AASRA PRESENTS

DISHA

2025 Edition

Hello

Welcome to the year-end edition of AASRA's Annual Magazine!

As we turn the page on another remarkable year, we are excited to share the journey of AASRA, a community built on the pillars of compassion and empowerment. At AASRA, we are dedicated to uplifting underprivileged children by providing them access to education and resources that pave the way for a brighter future. Alongside this, we work tirelessly to support women in need, fostering financial independence through sustainable initiatives.

This magazine is a reflection of our collective efforts, stories of resilience, and the impact we've made together. From heartwarming **sector stories** to the challenges we've overcome, it's a tribute to every volunteer, donor, and supporter who has been a part of this mission.
We hope these pages inspire you as much as the journey has inspired us.

Facad's Note

As AASRA, the social service family of NITR, completes 19 years of remarkable existence, we take immense pride in reflecting on the journey that has exceeded expectations and set new benchmarks every year. Despite the challenges and uncertainties that have come our way, AASRA has steadfastly continued its mission to uplift and empower those in need. We believe that education is the most powerful tool to bring change.

That's why we focus on teaching underprivileged children in Rourkela for free. Being part of a leading institute, we know that sharing knowledge is the best way to help these children, who often cannot afford proper schools or tuition. Along with education, we work to improve their lives by spreading awareness and useful information. This year, AASRA also launched Diya Project 2024, an initiative that empowers women from the unorganized sector by providing them with a platform to showcase their craftsmanship. The project not only promotes self-reliance but also connects communities through the joy of giving and celebrating the festival of lights. As we enter our 19th year, we look forward to new opportunities to serve. By making and following strong plans, we can continue providing education and support to those who need it most. I wish the entire AASRA family success in their efforts. Together, let's keep working to bring positive change and build a better future for the children and communities we serve.

Dr. Santos Kumar Das
Associate professor, Electronics and Communications Engineering department,NITRKL

Facad's Note

Greetings and wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2025. Service of mankind is service to God and if mankind gives a gift of education, then there's nothing like it. Among all clubs, AASRA- Because They Need Us is the social service club of NIT Rourkela which started its unique journey with the goal to provide education and assistance to the underprivileged sectors in and around Rourkela. I am glad to see that the club is run by the student volunteers (which has now grown to 150+ in number) and an enthusiastic alumni group. Presently the club now zeroes in on the development of the society in both social and economic aspects. They are given proper education, guidance to get into educational institutes and crack various competitive examinations. They are also provided financial backing if needed, by the members of AASRA. The club contributes to the society by heading various projects and carrying out different campaigns for creating awareness like the Diya Project, Little's Science Yard, First-Aid Awareness, Cleanliness Campaign, etc. Among these, the Diya project was a huge success and considered as the biggest achievement of AASRA. This club is constantly trying its level best to help the needy people and is growing day by day. Last but the least, the fore runners for this club are the active student volunteers in whom place my sincere appreciation.

Dr. A Thirugnanum
Professor, Biotechnology and Medical engineering department, NITRKL

Facad's Note

Dear Readers,

The twentieth anniversary of AASRA (the social service family of NITRKL) on 26th January 2025 is an opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to our former supporters and warmly welcome newcomers to the AASRA family as we continue joining hands for this noble cause.

AASRA members have devoted remarkable time and energy to numerous social outreach activities, positively impacting the underprivileged community in various sectors across Rourkela. These efforts showcase the transformative power of education and its importance in shaping lives.

The purpose of this AASRA souvenir is to highlight the journey of improvement and showcase how our services promote well-being and help individuals achieve their potential. It is also an opportunity to annually benchmark our progress against the priorities we set.

I hope this souvenir inspires emerging AASRA volunteers and renews the commitment of NITRKLians toward this noble cause.

Let us continue to face new challenges with determination and unity, working together to bring smiles to the underprivileged community.

Wishing the souvenir and the AASRA family great success. Happy New Year 2025! May this year bring more joy and smiles to everyone's faces, even amidst the global challenges we face.

Dr. P. Balasubramanian
Assistant Professor BM Dept, NITRKL

President's Note

Dear Readers,

As we embark on another exciting chapter in our AASRA family journey, I am delighted to share my thoughts with you in this edition of our magazine. This platform reflects the collective spirit, dedication, and ingenuity of our vibrant community. Each page is a testament to the hard work and passion that defines who we are and the goals we aspire to achieve.

