



**"There is a crack in everything. That's how
the light gets in." — Leonard Cohen**



AASRA

It is my privilege to be associated with AASRA NIT Rourkela since 2010 as a faculty advisor. Truly I am glad to share my thoughts about each and every one who has been involved with AASRA. Mostly students are extremely enthusiastic to contribute something for the needy inspite of their busy schedule in course and project work. It's my sincere thanks and good wishes to everyone. Now coming to the challenges in India due to rapidly growing size of population, there is always shortages of teachers, books, basic facilities, and insufficient public funds to cover education costs. This is where needy children are facing the basic challenges. They are not getting proper care and guidance in the field of education. That's the reason the rate of school dropouts amongst students is very high. For the underprivileged people, education is like a high-priced luxury, which creates negative impact with every new generation. That's the vision of AASRA to help the society and the needy for their growth through proper education system. In order to build India as a global standard, it is necessary for every child reaps the benefits of quality education. That's the feelings everyone should have in-order to enjoy a quality life equally. Thank you.



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Greetings and wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2023.

Service of mankind is service to God and if the mankind is given a gift of education, then nothing like it. Among all clubs, AASRA- Because They Need Us is a social service club of NIT Rourkela which started its novel journey with a motive to provide

education and assistance to the weaker section in and around Rourkela. I am happy that this club is run by the student volunteers (which has now grown to 150+ in number) and enthusiastic group of alumni. Initially, the club started helping the unreached and underprivileged society in and

around Rourkela by providing education and other basic amenities. Gradually, the club now focus on the development of the society both in terms of social and economic grounds. It has been helping many families to become an Adequate Ahead of the game Self-reliant Robust Acknowledged society rather than

an underprivileged society.

It has different workplaces at sector-2, sector-5, sector-6, sector-21, Khalsa, OSAP and Jagda in Rourkela where the kids

are regularly visited by the members. They are given proper education, guidance to get into educational institutes and crack various competitive examinations. They are also given financial support if needed, by the members of AASRA. The club helps the society by taking projects and carrying out different campaigns for creating awareness like the Diya Project, Little's Science Yard,

First-Aid Awareness, Cleanliness Campaign, Library Setup and

Skill Development. Among these, the Diya project was a huge success and considered as the biggest achievement of AASRA.

The enthusiastic and energetic members have brought many accomplishments to the club.

In 2013, this club was appreciated as one of the best clubs in NIT Rourkela by the Director. I have learned that two students out of a group of children being mentored by the members of AASRA for the selection exam of Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya (OAV) got selected for admission and received scholarship as well. The students were also assured to get a free education throughout. Another significant achievement was from a girl named Sanjana from the Sector-5 workplace, cleared the JEE Mains examination in 2020 with a percentile of 68.26 and now she is a Chemistry Hons. student in Ispat Government College. She was regularly guided by the club members and was financially aided for professional coaching by the alumni. Another student named Arikhit was tutored during his ITI and finally was recruited by Royal Enfield, Chennai. In January 2020, the club in collaboration with another club NIT IMUN, took the Green India Challenge in which they planted many saplings to spread the awareness of greener and safer India and the essence of planting trees. Amidst lockdown in 2020 due to COVID-19, when many people dependent on daily wages and small businesses lost their income, AASRA came with a helping hand. They took an active role in a crowd funding initiative namely SHIRKAT-The-Next Big Thing. In March 2020 AASRA along with two other social service groups of NIT Rourkela (LEO and ROTARACT) in collaborations with Youth For Sustainability (YFS) raised an ample fund to help the families of daily wagers, rickshaw pullers, drivers, food stall owners in Odisha by providing masks, sanitizers and ration. 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 whom place my sincere appreciation. I wish AASRA club all success in their future endeavour.

