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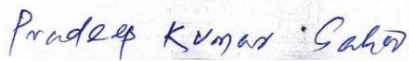
Empowerment Through Knowledge



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Gyanalok has been working since 2014 in the field of education and healthcare particularly in the rural areas of Odisha and aims to expand its coverage to other fields like livelihood, skill development, research, innovation and other aspects of SDGs. With the vision of imparting quality education, we have been organizing different activities like; education awareness programme, career counselling, award giving to the outstanding students in the academic field, felicitation to the teachers and people contributing in the field of education and providing financial support to the needy and poor scholars for their higher education. The year 2022-23 is phenomenal for Gyanalok in a number of ways. In this year Gyanalok was registered under the Indian Trust Act-1882 to formalize and systematize its intervention work. Additionally, Gyanalok adopted 02 urban schools in Bhubaneswar (Government High School, Gandamunda and Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar) for the first time and initiated its intervention activities like education awareness, career counselling, award giving to students and felicitation to the teachers. A 05 months long virtual lecture series consist of 20 lectures have been initiated by focusing on 'Social Development Issues and Role of Development Professionals' to spread knowledge among development professionals of India. With the aim of expanding its work in the field of healthcare, a girl's orphanage was adopted in a tribal district like Rayagada and intervention for healthcare awareness and initiative for anemia eradication was made to ensure good health and wellbeing to the inmates. In this year, Gyanalok has expanded its public outreach by connecting and involving people through physically and with the help of social media in our activities. The way Gyanalok works, I am sure that a greater number of people will be benefitted in the coming years and all targeted goals will be achieved through their blessings.



Warm Regards,

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo
Chairman, Gyanalok Trust

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 at a glance: 2022 -2023

With the primary goal of promoting quality education, Gyanalok also focus on healthcare, awareness creation, sensitization and career counselling. The major activities of Gyanalok are:

Education	Healthcare	Other activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Five poor and needy students were provided Monetary support for their higher study ➤ Gyanasala: Evening tuition to the school going children free of cost ➤ Academic competition & prize distribution in 04 schools ➤ Education awareness & Career Counselling ➤ Distribution of Study Materials ➤ Workshop on research methodology ➤ Workshop on social issues and addressing the issues as a development professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health Awareness and Initiative for Anaemia Prevention among Adolescent Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Career counselling to the 9th and 10th students ➤ Meeting, awareness and sensitization to parents on importance of education ➤ Felicitation to people working in the field of education.



Education

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

Financial Support to Poor & In-Need Students for Studies

With the aim of spreading education among the most backward and needy section of the society, Gyanalok provides financial support to the poor and needy students. Financial support for poor and needy students has been continuing since 2014 in Nayagarh and Khordha district. Like every year 10 students were supported financially for their college education. Among the students, four students are scheduled tribe students from Banapur, Khordha, Odisha.



Competitions in Schools

To impart quality education and extend competitiveness among the students from the grassroot level, Gyanalok conduct various competitions among the school children on a regular basis. The competitions like essay writing, debate, drawing competition, general knowledge testing, etc., are conducted among different age group of the school children. In the year 2022-23 total 60 students were given prizes for their achievements in different competitions organized in the school.



In the year 2022-23 the competitions like essay writing, debate, drawing competition, general knowledge testing, were conducted in the Gandamunda High School and Niladri Vihar Primary school. Total 232 students (44 students from Niladri Vihar Primary School and 188 students from Gandamunda High School) participated in the competition. The students were classified under four categories namely Special group (I-II standard), sub-junior (III-IV standard), Junior (VI-VIII standard) and senior (IX-X standard). Among the special group the competition like General knowledge and drawing competition were organized and among all other categories the competition like essay writing, debate, drawing competition and general knowledge testing were conducted.



Prize Distribution

In the year 2022-23, total 60 students (18 students from Niladri Vihar Primary School and 42 from Gandamunda High School) were given prizes for their outstanding performance in the various academic competitions organized by the Gyanalok trust. Under four different types of events and four age classification of the students, total 60 students were provided with the prizes under the categories of first, second, and third. The prizes included materials for encouraging the children such as books, geometric boxes, office stationery-kits, word books, dictionaries, etc., which were further segregated based on the age-group of the recipients.



Career Counselling:



Career Counselling helps a person to know and understand her/his potential and possible career path to build better career. It is a support system in the beginning of any new professional's journey.

Gyanalok with the support of expert career counsellor organized career counselling sessions in different high schools specially focusing on 10th standard students to give a better career share for their future. In the year 2022-23 one career counselling session organized on 22.02.2023 in

which 48 students from Gandamunda high school learnt about better career options by realizing and understanding their potential and choose self-driven career path. Dr. Jharana Swain a professional counselor with over 20 years of experience interacted and counsel the students.

Drawing exhibition in School

To demonstrate creativity and critical thinking through art, Gyanalok organizes frequent drawing and art competition among different school children by dividing the children under different groups. After successful completion of the competition, top three students are provided prizes and top five drawing from each category were demonstrated in a specific event. In the year 2022-23, drawing competition were conducted in



Gandamunda High School and Niladri Vihar Primary School. Total 30 (10 from Niladri Vihar Primary School and 20 from Gandamunda High School) were exhibited in the drawing exhibition.

Fun in School

To create an active and vibrant school environment, Gyanalok organized fun activities, play, game, etc. both among the children and the parents. Organizing entertaining activities attracts children to attend school regularly. Additionally, it acts as a medium to connect parents, children and teachers in a strong network. Most importantly, for the socialization and confidence building of the children entertainment plays a crucial role. By organizing different entertainment activities, Gyanalok used to provide prize to make it more attractive and participatory. In the year 2022-23, a music chair competition was conducted among 27 mothers of Niladri Vihar primary school. Of which 3 mothers were felicitated with prize.



