclined towards pleasant and creative education world.
  - 4: During examinations, a child's curriculum performance would not only be the aspect, but all year round all aspect of the child would be evaluated and if, in any aspect he/she is found to be lagging behind would be eligible for special attention.
  - 5: With all-inclusive education the child would be transformed to a social existence.

## Spencer's Hilsa Festival across 12 city stores

Expecting to do record breaking business of fish during the festival days this year

**S**pencer's Retail Limited unveiled a month long unique Hilsa Fish Festival across 12 Kolkata-based stores. In one of the largest hilsa fish offering in a city store, Spencer's Retail displayed fresh prized catch where some of the fishes were more than 2 kgs. Commenting on the ongoing Hilsa Fish Festival, Spencer's spokesperson said, "We are excited to offer a wide choice of Hilsa to connoisseurs at the most competitive prices available in the city. In our endeavour to ensure that the beloved Hilsa is accessible to all, especially smaller families, we have introduced a unique mini-pack Hilsa (2 pieces) at Rs. 70, so that one need not buy the whole fish. This mini-pack will be available across select Spencer's stores and there will be no waiting time for cleaning and cutting a whole fish." To meet additional demand, special arrangements have been made to import Hilsa from Myanmar reaching Kolkata through the sea route via Yangon Port as well. He further added that contrary to floating rumours, fresh Myanmar Hilsa is not only bigger in size, but as tasty as select supplies from any other centres. Amongst the Hilsa collected from the Indian

harbour are at a premium because of superior taste. Giving further details, Spencer's spokesperson said that as an incentive for buying fish & meat worth Rs 499 and above, patrons will get Hilsa 2 pc pack for Re 1 on all Wednesdays in August. Also, as an everyday offer, on buying Hilsa worth Rs 999 and above, customers will get 1 litre Engine Mustard @ Rs. 69 which has sells at Rs. 120. He added that Spencer's offers a wide range of quality fish (over an astounding 50 varieties) at attractive price and right weight. The Spencer's Hilsa Fish Festival will be celebrated at South City hyper, Rash Behari hyper, Quest hyper, Mani Square hyper, Axis hyper, New Town Square hyper, Club Town hyper, Acropolis Mall super, Avishar super, Upohar super, DLF super and newly opened Downtown Mall super at Rajarhat Apart from Hilsa, the other fishes that will be available at the Spencer's store include Rui, Katla, Pabda, Bhetki, Tilapia, Tangra, Parshe, Aar, Boyal, Chital, Gurjail and Pomfrets. There will also be several varieties of Galdia, Prawns and Shrimps. A huge demand for Prawns (Shada Chingri) and Tilapia amongst other seasonal fishes is expected during the month long Spencer's Hilsa Fish Festival.



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