- A Thirugnanam



Dear Readers
Eighteenth anniversary of
AASRA (The social service
family of NITRKL) on 26th
January 2023 is both an
occasion for thanksgiving to the
former supporters and
welcoming the newcomers to
AASRA family on joining hands for the

noble cause. Though the current prevailing pandemic scenario doesn't permit the field level outreach activities, the spirit of social service on the AASRA family members were not halted, rather everyone of us were tried our level best to contribute at their level to sustain this noble cause. This again highlighted the lessons learned from the passion of AASRA club that achieved through the untired support and determination of thousands of dedicated volunteers 'over the last sixteen years. The AASRA family members have spent remarkable time and generous effort on various social outreach activities for the benefits of underprivileged community in various sector workplaces of Rourkela to realize the real impact of education on their life.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenges and controversy". Despite this pandemic scenario, our AASRA warriors were able to coordinate the events online and tried to reach out the neglected ones during the pressing times.

Hats-off to your endless effort and untired commitment to advance the impoverished community in the city, as well as the financial and moral support from alma mater are worth commending. I salute each one of the AASRA family members who dedicated their spare time from this vibrant campus to outreach on empowering the underprivileged children's education and their family benefits. The purpose of this AASRA's souvenir is to set out this improvement journey in providing services to people that promote their well-being and support them to achieve their personal outcomes; yet it's an opportunity for us to annually benchmark the performances against our improvement priorities, which Cheers and regards," shall inspire the emerging AASRA volunteers. I certainly hope that the deliberations in the souvenir will draw central attentions from the NITRKLians for this noble cause and renew commitment among more dedicated volunteers to face the new challenges ahead of us. I wish the souvenir and AASRA family all great success. Let's join hands together to bring smiles on the impoverished community too. Happy new year 2023 and may this year bring more smiles on everyone's face inspite of the pandemic situation around the world.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



As the proud President of Aasra, Nit Rourkela's social service organization, run by independent student body, my journey has been a profound odyssey of compassion, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to uplifting the less privileged. Since my freshman year, we have ventured into underprivileged areas, providing free tuition and fostering an environment where children can break free from the relentless cycle of poverty.

Our initiatives extend beyond academics. Each year, Aasra embarks on transformative projects like the "Little Science Yard" and "Diya Project." These endeavors aim to kindle the scientific curiosity of children and empower women to explore their potential. Witnessing the radiant joy on the faces of these individuals is a constant reminder of the impact we make and the genuine happiness that emanates from our shared endeavors. The heartwarming bonds formed with both fellow volunteers and the beneficiaries of our efforts are the essence of Aasra. We function as a close-knit team, celebrating victories and weathering challenges together. From serving as the General Secretary in the 2022-23 period to assuming the role of President from 2023-24, every step has been a learning curve. Organizing impactful events, presiding over meetings, and making tough decisions for the organization's future have sculpted my character, defining me in ways beyond measure. Aasra has not merely been an extracurricular activity; it has been the crucible of my character. The smiles on the faces of the children we reach out to and the gratitude they express serve as constant motivation to persist in our noble pursuit. I am indebted to every member who has contributed to the success of Aasra, and to the resilient spirits of the children who have become the heartbeat of our mission. In the pages of this annual magazine, let our collective story unfold – a narrative of empathy, resilience, and the transformative power of education. Together, as Aasra, we continue to nurture dreams and, in doing so, shape a brighter future for all.

-Satwik Srimansu Sahoo
President, AASRA

EDITORIAL

I really appreciate each and every one of you sharing your views, emotions, and experiences with us. A heartfelt thank you to the writing and design teams for adding life and vibrancy to the AASRA Magazine 2024.

We are really grateful to Bibek Nayak for proposing the name of the magazine **ଉପ୍ରୀଦ୍ଧ**, which stands for "hope," which is the foundation of existence.

We have made an effort to communicate the stories and thoughts in their whole while preserving the works' uniqueness. By doing this, we can help readers better understand the writer's purpose and message.

Children's articles that use language to convey their true feelings have drawn special notice. We hope you enjoy reading the magazine as much as we enjoyed putting it together and delivering it to you. We hope that readers will be able to identify with the experiences of these young authors and value their unique perspectives.

Recounting my experience in Aasra, during my firstyear, at the time of induction, Sabya bhaiya questioned me, "Do you have the patience to handle the little children who might not be able to sit still for one minute?"

And right now, I am in charge of the design team, where great patience and consistency are needed to produce a design that is noteworthy.

Despite their hectic academic schedules, I am grateful for the team members' dedication and hard work. With optimism, this magazine will inspire you to view life more optimistically and will offer you hope for long-term success.