The past year has been full of ups and downs. We faced challenges that made us stronger, grabbed opportunities that helped us grow, and celebrated achievements that brought us closer. Every step of this journey has been a reminder of how much we can achieve when we come together.

This edition is extra special because it highlights not just what we've accomplished but also the amazing people behind it. From the creativity of the Little Science Yard to the impact of the Diya Project, these stories show what can happen when we work with heart and purpose.

To everyone who has been a part of this—whether by contributing your time, ideas, or support—thank you. You are what makes Aasra so special.

As we move forward, let's continue to dream big, help each other, and make a difference wherever we can. Each of us has the power to bring positive change, and together, we are unstoppable.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. I invite you to explore this issue with curiosity and pride, and I hope it inspires you as much as it has inspired me.

With warm regards and best wishes for the future,

Jajneswar Biswal
President
AASRA

Editorial

As another year unfolds, Aasra stands tall as a beacon of hope, resilience, and community spirit. This magazine is a celebration of that spirit—a reflection of the collective effort, creativity, and passion that drive our journey forward.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their stories, articles, and artwork to this issue. It has been a joy to witness the ingenuity and depth of thought in each submission.

A special thanks to the content and design team led by Prabhudutta Mangual, for their exceptional work in bringing this magazine to life.

"DISHA", our official magazine, is not just a collection of stories but a guiding light that represents Aasra's vision of uplifting and inspiring communities. It mirrors our journey, showcasing the small yet impactful steps we take toward creating a brighter future for all

This year, we have made a conscious effort to preserve the authenticity of every piece. The heartfelt contributions from children, in particular, deserve recognition for their raw emotions and unique perspectives. These stories are more than just words; they are glimpses into the dreams, struggles, and triumphs of young minds who continue to inspire us.

This year, we have expanded our initiatives, including the **Diya Project**, **Little Science Yard**, and **Foundation Day**, each leaving its mark in the community. These endeavors highlight not only the hard work of our members but also the power of unity in achieving a shared vision.

As you flip through these pages, I hope you feel the warmth, determination, and hope that define Aasra. May these stories and insights inspire you as much as they have inspired us.

To every member of this incredible family, thank you for your unwavering commitment. Together, let us continue to nurture dreams, create opportunities, and make a difference—one step at a time.

With gratitude,
Nibedita Tripathy
AASRA

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श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता - प्रमुख विचार

कोईकुछ भी कहे, बसअपने आप को शांतरखो
क्योंकिसूरज की किरणें कितनीभी तेज क्यों नहों,
समुद्रसुखता नहीं करते ॥

संसारमें ज्ञान के समान पवित्रकरने वाली
न ही कोई वस्तुहै, और न हीकोई तत्व;
ज्ञानही सर्वोत्तम है ॥

हे पुरुषश्रेष्ठ (अर्जुन)! जो पुरुष सुखतथा दुःख में
विचलितनहीं होता और इनदोनों में समभाव रखताहै,
वह निश्चित रूप से मुक्तिके योग्य है

हे कुन्तीपुत्र! तुम यदि युद्धमें मरे जाओगे तोस्वर्ग प्राप्त करोगे
या यदि युद्ध मेंजीत जाओगे तो पृथ्वी केसाम्राज्य का भोग करोगे
अतःदृढ़ संकल्प करके खड़े होजाओ और युद्ध करो ॥

हे अर्जुन! परमेश्वर प्रत्येक जीव के हृदयमें स्थित हैं और
भौतिकशक्ति से निर्मित यंत्रमें सवार की भांतिबैठे
समस्तजीवों को अपनी आश्रय से छुआ रहे हैं ॥

हे पार्थ! अपना नियत कर्मकरो, क्योंकि
कर्मन करने की अपेक्षाकर्म करना श्रेष्ठ है
कर्मके बिना तो शरीर-निर्वाह भी नहीं हो सकता ॥

हे भारतवंशी! जब भी औरजँहा भी धर्म कापतन होता हैं और
अधर्मकी प्रधानता होने लगती है, तब-तब मैं अवतार लेता हूं

