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About Gyanalok Trust

Gyanalok Trust is committed to empowering communities through the light of knowledge. We believe that many social and economic challenges in India can be addressed through informed, grassroots-level education and awareness. Our focus is on building capacities in remote villages by sharing essential information related to education opportunities, healthcare, sanitation, and government welfare schemes.

We support merit-cum-needy students by funding their educational needs, and strongly advocate that government schools-when supported by active community participation-can offer quality education. While embracing modern education, we also strive to preserve and promote traditional knowledge systems in areas such as healthcare, biodiversity conservation, and organic farming.

At Gyanalok, we believe that real social progress begins with the rise of people at the grassroots. Our mission is to nurture informed, self-reliant communities by making knowledge accessible, relevant, and transformative.

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.

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MERIT SCHOLARS OF GYANALOK 2025-26

THIS YEAR GYANALOK TRUST WILL PROVIDE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TO 12 PROUD SCHOLARS FOR THEIR HIGHER STUDY.

Aditya Prasad Saheo Sriya Rani Das
Deeptimayee Nayak Bimalini Panda
Rahul Nayak Surthi Toika Mama Behera Subham Swain
Subhankar Behera Priyalata Sahu Rani Patra Rojalin Rana

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"Let's Fight For Freedom from Poverty Driven Illiteracy"

Message from the Chairman, Gyanalok Trust Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo



Dear Friends and Well-wishers,



I am pleased to present the second issue of Gyanalok Trust's Quarterly Newsletter, "Gyanprajna" capturing the highlights of our work and impact during the period April to June 2025.

This quarter has been both meaningful and inspiring. We continued our mission of educational empowerment by awarding Merit-cum-Need Scholarships to 10 bright and deserving students-a small yet significant step in supporting their dreams for a better future. Our team also organized career counselling sessions to guide students in making informed academic and vocational choices.

In our pursuit of holistic development and awareness, Gyanalok hosted several activities, including a "Waste to Wealth" competition that encouraged creativity and environmental responsibility among school children. Awareness programmes on education, health, and sustainability were also conducted in our intervention areas, engaging both students and parents.

None of this would have been possible without the selfless contributions of our members, volunteers, and supporters. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your continued encouragement and belief in Gyanalok's mission.

Let us keep working together to bring light into the lives of those who need it the most.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pradeep Kumar Sahoo".

Dr Pradeep Kumar Sahoo
Chairman, Gyanalok Trust

Activities Done By Gyanalok

A: Fostering Sustainability: Eco-Craft Workshop-Phulapokhari Govt High School, Baranga, Cuttack

Gyanalok Trust conducted an engaging Eco-Craft Workshop on 19th April 2025 at UG High School, Phulapokhari, Baranga Cuttack, with the enthusiastic participation of over 35 students. The session was led by Ms. Swayamprava Gouda, who skillfully demonstrated how to creatively transform waste materials like plastic and newspaper into beautiful, eco-friendly crafts. Inspired by her demonstration, students eagerly took part in creating their own sustainable art pieces. The top three crafts were recognized and awarded with certificates and prizes.

The event was graced by Dr. Gayatri Pattanaik, Assistant Professor at BJB (A) College, Odisha, who attended as the Chief Guest. She sensitized students and their guardians about the importance of the Circular Economy, encouraging sustainable thinking from a young age.



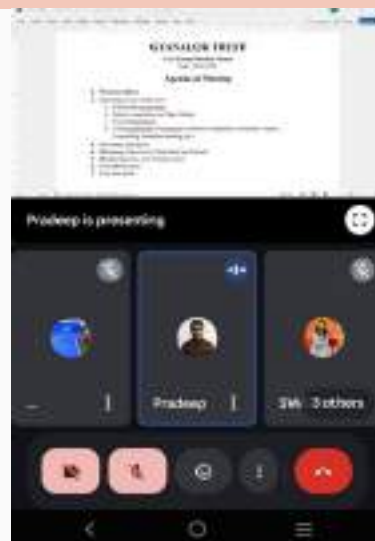
Additionally, during the parent-teacher meeting, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo, Chairman of Gyanalok Trust, engaged in a meaningful discussion with parents and teachers, emphasizing the vital role of education and the collective responsibility of all stakeholders. He also shared insights into the mission and ongoing activities of Gyanalok Trust.