-BHASWOTI SAHOO

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Being Happy

Happiness in life is like medicine to the soul , it heals and cures one self .

The present generation forgets how to remain happy out of heart .

This modern generation in search of life has forgot to live .

Happiness is not about only laugh, funs enjoyment and partying at clubs ..

Its about living the life with bare minimum expectations, complaints ,dissatisfaction.

Gratitude and Acceptance is the key to happiness..

Unburden yourself with regrets , grudge; live the moments, Make memories , Learn from mistakes, Explore yourself, Forgive others,

Trust the process,

Be yourself

Appreciate your flaws

Work on your weakness and grow just go with the flow,

At the end , everyone wants to be happy and likes to remain with happy people.

A happy heart is proportional to healthy mind.

– Krishnangi Behera

AASRA-Where I discovered that perspectives change when you step out of “yourself”

Namaste everyone, this is Aryan, a sophomore in the CSE department at NIT Rourkela. I joined AASRA in September 2023 and since then have visited a couple of times to OSAP area, primarily tutoring underprivileged children and helping them to understand some concepts that I struggled to absorb at some point in my life.

Being a non-Odiya, I knew I would feel some hindrances after joining this student-run organization because of the language and cultural differences. Honestly speaking, the first thing (you may call it greed too) before joining AASRA that popped up in my mind was that I would get something cheesy and full of acknowledgments to put up on my resume and treated the first visit as if it was something to be done just for the sake of doing it.

When my fellow team members and I reached our destination, an unexpected occurrence took place. The joyful expressions on the children's faces welcomed us with a warm "Good evening," evoking memories of how we used to greet our beloved teachers back in school. The sparkle in their eyes and valor in them for fighting against their odds, learning new things and yet being happy all at the same time made me feel how small I am and how much I don't know about the world compared to what I had been celebrating yet. A few quadratic equations, a bunch of graph-related problems, and some social and nationalistic talks were what I was able to discuss that day.

Did they know me before? NO. Did I know them? Again NO. Was it a compulsory duty? A big NO again.

Then why did I feel happy and satisfied at the end of the day?

Be a helping hand to someone without expecting anything in return, you will get the answer.

That was me.

Thanks for your patient reading.

Aryan Raj – An AASRA member

जीत की जिंदादिली



चढ़ रहे हो चढ़ाई वक्त की लंबी चलेगी
ठोकरे देंगी वो सलाहु जो जिंदगी भर टिकेगी
जल्दीबाजी नहीं है, ना कमी है धीरज की
इतने भी नाजुक नहीं जैसे कलिया हो नीरज की
पुष्प' बनना हमारा थौक बिलकुल नहीं है
ना 'चंद्र 'सी शीतलता ही हमे मंजूर है
हाँ, कठिन डगर पे चलने मे तकलीफ होती ज़हर है ।

लेकिन ऐसा भी ना सोचो की तुम कमजोर पड़ गए हो
जिंदगी में आगे बढ़ते वहीं है, जो अपनी जिद पे अड़े
गए हो

एक नई किताब तुम पे भी लिखी जाएगी
जिसकी हजारों प्रतिलिपियां संग्रहित की जाएंगी
तुम कर सकते हो चाहे जो हो काम
चाहे उसके लिए वसुंधरा खोदना पड़े या नापना हो
आसमान

याद करो इस कहानी के मुख्य नायक तुम्ही हो
झदन, विलाप और फिर हृषि में खुद के सहायक तुम्ही हो

उठो अब आ गया है वक्त
कर लो खुद की मेहनत का नतीजा जब्त
चाहे लाओ प्रयोग में साम-दाम-दण्ड- भेद
या पी जाओ दुर्मनों के रक्त ॥

- के यादव

THE COMFORT OF SOLITUDE

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone;
For the sad old earth must borrow its
mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and people will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of all your
pleasure,
But they do not need your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all,
There are none to decline your
nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Nibedita Tripathy