Ayush jaiswal
Sector 2

ହାତ

ହାତ ତ ହାତ ମଣିଷ ହାତ
ଏପରି ହାତ ନାହିଁ,
ଶକତି ଠୁଳ କାମ ର ମୂଳ
ସେ ହାତ କରେ ଭାଇ,
ପିଲା ବେଳରୁ ଆମରି ପାଇଁ
ବାପା ମା ଦେଲେ ଧ୍ୟାନ ।।

ଆଗକୁ ଆମେ କିପରି ହେବୁ
ସବୁଠି ବଳୀୟାନ,
କେତେ ପଢିଛ ଚାଲି ସିଖିଛୁ
ହିସାବ ତା'ର ନାହିଁ ।।

ଧୂଳି ଖେଳରେ ସାଙ୍ଗ ମେଳରେ
ହାତ କୁ ହାତ ଧରି
ଖଡ଼ି, ସିଲଟ ପ୍ରଥମ ପାଠ
ଲେଖିଲୁ ଦେଖିକରି ।।

ମାତା ପିତାଙ୍କୁ ଭକ୍ତି କରିବୁ
ତାଙ୍କର ପାଦ୍ ଛୁଇଁ
ହୋଇବୁ ବଡ ଜିଣିବୁ ଗଡ
ଭଲ ମଣିଷ ହୋଇ,
କଲମ ମୂନେ ଲେଖି ଚାଲିବୁ
କାହାକୁ ଡର ନାହିଁ
ଦେଶ ବିଦେଶ ନାଆଁ ରଖିବୁ
ହାତ ର ଯଶ ପାଇଁ ।।

ନାମ: କୁନ୍ତୀ ବାଗ୍
ଶ୍ରେଣୀ: ୪ର୍ଥ
ସେକ୍ଟର: ୬

कर्म करो

ऐ...
हार गए क्या...
किस्मत की कटुताई देखकर
तुम भी खुद को मार गए क्या...
ऐ...हार गए क्या..
अरे,
माना निशा भयावह बीती...
एक और बार असफलता जीती...
एक और बार निशाना चूका...
एक और बार आत्मबल टूटा...
किन्तु,
बार-बार गिरकर भूमि पर... जो हर बार खड़ा हो जाता हो
देख समक्ष संघर्ष समर को तनिक नहीं घबराता हो
जिसके मन को विचलित करना दुःख के भी बस की बात नहीं
वही जीत पाएगा ये रण...और किसी की औकात नहीं

चलो खड़े हो शीश उठाओ...
पुनः भाल पर तिलक लगाओ...
पुनः पकड़ लो शस्त्र हाथ में...
कूद पड़ो फिर से मैदान में...

डटे रहो कर्तव्य समर में...खेवो अपनी नाव भंवर में
रुके अगर तो फिर डूबोगे...चलते रहे तो सुख भोगोगे
कर्म करो बस कर्म करो...नियति राह दिखलाएगी
देख परिश्रम कठिन तुम्हारा...किस्मत भी शीश नवाएगी!!

-हर्ष
OSAP

ଚେଙ୍କ ମୃତ୍ୟୁ

ସୂଚନା: ଆପଣ ମାନେ ଜାଣି ଥିବେ ଆଗକାଳରେ ଗାଁ ମାନଙ୍କର ବଇଦ ଥିଲେ । ସେ ବଇଦ ମାନେ ଛୋଟ ଛୋଟ ଛୁଆକୁ ଜର ହେଲେ ତାଙ୍କୁ ଗରମ ଲୁହାରେ ଚେଙ୍କ ଦେଉ ଥିଲେ, ସେଥିପାଇଁ ୧୦୦ ରୁ ୨୦୦ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ହେଉଛି।

