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Chairman's Message

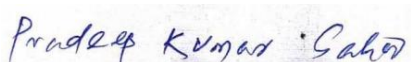
It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of Gyanalok Trust for the financial year 2017–18. This year has been particularly significant, marking steady progress in our ongoing programmatic efforts and laying the foundation for future growth.

Since its inception in 2014, Gyanalok has remained deeply committed to promoting education awareness and providing academic support to underprivileged children. I am proud to share that we have successfully continued these initiatives throughout the year, reaching more students and communities than ever before. Education remains at the heart of our mission, and we believe that empowering young minds is the most effective way to drive sustainable change in society.

Alongside our core activities, Gyanalok Trust has undertaken a variety of meaningful programs during this year. We organized several competitions to recognize and celebrate the talents of outstanding students across various schools. Through prize distribution ceremonies, we encouraged academic excellence and inspired young learners to strive for higher achievements. Moreover, we took the opportunity to honor teachers and individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of education. Their dedication and tireless efforts serve as a guiding light for our work. By felicitating these changemakers, Gyanalok seeks not only to express gratitude but also to foster a culture that values and respects education as a tool for empowerment and progress.

The journey so far has been both challenging and rewarding. It is through the unwavering support of our volunteers, trustees, partners, and well-wishers that Gyanalok has been able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many. As we reflect on the achievements of 2017–18, we are filled with renewed enthusiasm to expand our impact and continue our mission with even greater vigor.

Looking ahead, Gyanalok remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing the potential of every child and building a more educated, aware, and inclusive society. I invite you all to join hands with us in this noble journey.



Sincerely

Pradeep Kumar Sahoo

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.

Vision

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

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 by dealing with the issues of poor, needy, backward, marginalized section of the society.

Activities of Gyanalok

Education Awareness

In the year 2017-18, Gyanalok conducted an Education Awareness Programme at Patita Paban Bani Mandir-Gambharimunda and Karadapalla Primary School. The initiative aimed to highlight the significance of education in shaping careers among school-going children and their parents. The program brought together key stakeholders, including students, parents, and educators, to foster awareness and encourage active participation in education.

As part of the event, counseling sessions were held, focusing on addressing challenges faced by children and parents in continuing education. Expert counselors provided guidance on remedial measures and solutions tailored to individual concerns. Additionally, motivational activities such as storytelling, success story displays, and expert-led motivational talks inspired students to remain committed to their education.



A special emphasis was placed on re-enrolling drop-out students through continuous counseling, motivation, and awareness about government schemes designed to support their return to school. These initiatives were conducted regularly to ensure sustained engagement and long-term impact. Through this program, Gyanalok reinforced its commitment to promoting education and empowering communities by addressing barriers to learning and fostering a culture of academic perseverance.

Academic Competition

Healthy competition inspires students to excel, fostering creativity, skill development, self-confidence, and resilience. In the academic year 2017-18, Gyanalok organized a series of competitions under the theme “Anwasha (Khoj)” at Patita Paban Bani Mandir, Gambharimunda, in Khorda district. Events included essay writing, debate, quiz, and drawing, providing a platform for students to showcase their talents.



A total of **46 students** participated enthusiastically, with **10 winners** being recognized for their outstanding performances. Gyanalok awarded them with **trophies, books, geometric boxes, dictionaries, and word books**, along with certificates, to

acknowledge their achievements. These competitions not only encouraged students to enhance their abilities but also motivated them to strive for excellence.

Felicitation

As part of its cherished tradition, **Gyanalok** annually recognizes distinguished individuals who have made remarkable contributions to the field of education. This initiative serves as a heartfelt tribute to their unwavering dedication and impact on shaping young minds.

In the academic year **2017-18**, Gyanalok proudly felicitated **four exceptional individuals** for their invaluable efforts in advancing education and supporting children's learning journeys. Their relentless commitment and passion for fostering knowledge have been instrumental in empowering future generations.

Through this gesture, Gyanalok expresses profound gratitude, celebrating these education champions who continue to illuminate the path of learning.



Monitory support for higher study

Continuing its unwavering commitment to educational empowerment, **Gyanalok** extended financial support to **four deserving students** from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds in **2017-18**. These bright young minds, hailing from the remote interiors of **Banpur block, Khordha district**, were provided assistance to pursue higher education, turning aspirations into reality.

By bridging financial gaps, Gyanalok strives to ensure that talent and ambition are never hindered by circumstances. This initiative not only nurtures academic growth but also fosters a future of **self-reliance and opportunity**, reinforcing our belief that **education is the most powerful tool for transformation**.

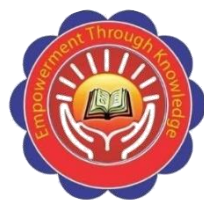
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Felicitation to the students



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