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### Annual Report 2014-15

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#### From The Chairman



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." — Nelson Mandela

Education is the basis of progress. And academic excellence along with active participation in co-curricular activities complete the process of education.

"Gyanalok" as an educational movement started in this year to extend financial support for the higher education of poor needy scholars. It germinated from the casual discussions about poverty induced illiteracy among the rural poor, and culminated into a movement gradually within a short span of six months. In the current year, this movement was spearheaded by the advice of Dr. Amarendra Das and active participation of a number of well-wishers like Dr. Bibhunandini Das, Dr. Braja Bandhu Swain, Mr. Durga Charan Moharana, Mr. Prafulla Kumar Pradhan, and many others. The activities were initiated in four schools under three blocks namely: Banapur (khordha), Ranapur (Nayagarh), and Tihidi (Bhadrak).

The key activities in these school-based events included education awareness sessions to children and parents, academic competitions among the school children and prize giving to the winners, career counselling to the students of higher classes, and scholarship to the selected students based on merit and need for their higher education.

The extraordinary reception to these activities in the schools re-emphasised the belief that such activities in the government schools are the need of the hour. I hope the recipients of the scholarships/ fellowships will excel in their chosen fields and contribute positively towards the progress of our nation and of humanity at large.

May the beacon of knowledge show us the right path.

Sincerely

Pradeep Kumar Sahoo

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#### **About Gyanalok Trust**

Gyanalok aims to empower people through knowledge. We believe that many of the persisting social and economic problems of the nation can be addressed through proper dissemination of information and education to the people at grass root level. Therefore, we seek to build capacity of the people in remote villages of the country by disseminating the useful information on the education opportunities, health care, importance of proper sanitation, government schemes for poor people etc. Education can be a panacea for many social ills. We want to facilitate education for the merit-cum-needy students by supporting the expenditure of their education. We wish to reinstate the faith that government funded schools can provide quality education to masses with the constructive community participation. While realizing the merits of modern education we also recognize the value of traditional knowledge on diverse aspects. We want to preserve the traditional knowledge on health care, biodiversity conservation, organic agricultural practice and so on. We believe that the social progress can be achieved only through the rise of masses from the bottom.

#### Mission:

GYANALOK has the Mission to educate, sensitize, organize, enable and empower people and work for achievement of sustainable development goals for the development of all specially by dealing with the issues of poor, needy, backward and marginalized section of the society.

#### Vision:

GYANALOK envisages all round development of society, along with equality and justice through proper education, health, pristine environment and social inclusion.

#### **Programs 2014-15**

#### **Education Awareness**

In the Year 2014-15, Gyanalok organized the education awareness programme in the Government Upper-Primary School, Karadapalla, Ranapur, Nayagarh, Government Upper-Primary School, Haja, Banapur, Khordha and Government M.E School, Tulasipur, Tihidi, Bhadrak. The education awareness meeting was conducted among the parents/guardian of the school children which was attended by more than 250 students.



#### **Academic Competitions & Prize Distribution**



More than 100 students from three intervention schools participated in different curricular activities like Essay Competition, Debate, Quiz and Drawing Competition. After completion of the activities, winners were awarded with prize and certificate.

#### **Monetary support for education**

In the year 2014-15, 02

needy students namely Rasmita Patra (D/o-Krushna Chandra Patra, At-Karadapalla, Po-Joshadapur, Via-Gopalpur, Ps-Ranapur, Dist-Nayagarh, Pin-752025) and Malli Muduli (D/o- Makadam Muduli, At-Haja, Po-Harichandanpur, Ps-Banapur, Dist-Khordha, Pin-752035) were given monetary support for their Plus Two education.



#### Parents/Guardian Meeting

To understand the importance of education and role of parents in the education of children



frequent parent/guardian meeting were organized by Gyanalok in the three intervention villages. More than 150 responsible parents/guardians participated in the meeting and consented to take care of the education of the children.

#### **Funding**

All the events were conducted through the donation of the core members of Gyanalok who basically crafted the idea of education awareness and merit scholarship. However, the mission was further supported by the friends and well-wishers of Gyanalok. But, Gyanalok has not received any external funding from any legal entity. For this financial year Gyanalok spent Rs.40000/- (Forty thousand) for the fellowship of two students and programmes arrangement like prize giving, arrangement of academic competition and parents/guardians meeting.

#### **Meet our volunteers**



**Bharat Chandra Nayak** Karadapalla, Rana Nayagarh

Ranapur,

Ranapur,



**Atal Bihari Das** Haja, Banapur, Khordha



**Sarbeswar Das** Haja, Banapur, Khordha



**Dinabandhu Behera** Karadapalla, Ranapur, Nayagarh



**Pramod Ku. Behera** Karadapalla, F Nayagarh



**Sagar Mohanty** Tulasipur, Tihidi, Bhadrak



**Dibakar Muduli** Haja, Banapur, Khordha



**Prasanta Ku. Sahoo** Karadapalla, Ranapur, Nayagarh

#### Way forward

Gyanalok is committed to its vision. Through the support of well-wishers and patrons, we wish to carry the work into the next year. Also, Gyanalok aims to expand its intervention districts subject to availability of resources.

## **Photo Gallery**



Student participate in different activity, Karadapalla



Student participate in different activity, Tulasipur





Education awareness & Parent counselling at Karadapalla Primary School



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