

Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy

Jade Park

Class of 2017

Location: Kolkata, India

Work Description:

- Worked in the institute's catering unit preparing meals and desserts for the facility, alongside people with disabilities
- Helped ensure that students, visiting from the Center for Special Education (CSE) to gain vocational training, were included and actively involved in food preparation
- Worked closely with the catering unit supervisor to develop project ideas

Catering Unit



Work Experience:

- Learning how to integrate myself within a fast-paced and foreign work environment
- Working through seemingly insurmountable language and communication barriers
- Learning from co-workers who dismiss their own disabilities and work with dignity and joy, even in the seemingly small tasks

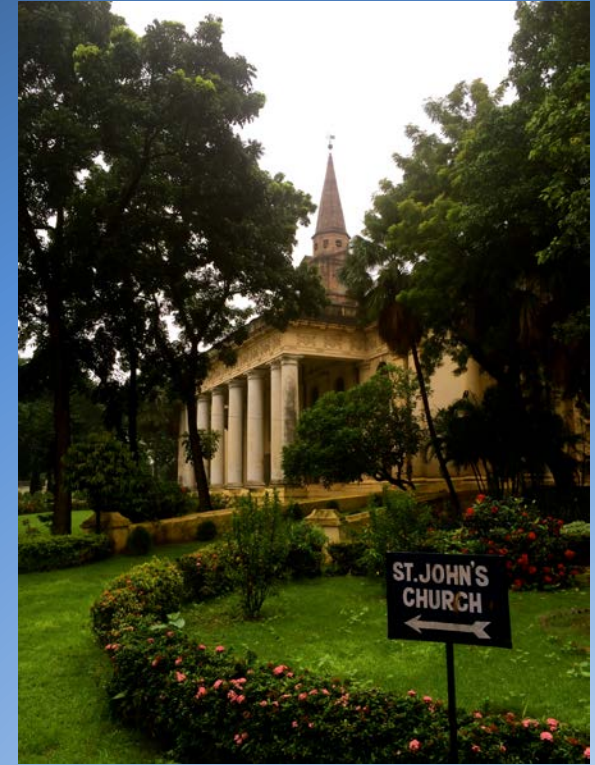
Summer Projects & Impact

- Created 5 pictorial catalogues of all kitchen items & appliances in English and Bengali, to serve as learning aids for new workers
- Created a pictorial recipe book that people with disabilities could follow

Work Reflections

- Interacting with kids with disabilities reinforced my desire to pursue a related path in medicine
- Creating projects for people with disabilities challenged me to exercise empathy in new ways
- A little bit of persistence and patience can go a long way, even if a common language is not shared
- A willingness to learn from others is the quickest way to establish trust

Exploring Kolkata



Snippets from the walking tour & the drive to the outskirts



Concluding Remarks

Especially grateful for...
this summer of personal and cultural growth along
with the new friends and mentors made through my
summer at IICP.