ଇନ୍ଦ୍ରଧନୁ

ମେଘ ବରସୁଛି ଖରା ପଡ଼ିଆଛି
ପାଣି ତାଳେ ଧାର ଧାର
ସାରୁ ଗଛ ମୂଳେ ବେଙ୍ଗ ରାଜା ବସି
କେଁ କେଁ କରେ ସ୍ଵର |

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ଯିବ ଆଜି ଶାଶୁଷର
କେଁ କଟର କେଁ ବାଇଦ ବଜାନ୍ତି
ଭେକ ମାନେ ହୋଇ ମୋଳ |

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ଇନ୍ଦ୍ରର ଦେବତା ଧନୁ
କେତେ ମନୋହର ରଙ୍ଗ ବେରଙ୍ଗର
ଭୁଲି ହୁଏ ନାହିଁ ମନୁ |

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ବାଇଗଣି ହଳଦୀଆ
ଘନନୀଳ, ଲାଳ, ସବୁଜ, ନାରଙ୍ଗୀ
ନୀଳ ରଙ୍ଗ ଶୋଭା ଆହା |
ଇନ୍ଦ୍ରର ଦେବତା ହାତେ ଧନୁ ଧରି
ବୁଲନ୍ତି ମହୀ ମଣ୍ଡଳ
ଶୋଭା ସମ୍ବରେ ହସି ଉଠେ ମହୀ
ଉରନ୍ତି ଧରଣୀ କୋଳ |

ପ୍ରଜ୍ୟାକିତା ମହାରଣା

ବରଫରାଣୀ ଏବଂ ତାହାଣୀର କାହାଣୀ

ଗୋଟିଏ ଦେଶରେ ଜଣେ ରାଜା, ରାଣୀ ରହୁଥୁଲେ । ଦିନେ ରାଣୀ ପେଟରେ ଶିଶୁ ଟିଏ ହେଲା । ରାଣୀ ଝରକା ବାହାରେ ଦେଖିଲା ବରଫକୁ ଦେଖି ରାଣୀ କହିଲା ମୋର ଶିଶୁ ଟିଏ ବରଫ ଯେମିତି ଗୋରା ଆଉ ଓ ଗୋଲାପ ଫୁଲ ଯେମିତି ଓଠ ଲାଲ ଥାଉ । ରାଣୀ ଶିଶୁକୁ ଜନ୍ମ ଦେବାବେଳେ ରାଣୀ ମରିଗଲେ ।

ଶିଶୁଟିର ନାମ ଥୁଲା – ବରଫ ରାଣୀ । ଦିନେ ବରଫ ରାଣୀ କହିଲେ ବାପା ଚାଲ ସେଇଠି ମେଲା ବସିଛି । ମୁଁ ସେଇଠି ଖେଳିବୀ । ବାପା ବରଫ ରାଣୀକୁ ମେଲା ବୁଲେଇବାକୁ ନେଲେ । ମେଲାରେ ଗୋଟିଏ ତାହାଣୀ ଥୁଲା ସେ ଦେଖିଲା ରାଜା ଓ ତାର ବରଫ ରାଣୀ ଦୁଇଜଣ ମେଲାକୁ ଯାଉଛନ୍ତି । ତାହାଣୀ ତାର ଅଲଗା ତେହରା ବଦଳାଇଲା ଓ ଗୋଟିଏ ସୁନ୍ଦର ଝିଅର ତେହରା ନେଲା । ତାହାଣୀ ଦୁଇଟି ଆଇସକ୍ରିମ ନେଲା ଗୋଟିଏ ଆଇସକ୍ରିମରେ ବିଷ ଥୁଲା ଓ ଆଉ ଗୋଟିଏ ଆଇସକ୍ରିମରେ ବିଷ ନ ଥୁଲା । ଯେଉଁ ଆଇସକ୍ରିମରେ ବିଷ ଥୁଲା ସେଇ ଆଇସକ୍ରିମଟା ରାଜାକୁ ଦେଲା ଗୋଟିଏ କୁର୍ବାଟିଏ ଦେଖିଲା ଓ କହିଲା ଆପଣ ଏଇ ଆଇସକ୍ରିମ ଖାଆନ୍ତି କାରଣ ମୁଁ ଜାଣିଛି ଯେ ଐ ଗୋଟି ତାହାଣୀ ଗୁଁଁ ଲୋକମାନେ କାଠରେ ନିଆଁ ଜାଳି ଆସିଲେ ତାହାଣୀ କୁ ଗଛରେ ବାନ୍ଧି ଗଛରେ ନିଆଁ ଲଗାଇ ପଳେଇ ଗଲେ । ତାହାଣୀଟିଏ ନିଆଁ ରେ ମରିଗଲା ଓ ରାଜା ଏବଂ ବରଫ ରାଣୀ ଖୁସିରେ ଘରକୁ ଗଲେ ଓ ଦେଖିଲେ ଗୋଟିଏ ଥାଳିରେ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀ ଥାଇ । ରାଜା ଏବଂ ବରଫ ରାଣୀ ବହୁତ ଖୁସି ହେଲେ ।