ଗୋଟିଏ ଗାଁ ଥିଲା । ସେ ଗାଁ ର ନାମ ଥିଲା ଚନ୍ଦ୍ରପୁର । ସେ ଗାଁ ରେ ଦୁଇ ଜଣ ସ୍ୱାମୀ ସ୍ତ୍ରୀ ରହୁଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କର ଛୋଟ ଛୁଆ ଝିଅଟି ଥିଲା ।ଦିନେ ସେ ଝିଅ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଆସିଲା ତା ମାଁ କୁ କହିଲା ମୋତେ ଭଲ ଲାଗୁନି ହେଲେ ତାର ଜର ପ୍ରବଳ ହୋଇଗଲା ।
ତାଙ୍କ ଗାଁ ପାଖରେ ଥିବା ବଇଦ ପାଖକୁ ଗଲେ । ସେ ବଇଦ ଝିଅର ଜର ଦେଖି ମନେ ମନେ କହିଲା । ଏଇ ଝିଅକୁ ତ ବହୁତ ଜର ହୋଇଛି, ତାଙ୍କ ଚେଙ୍କ ଦେବୀ ମୁଁ । ସେ ଝିଅ କୁ ଚେଙ୍କ ଦେବା ପରେ ତାଙ୍କୁ ତାର ବାପା ମାଁ ନେଇ ଗଲେ । ଘର ପହଞ୍ଚୁପହଞ୍ଚୁ ସେ ଝିଅ ମରିଗଲା ।
ସେ ବଇଦ ଏମିତି କରି କେତେ ଗାଁ ମାନଙ୍କରେବୁଲି ବୁଲି କେତେ ଛୁଆମାରି ଦେଲାନିଁ। ଏମିତି ଠକ ବଇଦ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ପୋଲିସକୁ କୁହନ୍ତୁ ।

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Patriotism Redefined for the 21st Century.

We often hear individuals proclaim their patriotism loudly, often through heated social media debates or passionate arguments against neighboring countries. Paradoxically, many of these individuals also hold passports from foreign nations and send their children overseas to pursue a brighter futureor invest their wealth outside the country. It's a pattern seen frequently in developing and underdeveloped countries. For instance, it's not uncommon to see people enthusiastically defending their nation online while consuming mostly imported goods or choosing foreign medical care and education destinations. This skewed perception of patriotism is also used politically, often to justify the purchase of weaponry or to secure votes. But is patriotism limited to such superficial displays?

Let's dive into what it means to be a true patriot. True patriots serve their nation, not just by brandishing a flag, singing the national anthem, or writing sentimental posts online, but by contributing to the country's growth and development. They stimulate the economy, contribute to educating their nation's children, and respect public property. True patriots do not blindly follow political parties despite their wrong-doings and support local industries by purchasing homegrown products. They refrain from defaming their homeland when conversing with foreigners and do not discriminate against immigrants. A genuine patriot is more often engaged in service than in empty boasting. Patriotism should be about love for one's country. Yet it should never be at the expense of displacing refugees, creating parentless children, or leaving the elderly homeless.

Recently a post by a person went viral where He welcomed everyone to leave India and shift to Singapore and would help people achieve it. The reasons are that even after paying 40% tax he receives polluted air, polluted water, adulterating materials, and a high crime rate. This raises complex questions regarding patriotism and fidelity to one's country. Are migrations truly a betrayal or is seeking a better lifestyle for oneself and one's family a fundamental right?

Patriotism is about a commitment to one's country and contributing to its progress—whether through criticism, participation, or even sacrifice. Therefore, such a post may reflect a frustrated perspective rather than an empowered one, which would be better served by urging people to stay, improve, and elevate their homeland. The post also points out that the person is paying a significant tax but is dissatisfied with the returns (pollution, adulteration, crime). This touches on a broader issue of economic and social justice. Patriotism doesn't require blind loyalty; true patriotism often involves pointing out flaws to make progress.

Soumya Shouvik

Jagda

आसरा एक सफर

अगर चले अकेले भी
तो साथी मिलेंगे हज़ार
अच्छा ही होगा सफर
मंज़िल के उस पार

क्यों हम डरते रहे
दरिया के इस पार
साहिल छोड़ देने से
सूना न होगा संसार

सहारा बनता है कोई
दायित्वों का लेता भार
छोड़ के आया है वो
अपना शहर दूर यार

करता है कोशिश वह
खुद को देता वार
कभी यूँ होता नाकाम
हो जाता है बेकरार

फिर भी एक उम्मीद है
जो लगाती है पुकार
तू कोशिश करता रह
मेहनत न होती बेकार

उम्मीदों के दामन से
निकलता कोई शहरयार
डूबते तिनके को मिलता
आशाओं का लुप्त उपहार

सींचने इस फूल को
चाहिए दिलों का बाज़ार
हमारी ही जिम्मेदारी है
होना है ताउम्र तैयार

