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Chairman's Message

As we celebrate 10 remarkable years of **Gyanalok Trust**, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. This milestone is not just a marker of time, but a reflection of our shared commitment to a cause that lies at the heart of progress for **education awareness**.

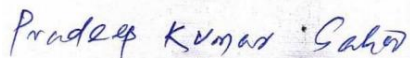
When Gyanalok Trust was founded, it began with a simple yet powerful belief: that knowledge is light, and every child deserves the opportunity to shine. Over the past decade, that belief has guided our every step. From remote villages to underserved urban communities, we have worked tirelessly to bring the light of education to those who need it most.

Our journey has been filled with challenges, but also with countless moments of hope for the first book in a child's hand, the first day in school, the first dream awakened. These moments remind us why we do what we do.

This 10-year milestone belongs to every volunteer, educator, donor, and well wisher who believed in our mission. Your support has been the backbone of our work. Together, we have touched many lives and laid the foundation for a brighter, more informed future.

As we look ahead, we renew our commitment to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and continue advocating for education as a basic right for all. The road is long, but with your continued trust and support, we will walk it with purpose and determination.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being a part of the Gyanalok journey. Here's to the next decade of lighting the path to knowledge.



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.

Gyanalok Trust Annual Report (2023–24)

Environmental Awareness & Tree Plantation Initiatives

1. Government High School, Gandamunda (1st July 2023)

Gyanalok Trust launched its environmental initiatives with a tree plantation and awareness program at Government High School, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar. The event was graced by distinguished guests including Dr. Himanshu Shekhar Raut (Utkal University), Dr. Girish Ranjan Sahoo (Khurda Law College), Mr. Solomon Maharana (WECARE, Cuttack), Mr. Manas Ranjan Das (Social Alpha, Odisha), and Mr. Bibhu Prasad Mishra (Green Club, Nayagarh). Students and teachers actively participated, engaging in discussions about environmental conservation. The Green Club, Nayagarh, was specially felicitated for its outstanding tree plantation efforts. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo, Chairman, Gyanalok Trust, concluded the event with a heartfelt vote of thanks.



2. Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar (8th July 2023)

Continuing the green drive, a tree plantation program was organized at Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar. Fruit-bearing trees were planted to encourage a greener environment, and students were educated on sustainable practices. Esteemed guests included Dr. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (KIIT University) and Mr. Raghunath Mandal (NSS Bureau). Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo extended warm gratitude to all attendees.

3. Government Upper Primary School, Tikuda (26th August 2023)

A similar program promoting environmental conservation was conducted at Government Upper Primary School, Tikuda, Ullunda, Subarnapur. Students, teachers, and community members participated enthusiastically. Special guests included Mr. Sachidananda Pradhan (Retired Teacher, Jawahar School, Jaler) and Mr. Akshya Kumar Mishra (Headmaster, UP School, Tikuda). The event ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Panchanan Pasayat, Trustee of Gyanalok Trust.



Education Awareness & Scholarship Programs

1. Government High School, Gandamunda (12th July 2023)

Gyanalok Trust organized an education awareness program coupled with a scholarship award ceremony, offering full financial assistance for higher studies to three meritorious students—Subhankar Behera, Rani Patra, and Priyalata Sahu. Distinguished guests Prof. Niranjan Panda and Dr. Biswa Mohan Jena honored the event. All participants were recognized for their contributions and efforts.



2. Assist Children Home, Rayagada (23rd July 2023)

The Trust extended its support to an orphaned student, Shruti Singh, by awarding her a scholarship at Assist Children Home, Rayagada. Mr. Sumanta Kumar Biswal (Consultant, UNFPA) graced the occasion, and heartfelt thanks were extended to all who supported this noble cause.

3. Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar (National Social Work Week 2023) (19th August 2023)

As part of the National Social Work Week celebrations, Gyanalok Trust, in collaboration with NAPSWI, DDCE (Utkal University), and Kalahandi University, conducted an education awareness event. Fifteen outstanding students were awarded prizes, and study materials were distributed to all participants, fostering a spirit of learning and encouragement.



4. Khordha Law College, Khordha (10th October 2023)

An education awareness event featuring a speech competition was organized at Khordha Law College, with the theme "Role of Advocates in Shaping the Future of Society." Thirty-two students participated, and the top three winners were honored with prizes and certificates. The program was enhanced by the presence of Dr. Chakradhar Bal (P.N. Autonomous College) and Prof. I.B. Rao (NIIS College, Khordha).



5. Jeeban Jyoti Ashram, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar (19th November 2023)

An educational awareness event was conducted at Jeeban Jyoti Ashram, where study materials were distributed among approximately 50 orphan girls. The occasion also celebrated the birthday of Mr. Manoj Sahoo, a core member of the Trust. Gratitude was expressed to all who contributed to the success of the event.