राजकुमारी क्रिस्टल

हजारों साल पहले ग्रिस देस से एक राजा रहते थे उनका नाम था मार्क्स। मार्क्स की एक बेटी थी उसका नाम था क्रिस्टल, पैदाइसी क्रिस्टल के हाथ-में एक स्टार का मार्क था, सभी ग्रिक वासी उसे बहुत प्यार करते थे, एक दिन वहां पर एक व्यक्षाइक आया, उसे पता था कि क्रिस्टल क्या-क्या कर सकती है, वह कुछ दिन के लिए वहि पर रहा, वहां पर रहकर उसने ग्रिक कि सभी कमजोरी का पता लगाया। एक दिन अचानक से एक दूसरे देश के राजा ने वहां पर आक्रमण किया। क्रिस्टल को बचाने के लिए राजा ने

उसे एक दासी के साथ ग्रिक से बाहर भेज दिया, ताकि वह व्यापारी उस तक पहुँच न सके। इधर उस व्यापारी ने उसकी सेना कि मदत से मार्क्स को हरा कर बंदी बना लीया,

असल मे वह व्यापारी मार्क्स का छोटा भाई डेमन था। राजसत्ता पाने के लिए उसने उनपर हमला किया था, क्रिस्टल और वह दासी जापान मे रहने लगे, धिरे धिरे वो बड़ि दृढ़ तलवार बाजी, धूड़ सवारी, तिर चलाना आति सभी कार्य मे वह निपूण थे, जब जापान

के राजा को क्रिस्टल के बारे में पता चला तब उन्होंने उसे एक बड़े प्रतियोगिता में आमंत्रित किया। क्रिस्टल, कि उम्र मात्र 14 साल कि थी, प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वालों कि उम्र 35 साल के आस पास था। इस प्रतियोगी मे अपनी योग्यता के बल पर क्रिस्टल ने जीत हासिल किया। राजा ने उन्हें अपने राज महल मे उनकि बेटी सोना को युद्धशिक्षा

देने के लिए रखा। दोनों में बहुत बनती थी, बहुत जल्द वे दोस्त बन गये। बहुत जल्द अलोम्पेक प्रतियोगिता आने वाला था, इस बार डेमस ने अलग नियम बनाया था, प्रति

देश के तौर से 5 जन का दल बनेगा। अतं जीतने वाले का -(एक ऐसा लॉकेट जीसमे तारों कि छुपि थक्कि थी) मिलेगा, लेकिन जो हारेंगे उनके देश ग्रिक साम्राज्य मे मिला

दिए जाएंगे, जापान के राजा बहुत चिन्ता मे थे यो क्रिस्टल नहि चाहती थी कि राजा को उनकि सच्याइ का पता चले। इसलिए राजा को उसने सान्तोना दि और सोना के साथ

और तीन खास खिलाड़ी के साथ ऑलम्पिक में भाग लेने के लिए तैयार हुए, खेल में क्रिस्टल का दल प्रथम रधान पर था, कोड उन्हे हरा नहि पा रहा था, डेमस ने तो दल

ग्रिक कि तरफ से बनाया थे वै अनिती से जीत रहे थे। ये जानकर सोना ने क्रिस्टल को इसका प्रतिवाद करने कहा, क्रिस्टल मुस्का दी, सोना हमेसा से सोचती थी कि क्रिस्टल के काम दुसरों से अलग और हठके कैसे होता है, उसने उससे पूछा, क्रिस्टल ने कहा कि