इसी आशा के साथ हमारा
बढ़ता रहे आसरा परिवार
दृढ़ता से खिले फूल को
मिलता रहे बसंत बहार
आसरा परिवार

– कृष्णा नन्द यादव

"ନାରୀ"

ଜୀବନର ଶିକୁଳି ରେ କଣ ବନ୍ଧା
ଜନ୍ମ ହେଲା ମାତ୍ରେ ଦୁଃଖ |

ସେ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ର ଜୀବନ୍ତ ମୂର୍ତ୍ତି
ସେ ଶକ୍ତି ପ୍ରଦାୟିନୀ |

ନାରୀଟେ ସେ ପୁଣି ମା ଟେ
ମାତୃତ୍ୟ ପ୍ରଦାୟିନୀ |

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ଶକ୍ତିରୂପିଣୀ ମା ସରସ୍ୱତୀ |

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ସହିଯାଏ ଦୁଃଖ ଆଉ କଷ୍ଟ |

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ସ୍ୱୟଂ ମା ସ୍ୱରୂପିଣୀ |

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ବାନ୍ଧିଦେଇଥାଏ ସ୍ନେହ ର ଡୋରି |

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OFTEN FORGET

The sunshine of yesterday,
A storm years ago,
Did they leave us to drop?
Like dried leaves of autumn?
From green to red then gold,
To the yellow glinting sand,
And lapping water above all,
The cold veil of fog,
And the spark of a bonfire,
To the sparkle of deep dark eyes.

I wonder how often we forget,
That this is all but a dream,
The heat doesn't last and raindrops prick,
Dried leaves die and never come back,
Beauty is a joy that doesn't last long,
Only lovers like sea and land last forever,
That we are often shadowed and curtained,
But hope lives momentarily.....
Fate controls.. wish it to be the other way round,
To once see humanity within,
Though it has died for ages,
From life to an empty void l,
But..... we often forget

AVISYA SAMAL
SECTOR 21

Seasons of You

A lonely night, lit by your presence bright
Memories blossomed under warm sunlight
Your touch brings color to my world,
vibrant and bold
Every moment with you is precious, worth
more than gold

Four seasons danced with us, hand in hand
Leaving behind a fragrance, a sweet,
tender stand...
You bring joy to my life, in every single way
Forever with you, is where I want to stay

Dharitri
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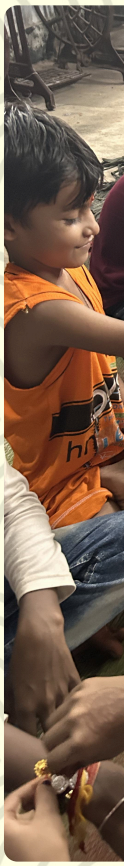

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जब याद तुम्हारी आती है

घनघोर अंधेरी शांत निशा की...
अम्बर पृथ्वी संग सभी दिशा की...
फल, फूल, वनस्पत, तितली, चिड़ियों की...
कुल्हिया-चुकिया, गुड्डे-गुड़ियों की...
सब बात धरी रह जाती है...
जब याद तुम्हारी आती है।

ज्ञान, विज्ञान और खेल-कूद की...
सत्ता, साहित्य संग ब्याज-सूद की...
धर्म, अर्थ व काम मोक्ष की...
दर्शन, सांसारिकता, कला-पक्ष की...
सब बात धरी रह जाती है...
जब याद तुम्हारी आती है।

सुख की, दुख की, तन्हाई भीड़ की...
वीरत्व, शौर्य, और धैर्य धीर की...
तेरे समझौते, मेरे संतोष की...
कर्म फल और किस्मत के दोष की...
सब बात धरी रह जाती है...
जब याद तुम्हारी आती है।

-हर्ष
OSAP

CHRISTMAS

Beneath the glow of a midnight moon,
I sat waiting for the Christmas toon.
With milk and cookies by my side,
As I wait for the Santa's ride.

The chimney cold, yet full of dreams,
For the countless letters, stating how good I have been.
Toy of course had many choices, none of which I could ignore,
So I requested for the entire Toy Store.

The clock struck twelve, the night moved ahead,
I hear the jingle, it landed overhead
I waited by the fireplace until I heard a knock on the door.
Well, that was odd, why would Santa use the door?

