

Report 3: Industrial Visit to Sundarini Naturals – 29th July 2025

Organized by: Harimohan Ghose College

Participants: 70 Students

Harimohan Ghose College organized an educational industrial visit to Sundarini Naturals, an award-winning women-led organic cooperative based in the Sundarbans, West Bengal, on 29th July 2025. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to sustainable agricultural practices, organic dairy production, and women-led rural entrepreneurship.

Sundarini Naturals operates under the Sundarban Co-operative Milk & Livestock Producers' Union Ltd., empowering over 3,000 women farmers across remote island villages of South 24 Parganas. The cooperative is widely recognized for its ethical, sustainable, and fully organic practices in dairy, rice cultivation, honey production, and food processing.

During the visit, students observed various stages of organic milk processing, including cattle feeding, herbal veterinary care, digital quality testing, and eco-friendly packaging. The group also explored the cooperative's integrated farming systems—featuring biodynamic composting, chemical-free crop cultivation, Azolla-based feed, and biogas energy reuse.

The students gained valuable insights into:

Organic certification processes and quality control

- The cooperative model for rural empowerment
- Women's leadership in grassroots entrepreneurship
- Sustainable food systems and environmental stewardship

Notably, Sundarini Naturals has received both national and international acclaim, including the IDF Dairy Innovation Award in Paris (2024) and recognition from NDDB and FICCI for its contribution to women's empowerment and organic production.

This visit was an eye-opening experience for our students, bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world implementation. It underscored the power of community-driven development, sustainable agriculture, and inclusive economic models.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the team at Sundarini Naturals for their warm hospitality and for sharing their inspiring journey with our students.