मुकाबले में तुम्हें पता चलेगा, जब अंतिम मुकाबला क्रिस्टल के दल और ग्रिक के

बिचमे हुआ तो सर्वप्रथम क्रिस्टल और ग्रिक दल से डेमस आए। इस प्रतियोगिता मे क्रिस्टल को तिर चलान कहा गया था। इस मुकाबले में क्रिस्टल का विजयता हुआ। तब

उसने सबके सामने अपनी सच्चाइ बैताइ, क्रिस्टल ने टेन्बो स्टार के मदत से डेमस उन्होंने को बंदि बनाया अपने पिता एवं

माँ को छुड़ाया और जितने देश हार कर अपनी स्वाधिनता खो दिए थे उन्हें उन्हे आजात किया, इसके बाद क्रिस्टल क्रिस कि रानी बनी।

ନାରୀ ଶିକ୍ଷା

ଗୋଟିଏ ଛୋଟିଆ ମାତ୍ର ଥୁଲେ ସେଠାରେ ଶ୍ୟାମ ନାମକ ପୁଅ
ଟି ଥୁଲା ସେ ସବୁ ଦିନ ଉକିଆ ସ୍କୁଲ ଯାଉଥାଏ । ସେ ଦେଖୁଲା
ଗୋଟିଏ ଗଛ ରେ ଦୁଇ ଜଣ ପୁଅ ଚଢ଼େଇ ବସା କୁ ଭାଙ୍ଗୁଛନ୍ତି
ସେ ଜାଇ ଦେଖୁଲା କହିଲା କାହିଁକି ଯେ ବିଚରଣ ଚଢ଼େଇ ର
ବସାକୁ ଭାଙ୍ଗୁଛା । ସେତିକି ଶୁଣି ଦୁଇ ଜଣ ପୁଅ ତାକୁ ମାରିବାକୁ
ବରିଲେ । ଆରେ ଆରେ ରୁହୁ କଣ ପାଇଁ ମତେ ମାରୁଛ ମୁଁ ତ
ଉଳ କଥା କହିଲା । ପୁଅ ଘରକୁ ଗଲା ମାତ୍ର ପଚାରିଲା ତୋର ଏ
କଣ ହେଲା । ମାତ୍ର କୁ ସବୁ କଥା କହି ପୁଅ ବହତୁ କାନ୍ଦିଲା ।
ଆରେ ବାବୁ କାନ୍ଦେନି କାନ୍ଦେନି ତାଳ ଯିବା ଏବେ କଉ ପୁଅ
ମାନେ ତତେ ମାରିଲେ । ମାତ୍ର ପୁଅ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ କୁ ଗଲେ ଆରେ ମାତ୍ର
ସେ ମାନେତ ଏଇ ଗଛ ମୂଲେ ଥୁଲେ ଏବେ କେମିତି ସେଇ
ଗଛ ମୂଲେ ବାବା ବସିଛନ୍ତି ତାଳ ଯାଇ ସେ ସାଧୁ ବାବାଙ୍କୁ
ପଚାରିବା 'ବାବା' 'ବାବା' । କଣ ହେଲା ତୁମେ ଏତେ ଯୋର
ରେ ପାଟି ରୁଣ୍ଡୁ କରୁଛ ଏଇଠି ଦେଖୁଥୀଲକି ବାବା ଦୁଇ ଜଣ
ପୁଅ ପୁଅ ଗୋଟିଏ କୁ ମାରୁଥୁଲେ । ହିଁ ମୁଁ ଏଇଠି ବସିଥୁଲି
ମତେ ସେମାନେ ପଥର ଫୋପାଡ଼ିଲେ ସେଥୁ ପାଇଁ ମୁଁ ପଲେଇ
ଥୁଲେ ସେ ପୁଅ କିଏ । ବାବା ସେ ପୁଅ ହଉଛି ମୁଁ ସେ 'ବାବା' ଙ୍କୁ
ସବୁକଥା କହି ଦେଲା । ଆଉ କାନ୍ଦିବାକୁ ଲାଗିଲା ବାବା
କହିଲେ କାନ୍ଦେନି କାନ୍ଦେନି ପୁଅ କାନ୍ଦେନି ସେ କିରେ ପୁତ୍ର
ରୁଥ୍ ହୋଇ ଗଲା ।

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ସେକ୍ଟର - ୭

A Tale of Triumph Unfolded

In a realm where whispers are mocked,
intelligence deemed low,
A little one faced ridicule, yet let resilience flow.