To the door, I dashed
With a plate of cookies piled
Once he stepped inside
Then I would offer him a bribe

I won't keep you long
Just leave the gifts inside and hum a song
I know you have a night very long
Oh I have been waiting for this moment all year long.

With a single gift, He said "Less is More"
My excitement just hit the floor
My body started feeling sore
I argued back "No, More is More"

Then the Santa Condescending
His lame and pity gift Receding
And then drop some coal on the floor
The Santa Said
"You are no longer on the nice list,
And this present you will soon miss
Because coal is all you will get"

Not only did he crush my dreams,
He also destroyed the rhyming scheme
Santa is going to witness a rage never seen before
Getting gifts has become such a chore

With fury in my veins, I turned with haste
My soul was ablaze, No time to waste.
I pumped up like a storm, from my core
Deadbolted the door, demanding more

With a flash of resolve, I spun,
And from my side, I drew a gun.
Pointed it straight at Santa's core,
Demanding the whole Toy Store."

"I am Santa, as you will see,
I can't be pressed for gifts from me.
When you want more, little one, take heed,
True respect is earned, not born of greed."

I fired my Ryder into the floor,
Then aimed it high, to show I was more.
The fearful fat one then complied,
Emptying contents as he cried.

I was shocked, the bag seemed so bare,
I had hoped for more toys but found only despair.
In disbelief, I asked with a roar,
"The Toys!! Why there are no more?"

The North Pole with ice so pure
Now all has melted, now not so sure.
And my toy shop sank offshore
We all should have listened to Al Gore.

Soumya Shouvik
Jagda

NOTIFICATIONS

1. **April 3** - Offline Farewell We Bid A Grand Farewell To Our Senior Members, Celebrating Their Journey And Contributions With An Offline Gathering.

3. **August** - College Admissions The 10th-Pass Students Achieved The Next Milestone As They Secured Admissions To Various Colleges, Paving The Way For Brighter Futures.

5. **September** - Affiliation With SAC Aasra Officially Became Part Of The Literature And Culture Society Under The Student Activity Center (SAC), Marking A New Chapter In Our Journey.

7. **October 11** - November 1: Diya Project Our Flagship Initiative Was A Resounding Success, With Sector Women Creating And Selling Handmade Diyas. This Year, We Achieved A Remarkable Milestone, Generating A Profit Of ₹1 Lakh To Support Our Community Programs.

9. **January 6** - State-Level Debate Achievement A Proud Moment As A Student Shradha From Jagda Secured The 2nd Rank In A State-Level Debate Competition, Reflecting Their Skill And Confidence.

NOTIFICATIONS

2. **May 31** - Academic Success All 14 Students From Our 7 Sectors Successfully Cleared Their 10th Board Exams, Marking A Proud Moment For Aasra

4. **August 30** - Sophomore Induction We Welcomed 32 Passionate Sophomores Into The Aasra Family, Assigning Them To Sectors Where They Can Contribute And Grow.

6. **October 5** - Sector Stories A New Initiative Showcasing The Extracurricular Talents And Activities In Our Sectors Through Captivating Visual Narratives.

8. **November 9** - Little Science Yard (LSY) Children Showcased Their Creativity And Knowledge Through Engaging Science-Based Projects And Exhibitions.

10. **January 20** - Freshers Induction We Welcomed A New Wave Of Freshers Into The Aasra Family, Bringing In Fresh Perspectives And Enthusiasm For The Year Ahead.

Diya Project

The Diya Project: Lighting Up Lives

The Diya Project has been one of Aasra's most meaningful initiatives, blending creativity, empowerment, and community spirit. This year, we organized diya-making workshops for work-sector women, providing them with skills and a platform to shine. The colorful and beautifully crafted diyas reflected not just artistic talent but also the determination and resilience of these women.

Once completed, the diyas were sold through college stalls and local markets. Each purchase supported the women's financial independence and contributed to Aasra's future initiatives. The proceeds were distributed transparently, ensuring every effort was rewarded and lives were positively impacted.

The Diya Project is about more than just creating diyas—it's about spreading hope, building confidence, and making a difference. Thank you to everyone who supported this journey. Together, we made this Diwali brighter for many.

