

# Help pours in for HS topper

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**Kolkata:** Following the TOI story on how poverty was nipping a talented boy's dream in the bud, scores of people promised to help Sk Monirul Mondal, the Ramakrishna Mission student who stood second in the HS and followed it up with an impressive rank in JEE (medical) this year.



While Emami Foundation has come forward to help him all through his five years of medical studies, several banks have promised educational loans. This apart, several people are also willing to help him in their individual capacities.

"Monirul's plight really touches one's heart. We met Monirul and understood his sincerity to serve the society as a doctor. Emami has decided to provide Monirul's admission fees, tuition fees



Monirul at the TOI office on Monday and (right) the story TOI carried on June 6

and books that he would require for his medical studies. Thanks to TOI for highlighting Monirul's plight that otherwise might have gone unheard," R S Agarwal, founder and joint chairman of Emami Group, said.

Monirul, who visited the TOI office on Monday, was overwhelmed with joy.

"I couldn't believe there are so many good people in the society. My dreams were shattered. My father cannot afford to spend six to seven lakhs for my medical studies. I am really thankful to Emami Foundation," Monirul, who couldn't muster the courage to walk up to the chief minister to tell his problem on the day of felicitation, said.

A native of Jamdhara village, Monirul was also felicitated by the State Bank of India on Monday.

"They gave me Rs 10,000 and

promised to give me loans if ever I need it," Monirul said. This apart, his mailbox is now full with mails from people from USA, Canada and Australia, all willing to help him financially.

## Topper's medical dreams clouded by poverty



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Kolkata: A student had a dream to become a doctor. But poverty was nipping at his dream. The village boy finished top in the higher secondary school in the higher secondary school in the village. He had secured a place in the Ramakrishna Mission school in Jamdhara village. He had secured a place in the Ramakrishna Mission school in Jamdhara village. He had secured a place in the Ramakrishna Mission school in Jamdhara village.



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