Meeting with Parents/Guardians



With the support of school management and teachers, parents/guardian meeting is organized on a regular basis to discuss the academic progress of each child, role of parent in the academic progress of each child and challenges faced by the children and/or parent in terms of education, etc. In the parent/guardian meeting, importance and value of education and the need of education to shape the career of their children was emphasized.

Felicitations to People Working for Education

People who contribute and support to achieve the educational goal of Gyanalok are always appreciated and respected. As a customary practice, Gyanalok has been felicitating different well-wishers in the events of Gyanalok. Different felicitations ceremonies are organized to congratulate and appreciate the contribution of the respected dignitaries every year. In the year 2022-23, 11 such people were felicitated by Gyanalok for their contribution to enhance quality education.



Education awareness through Cultural Programme

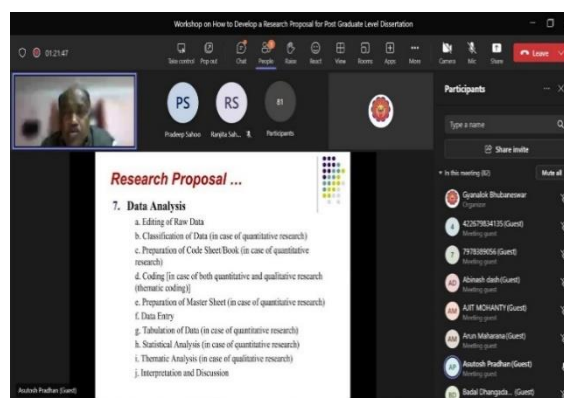
Gyanalok has been trying to ensure and impart quality education through different approaches. Creation of education awareness through cultural activities like song, dance, play, drama, etc., is one of the unique practices of Gyanalok, through which the children perform various cultural activities and learn a number of academic things.

In the year 2022-23, Gyanalok organized cultural programme for education awareness in Gandamunda High School and Niladri Vihar Primary School, Bhubaneswar.



Workshop on Research Methodology

In addition to the grassroot intervention for the education of the school going children, Gyanalok also focus on the education and awareness of the students from universities i.e., master degree students & research scholars. To enhance the research aptitude of the master degree students and research scholars, a week-long research methodology workshop was conducted through virtual mode between 25.02.2023 to 04.03.2023. More than 90 participants from various parts of India participated in the programme. Prof. Asutosh Pradhan, HOD Department of Social work, Central University Himachal Pradesh and Dr. Gangotri Dash, Senior Research Executive, IPSOS Research Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore delivered lecture on “How to develop a Research Proposal for post graduate level Dissertation”.



Webinar on Social Development Issues & Role of Development Professionals

In India, social issues are multidimensional. As a development professional, dealing with social issues require specific knowledge and scientific skills. Considering the vastness of social issues and the need to deal with them as a development professional, a lecture series was designed by Gyanalok for a period of 05 months consist of 20 lectures. Speakers from India and abroad have been delivering in the lecture on various social issues like Issues of Development Professionals i.e, job, field, work, academic challenges, and other social issues like TB, HIV/AIDS, Disaster, Mental disability, livelihood, etc. The lecture started on 25th March 2023 and will be continue till 05.08. 2023.



Healthcare

Gyanalok also focusses on healthcare and disease prevention. Towards this, Gyanalok organizes various healthcare activities like blood donation, health check-up and medicine distribution and healthcare awareness, etc. In the year 2022-23, an awareness activity was organized at Assist Children Home, Rayagada on 30.03.2023. This activity was attended by 50 girls. Sri. Jaydev Sitha (retired Government School teacher and well-known social workers) was the chief guest of the occasion. In the programme the causes, consequence and prevention from anaemia, along with the support from Govt. to anaemic patients like free medicine (Iron & Folic acid), food supply (through anganwadi) was discussed. The adolescent girls who are vulnerable to anaemia were sensitized about the preventive mechanism. Preventive measures to avoid anaemia like food chart, timely consultation with doctor & importance of adhering to the prescribed medicines were discussed. To conclude, a quiz competition on anaemia was conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Photo Gallery



Felicitation to Guest at Gandamunda High School



Awareness meeting at gandamunda High School



Felicitation parents at Niladri Vihar Primary school



Prize giving to student at Niladri Vihar Primary school



Group photo at Niladri Vihar Primary School



Awareness meeting at Niladri Vihar Primary School



Felicitation to Guest at Niladri Vihar Primary School



Awareness by guest at Niladri Vihar Primary School



Academic competition at Niladri Vihar Primary school



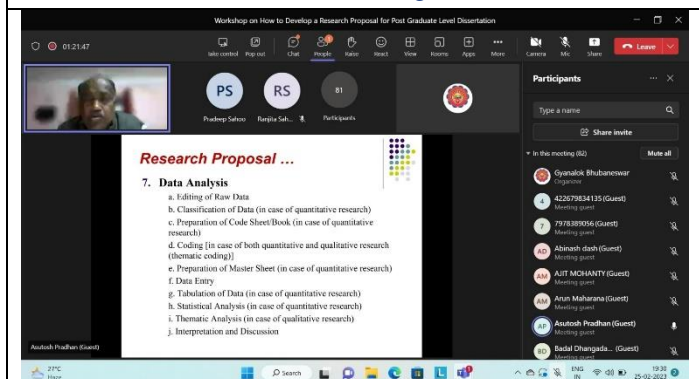
Education awareness at Gandamunda High School



Prize distribution at Gandamunda High School



Career counselling at Gandamunda High School



Virtual Workshop on Research Methodology



Virtual Saturday Lecture Series on Social Issues



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