Little Science Yard

Little Science Yard:
Igniting Young Minds

Aasra's Little Science Yard is an exciting initiative that sparks curiosity and creativity in children. This interactive event transforms learning into a fun experience, empowering young minds to explore the wonders of science.

This year's event showcased innovative projects & experiments, highlighting the participants' ideas & enthusiasm. Every exhibit demonstrated their potential and passion for learning. The room buzzed with energy and excitement, reminding us of the endless possibilities when young minds are empowered.

Little Science Yard prioritizes inclusivity and encouragement, focusing on participation and growth over competition. Aasra aims to nurture a love for science and critical thinking in the next generation, helping them build confidence and dream bigger. We're proud of all the young participants and grateful for the support. Together, we're creating a brighter future, one curious mind at a time.

Rashmi
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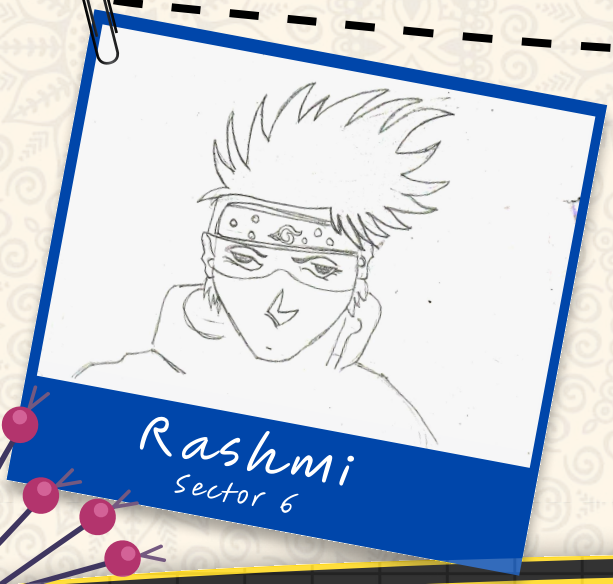

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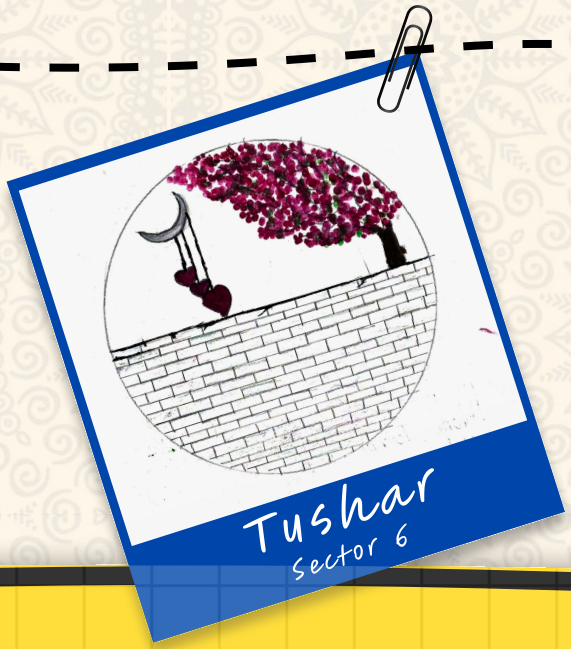

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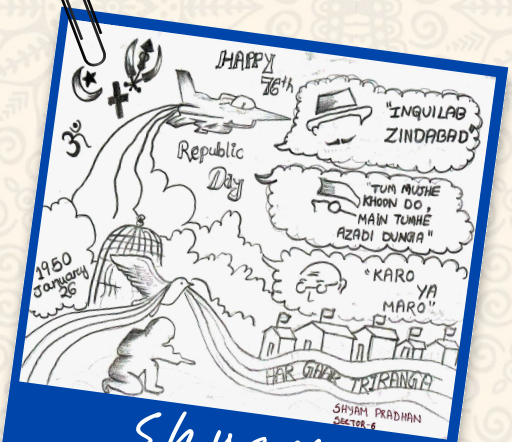

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WITH AASRA

As I sit here on a quite evening, flipping through the pages of my college journey, the name stands out like a glowing chapter: Aasra.

