



Empowerment Through Knowledge

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## **Chairman's Message**

As Gyanalok Trust enters its 11th year (2024-2025), we reflect on our journey with immense pride, purpose, and renewed confidence. Over the past decade, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to empowering marginalized and underserved communities through the transformative force of education.

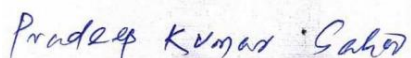
The year 2024–25 has been another inspiring chapter in our mission. We have continued to extend our efforts to the most vulnerable segments of society, focusing on creating meaningful educational opportunities for children and youth.

Our education awareness campaigns through academic competition, career counselling, guardian counselling, etc., were carried out across several regions, aiming to sensitize communities about the value of education. We have also sustained our scholarship programme, supporting bright and deserving students in their academic pursuits. These scholarships have not only reduced the financial burden on needy families but also inspired students to strive for excellence.

Furthermore, our intervention in healthcare, sports, environment awareness, creative test like waste to wealth, etc., have served as an engaging platform for students to showcase their talents, build self-confidence, and embrace healthy competition-fostering holistic development beyond academics.

All our accomplishments this year would not have been possible without the continued support of our stakeholders, partners, donors, volunteers, well-wishers, teachers and students. Their faith in our mission fuels our determination and drive. As we look ahead, Gyanalok Trust remains committed to broadening its reach and deepening its impact.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.



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**

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## Gyanalok Trust Annual Report (2024–25)

Gyanalok Trust has consistently upheld its mission to enrich and uplift communities by championing the causes of education, health, personality development, and inclusive social engagement. The financial year 2024–2025 witnessed a series of initiatives that made significant strides in the lives of children, youth, and communities across Odisha. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the Trust's key achievements, events, and initiatives undertaken during the year, with sincere appreciation for the contributions of our volunteers, supporters, and partner organizations.

### 1. Fostering Creativity and Expression: Drawing Competitions

Gyanalok Trust believes that every child possesses innate creativity that, when nurtured, fosters confidence and self-expression. As part of this belief, the Trust organized two drawing competitions during the year to provide children with platforms to express their imagination through art.

The first competition was conducted on 23rd June 2024 at Tarini Nagar Basti in Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar. More than 25 children enthusiastically participated in the event. All art supplies were provided by the Trust, and the children were mentored by dedicated volunteers Mr. Subhankar Behera and Ms. Priyalata Sahu. The presence of Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo (Chairman, Gyanalok) and Mr. Arun Maharana (Trustee) added significance to the occasion. The dignitaries commended the young artists for their creativity and energy.

The second drawing event took place on 30th March 2025 at Assist Children Home in Rayagada. With over 30 children participating, the event was a vibrant celebration of artistic talent. The winners were honored with prizes. Gyanalok Trust extends its heartfelt gratitude to the home's supervisor, warden, and children for their warm welcome and spirited participation.





## 2. Championing Educational Access: Scholarship and Awareness Program

Education is at the core of Gyanalok Trust's mission. In alignment with this vision, the Trust organized the Education Awareness and Scholarship Award Ceremony for the academic year 2024–2025 on 13th July 2024 at Government High School, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar.

The event served to emphasize the significance of higher education and to support the academic dreams of students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Seven deserving students (Rojalin Rana, Mama Behera, Bimalini Panda, Subham Swain, Subhankar Behera, Rani Patra, Priyalata Sahu) were awarded scholarships to pursue their college education. The program saw active participation from educators, students, guardians, and community members, creating an atmosphere of hope and encouragement. The Trust is deeply thankful to all supporters who helped bring this empowering initiative to fruition.



## 3. Reviewing and Renewing the Vision: Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2023–2024 was convened on 14th July 2024 at CYSD, Bhubaneswar. The meeting served as a critical forum for reviewing the past year's initiatives, assessing outcomes, and setting strategic directions for the upcoming year.

Board members and stakeholders participated actively, sharing their insights and discussing ways to enhance the Trust's outreach and impact. The AGM reflected a shared commitment to continuous improvement, innovation, and collaboration. Gyanalok Trust extends its sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to shaping the future roadmap during this important session.



## 4. Celebrating Nationhood and Social Responsibility: Independence Day and National Social Work Week

In a blend of patriotic celebration and professional reflection, Gyanalok Trust commemorated the 78th Independence Day and the 5th National Social Work Week on 15th August 2024. The program was held in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social

Workers in India (NAPSWI), Odisha Professional Social Workers Association (OPSWA), and the Department of Social Work, DDCE, Utkal University.

Activities were organized at Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar and Panchayat High School, Dharmasala, Ullunda, Sonapur. Events included tree plantation drives, sports competitions, literary contests, awareness sessions, and award ceremonies—all aimed at fostering civic pride, academic excellence, and social consciousness among school children.

A highlight of the day there were two virtual lecture series planned on 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Those virtual lectures were addressed by Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, former professor at the University of Delhi, who delivered an enlightening lecture on the relevance of social work in modern India and Prof. Bharati Dogra, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi, who delivered the lecture on NEP-2020 : opportunities and challenges before school education system. With over 100 participants, both sessions offered meaningful insights and reflections. Gyanalok Trust conveys its gratitude to both Prof. Bhatt & Prof. Dogra and our partner organizations for their collaboration and continuous encouragement.



### **5. Empowering Futures: Career Counselling and Personality Development Sessions**

To empower students with clarity and guidance for their future paths, Gyanalok Trust conducted two insightful sessions on career planning and personality development.

The first was held on 9th November 2024 at Government High School, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar. Mr. Anuj Kumar Das, a respected journalist with Kanak News, delivered an engaging session addressing key aspects of career planning, personal development, and decision-making. Students actively participated and left the session with renewed motivation.



