



Our Women in STEM project is into its fourth month, and the response has been very encouraging. In this project, we are mentoring 25 women undergraduate students from 7 Kolkata colleges to build a sustainable career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). The project is supported by the American Centre, Kolkata.

The students are being mentored to build a career path in STEM as well as leadership, personality development and a gender perspective on the glass ceiling. Besides, mentoring many eminent women leaders in STEM have come to speak at our workshops, which are being held at the American Centre. In addition, India STEM students studying in the US are interacting virtually on the comparative student experience in the US and India.

The programme has seen almost full attendance from the participants in every session. The students have not been exposed to mentorship sessions previously and the sessions have raised their awareness about themselves and their latent capabilities. The sessions have been interactive in nature and the students are opening themselves up more. A bonding is emerging amongst themselves based on their common career goals. Above all, the speakers have been a source of immense inspiration to the students. A realisation is growing that like them, the students could also build fulfilling careers through courage, resilience and determination.