Team Gyanalok extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Gayatri Pattanaik, Ms. Swayamprava Gouda, the participating students, Headmaster, and all the dedicated teachers for their enthusiastic support in making the event a grand success.



B: Core Group Strategic Meeting for the Year 2025-26

The Gyanalok Trust core group convened a strategic planning meeting for the academic year 2025–26 to finalize key initiatives and activities. Discussions focused on upcoming events, including the Merit Scholarship Programme, a debate competition on Viksit Odisha, virtual academic sessions, and regular school-based interventions. Plans for school, individual, and virtual mentoring were outlined, with Ms. Jyotshna Dash leading counselling initiatives. A quarterly newsletter will be launched, led by Ms. Samita Patra, with support from Dr. Pradeep Sahoo and Mr. Arun Maharana. The team also resolved to strengthen membership, recruit volunteers, and develop sustainable fund mobilization strategies to support all upcoming programmes.



C: Announcement of Merit Scholarship List

Gyanalok Trust is delighted to declare the names of twelve meritorious students selected for its Merit-cum-Need Based Scholarship for the academic year 2025–26. These students, chosen after a rigorous review of their academic performance and financial background, represent the spirit of determination, resilience, and aspiration that Gyanalok aims to nurture. The selected scholars include students pursuing Plus Two and Plus Three studies across various government and aided institutions. Among the twelve, five students have been selected for Plus Two education—three entering their first year and two in their second year. The remaining seven students will receive support for their Plus Three undergraduate studies, including first-year entrants and continuing students. The selection process involved careful assessment of academic records, socio-economic conditions, and recommendations from educational institutions. The scholars will receive financial assistance covering tuition fees, books, and essential learning materials, enabling them to continue their education without disruption. Each scholar will also be awarded a Certificate of Acknowledgement by the Trust. This initiative reaffirms Gyanalok's belief that education is a transformative force and that no deserving student should be left behind due to financial constraints. The Trust congratulates all the selected students and expresses gratitude to the teachers, parents, and community leaders who supported the application and selection process. Gyanalok remains committed to expanding its scholarship outreach in the coming years and looks forward to witnessing the academic and personal growth of its scholars.



D: Gyanalok Trust Organizes First Scholarship Award Ceremony

The First Scholarship Award Ceremony of Gyanalok Trust for the academic year 2025–26 was successfully held on 30th June 2025 (Monday) at Government High School, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar. The event marked a significant milestone in Gyanalok's mission to support and encourage deserving students from economically challenged backgrounds.

On this occasion, ten meritorious students were awarded financial assistance along with acknowledgement certificates to support their Plus Two and Plus Three education. Of these, three students received support for Plus Two First Year, four for Plus Two Second Year, and three for their Plus Three First Year studies. The proud parents of all scholarship recipients were present, making the celebration even more meaningful.

In addition to the scholarship awards, toppers of Classes VII, VIII, and IX of the host school were felicitated with prizes in recognition of their academic dedication and performance.

The programme was graced by the presence of Prof. Niranjana Panda, Dean of Research, Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, as Chief Guest; Ms. Jyoshna Dash, professional counsellor and teacher, as Chief Speaker; and the Headmistress of the school as Guest of Honour. All the dignitaries inspired the students to pursue their studies with sincerity, discipline, and determination for a brighter future.

The event concluded with a pledge taken by the merit scholars to continue their academic journey with commitment and purpose. The Chairman of Gyanalok Trust congratulated the awardees for their achievements and encouraged them to become torchbearers of change in their communities.

A heartfelt vote of thanks was extended to the esteemed guests, the Headmistress, dedicated teachers, students, and guardians for their active participation and support, which made the programme a resounding success.







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