The second session was conducted on 8th February 2025 at Government U.G. High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga, Cuttack. Dr. Girish Ranjan Sahoo, Assistant Professor of Law at Centurion University, captivated over 120 students with his relatable insights into career options and life skills. Gyanalok Trust extends deep appreciation to both resource persons and host institutions for making these events impactful.





## 6. Spreading Health Awareness: Sickle Cell Anemia Education Program

Health awareness is a vital pillar of Gyanalok Trust's community engagement. On 14th December 2024, the Trust organized a dedicated awareness program on Sickle Cell Anemia at Government U.G. High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga, Cuttack.

Experts and social workers Mr. Soloman Ekka and Ms. Sonali Priyadarshini Barik led the informative session, using interactive techniques to explain the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of Sickle Cell Anemia. Complementary activities, including themed competitions on health and hygiene, were conducted to reinforce learning and engagement. The Trust thanks the facilitators and school staff for their invaluable cooperation in executing this health-centric initiative.



## 7. Encouraging Physical Wellness: Annual Sports Meets

To promote physical development, discipline, and team spirit among students, Gyanalok Trust organized two major sports festivals during the academic year.

The first event took place on 8th January 2025 at Government U.G. High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga, Cuttack. With over 200 students competing in 40 sporting events, the festival was a grand celebration of athleticism and camaraderie. A total of 120 students were awarded certificates and trophies, and 10 were crowned as school champions. The event was graced by dignitaries including Mr. Prafulla Chandra Rath (Assistant BEO, Baranga Block), Dr. Manas Ranjan Bhoi (Tahasildar, Odagaon), Mr. Sanjaya Kumar Pani (Sarpanch, Sribantapur), Mr. Mukesh Kumar Pani (SMC President), and retired educators.



The second sports festival was held on 11th January 2025 at Government Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar. Around 120 students participated in 17 sporting events, with 51 students receiving awards and four being named school champions. The presence of the chief guest, Prof. Asutosh Pradhan from Central University, Himachal Pradesh, inspired the



participants. Gyanalok Trust expresses its appreciation to Ms. Supriya Paramaguru, Headmistress, and her staff for their exemplary support.

#### **8. Recognizing the Power of Education: International Day of Education**

On 24th January 2025, Gyanalok Trust joined hands with Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) and NAPSWI to observe the International Day of Education at CUTM's Bhubaneswar campus.

The celebration centered on promoting accessible, inclusive, and quality education. Highlights of the event included a debate and quiz competition on the New Education Policy 2020, featuring participation from over 50 students. Winners were honored with certificates and trophies in recognition of their insight and engagement.

Esteemed academic leaders including Prof. Supriya Pattanayak (Vice Chancellor, CUTM), Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak (Pro Vice Chancellor, CUTM), and Dr. Ansuman Jena (Dean, School of Management) graced the occasion and shared valuable thoughts. Gyanalok Trust extends its heartfelt thanks to CUTM's management, faculty, students, and NAPSWI for making this celebration both educational and memorable.

As we look ahead, Gyanalok Trust reaffirms its commitment to community-centric development through education, health, and empowerment initiatives. With the support of our dedicated team and partners, we continue to strive for a more inclusive and informed society.



## Photo Gallery



**Drawing competition at Tarini Nagar Basti, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar on dt.23.06.24.**



**Drawing competition at Assist Children Home, Rayagada on dt.30.03.25.**



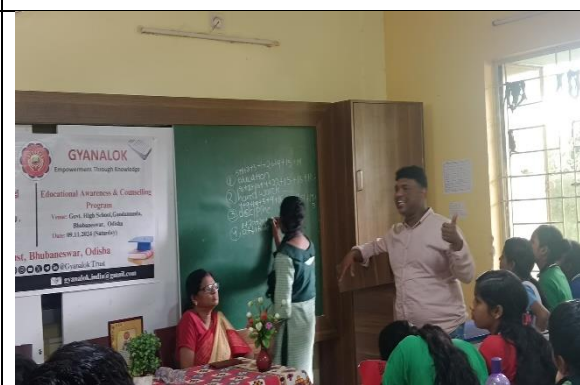
**Annual Meeting of Gyanalok Trust on dt.14.07.24.**



**Celebrate Independence Day and National Social Work Week at Panchayat High School, Dharmasala, Ulunda, Sonepur on dt 15.08.24.**



**Celebrate Independence Day and National Social Work Week at Govt. Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on dt 15.08.24.**



**Career Counselling Program at Govt. High School, Gandamunda, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.09.11.24.**





**Health Awareness Program at Govt. U.G High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga, Cuttack on dt.14.12.2024.**



**Annual Sports Program at Govt. U.G High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga, Cuttack on dt.08.01.25.**



**Annual Sports Program at Govt. Primary School, Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on dt 11.01.25.**



**Celebration of International Day of Education at CUTM on dt.24.01.25.**



**Career Counselling Program at Govt. U.G High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga, Cuttack on dt.08.02.25.**



**Scholarship Program at Govt. High School, Gandamunda, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on dt.13.07.24.**









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**Operational District**

- Khordha
- Sonapur
- Rayagada
- Nayagarh



**Key Activities of Gyanalok**

- Education & Health Awareness Programme
- Scholarship Programme
- Plantation & Environment Awareness Programme
- Webinar (Lecture Series)

**Activity Done in 2024**

- Virtual Lecture - 19
- National Social Work Week Webinar - 3
- Education Awareness & Counselling. - 5
- Sports & Cultural Event - 2
- Scholarship - 6
- Plantation Drive - 3
- Health Awareness - 3

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