Through Aasra, I met people who deeply about making a difference. They weren't just peers; they were dreamers, doers, and believers in kindness. Each project we took on was like a breath of fresh air amidst the chaos of assignments and exams. When I joined Aasra, I never imagined how much the simplest gestures could touch my heart.

As I walk into the sector, the first thing I hear is their cheerful "Hi Didi!", followed by tiny hands reaching out for a handshake. It's such a small act, but it carries so much warmth that it instantly lifts my spirits. Those little moments—filled with curiosity and excitement—make me feel like I belong there, like I'm part of their world.

But the real magic happens when it's time to say goodbye. As we wrap up for the day, they ask, "Didi, you're coming next week, right?" The hope in their voices and the spark in their eyes fill me with motivation I didn't even know I needed.

Their simple queries and little handshakes remind me of the importance of connection. It is not about making great gestures; it is about being there, sharing tiny moments, and demonstrating that you care. And in exchange, they give me something invaluable—a cause to smile, a story to laugh, a purpose to continue, and a reminder of the joy that comes from simply being present.

Nibedita Tripathy
Sector 6

The best decision I ever took was to be a part of Aasra. The place where smile of those kids used to bring smile on our face. " Aasra mai hum dost bana ne gye the, but ek parivaar leke aye!!"
I cherish those memories and feel grateful for the lessons learned. Aasra will always be home. Forever in my heart!

- Nancy

ALUMNI REFLECTION

Aasra, to me, means the children - those innocent faces who ignited a sense of purpose within us. It was a journey of mutual learning, where we discovered new things (kuchh sikhna) and also got to teach them new things (kuchh sikhana). Aasra wasn't just about teaching underprivileged kids, but about enlightening their future. What I cherish most is that despite being a senior, I never felt an age gap - we were all united in our quest to make a difference.

-Kanhaiya

THE CREATIVE TEAM

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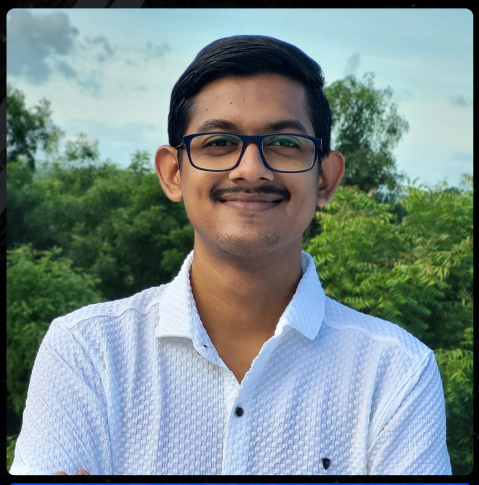

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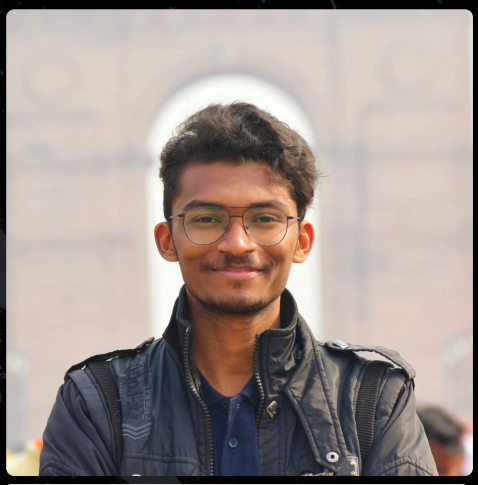

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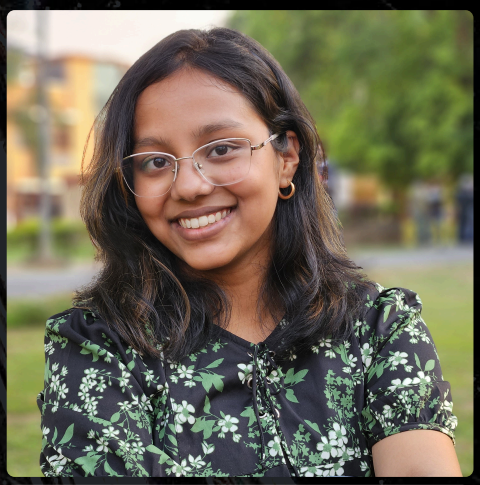

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