Health & Social Awareness Programs

1. Mental Health Awareness (11th October 2023)

Gyanalok Trust, in collaboration with the District Mental Health Department, organized a mental health awareness program at Kasturba Gandhi Girls' High School, Pujariguda, Kalyansinghpur, Rayagada. Students, teachers, and health officials actively participated, raising awareness about the importance of mental well-being.



2. Career Counseling (11th October 2023)

A career counseling session was held at Assist Children Home, Rayagada, with professional guidance from counselors Sri Jayadev Sitha and Sri Sisir Kumar Barik. Around 70 children received invaluable advice on future career choices.

3. Addiction-Free Childhood Program (25th November 2023)

An Addiction-Free Childhood sensitization program was organized at Government High School, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar. The event featured a quiz competition and prize distribution ceremony. Mr. Anuj Kumar Das, a pro-people journalist and Director of Salaam Jeevan, delivered an insightful talk on substance abuse prevention. Special thanks were extended to Mr. Das, the Headmistress Anita Madam, and the school community for their cooperation.



4. Drug Abuse Prevention Awareness (13th January 2024)

A drug abuse prevention and education awareness program was organized at Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar. The session featured guest speakers such as Mr. Bikram Nayak (Ashayen NGO), Mr. Nishikanta Tarenia (ROHF NGO), and Mr. Kalandi Nayak (SMC Chairman). Certificates and awards were distributed to competition winners.

Community Development & Celebratory Events

1. Republic Day Celebrations (26th January 2024)

Republic Day was celebrated at Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar, recognizing 28 students for outstanding achievements in sports. Guests included Prof. Asutosh Pradhan (Central University, Himachal Pradesh) and Ms. Laxmi Priya Mishra (Certified Counselor).



Simultaneously, Republic Day was also celebrated at Sebashram School, Daldaba, Ullunda, Subarnapur, with a focus on promoting personal hygiene. Practical demonstrations on handwashing techniques were conducted by social activists and teachers.

2. Annual Sports Celebration (Government High School, Gandamunda) (30th November 2023)

Gyanalok Trust successfully organized an annual sports event at Government High School, Gandamunda, where 102 students were recognized with certificates and trophies. The event saw the esteemed presence of Ms. Kiranbala Panda (Social Worker), Mr. Sarada Prasad Mohapatra (Poet & Director, NIAMS), Mr. Ratnakar Sahoo (Chairman, Ashayein), and Mr. Lingaraj Acharya (SMC Chairman).



3. Grass Root Level Training Programme (GRLTP) — Gender Sensitization & Leadership Training (5th March 2024)

Supported by NABARD, a one-day training session on gender sensitization, leadership development, and SHG (Self-Help Group) strengthening was organized at Mission Shakti Gruha, Ullunda, Subarnapur. The event was attended by 43 SHG members and provided practical knowledge on women's empowerment and effective group management.



Annual Meeting (09th July 2023)

The Annual Meeting of Gyanalok Trust for the year 2023–24 was held on 9th July 2023 at CYSD, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The meeting provided a comprehensive review of the past year's activities and laid out strategic plans for the upcoming year. Team Gyanalok sincerely thanks all the participants for their invaluable time, ideas, and continued support toward the growth of the organization.



Photo Gallery



Scholarship Program at Govt. High School, Gandamunda, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.12.07.23.



Scholarship Program at Assist Children Home on dt.23.07.23.



Annual Meeting of Gyanalok Trust on dt.09.07.23.



Education Awareness Program at Khordha Law College on dt.10.10.23



Health Awareness Program at Kasturba Gandhi Girls High School, Pujariguda, K.Singhpur, Rayagada on dt.11.10.2023.



Health Awareness Program at Govt. Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on dt.13.01.2024.



Annual Sports Program at Govt. High School, Gandamunda, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.30.11.23.



Republic Day & Annual Sports Program at Govt. Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on dt 26.01.24.



Carrer Counselling Program at Assist Children Home on dt.11.10.23.



Health Awareness Program at Govt. High School, Gandamunda, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.25.11.2023.



Celebrate Republic Day at Sebashram School, Daldaba, Ulunda, Sonapur on dt 26.01.2024.



Grass Root Level Training Program at Mission Shakti Gruha, Ullunda, Sonapur on dt.05.03.2024



Environment Awareness & Tree Plantation Program at Govt. U.P School, Tikuda, Sonepur on dt.26.08.2023.



Environment Awareness & Tree Plantation Program at Govt. Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on dt.08.07.2023.



Environment Awareness & Tree Plantation Program at Govt. High School, Gandamunda, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.01.07.2023.



Celebrate National Social Work Week at Govt. Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on dt 19.08.24.



Education Awareness Program at Jeevan Jyoti Ashram, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.19.11.2023



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