Taunts echoed around, a symphony of disdain,
Undeterred, the child pressed on, dismissing
the pain.

Struggles embraced like an unwavering friend,
In the crucible of hard work, determination to
no end.

Books and lessons, allies in the arduous quest,
Studying with fervor, against doubt's tempest.

Through the labyrinth of challenges, the child
trod,
A symphony of effort, in which dreams clawed.

Parents' eyes gleamed with pride, hearts aloud,
A tale of triumph unfolded, leaving the skeptics
wowed..

-Bhaswoti Sahoo

दोस्त अब थकने लगे हैं

किसी का पेट निकल आया है,
किसि का बाल पकने लगे हैं।
सब पर भारी जिम्मेदारी है,
सब की छोटी मोटी कोई बीमारी है।

दिन भर जो भागते दौड़ते थे,
वो अब चलते चलते भी रुकने लगे हैं।
पर ये हकीकत है,
सब दोस्त थकने लगे हैं।

किस को लोगों की फ़िक्र है,
कही हेल्थ टेस्ट का जिक्र है।
फुर्सत की सबको कमी है,
आँखों की अजीब सी नमी है।

कल जो प्यार के ख़त लिखते थे,
आज बीमे के फॉर्म फर्ने में लगे हैं।
पर ये हकीकत है,



-GHANSHYAM BHOI
OSAP

माँ

बचपन की बीती बातों को
मैं भूल कभी न पाती हु,
प्यार तो बहुत आपसे करता हु माँ
पर इज़्ज़हार नहीं कर पाती हु ।

रूठ जाए खुदा भी पर
आप ना रूठना कभी
टूट जाऊ अगर मई कभी
पर आप ना टूटना कभी ।

आपको देखकर ही तो
कुछ करने का हिम्मत कर पाती हु।
प्यार तो भुत आपसे करती हु माँ
पर इज़्ज़हार नहीं कर पाती हु।



-PRAVASINI RANA
OSAP

Every road starts with one step

One song can spark a moment
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest
One bird can herald spring
One smile begins a friendship
One star can guide a ship at sea
One word can frame the goal
One vote can change a nation
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will conquer gloom
One step starts a journey
One word starts a prayer
One hope will raise our spirits
One touch can show your care
One voice can speak with wisdom
One heart can know what's true
One life can make a difference !!!!

~Susmita Bahidar

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ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ହାତଧରି ଶିକ୍ଷାର ଆଲୋକ ଆଡ଼କୁ ନେଇଯିବାର ଦାୟିତ୍ବ ଏକ ଆମିକ ଓ ଶ୍ରେଷ୍ଠ ମଣିଷର ଲକ୍ଷଣ । ଯିଏ ଆମ ଏହି କୁଷ୍ଟ କଲୋନୀ ଗୁଡ଼ିକର ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କୁ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ଆଲୋକ ଦେଖାଇଛି ,କୁନି କୁନି ପିଲାଙ୍କୁ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ଆଶ୍ରା ଦେଖାଇଛି,କୁଷ୍ଟ କଲୋନୀକୁ ବାହାର ସମାଜ ଘୃଣ୍ୟ ଚକ୍ଷୁରେ ଦେଖୁଥିଲା,କିନ୍ତୁ ସମାଜର ଏକ ସୁ ନାଗରିକ ହିସାବରେ ଏହି କୁଷ୍ଟ ବସ୍ତିର ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ହାତ ଧରିଛି , ସେ ହେଉଛି ମହାନ ଆଶ୍ରା ପରିବାର । ଏହି ଆଶ୍ରା ପରିବାର ଗଠିତ ହୋଇଛି ରାଉରକେଳା NIT ର ଉଷ୍ଟର୍ଗୀକୃତ ଛାତ୍ର ଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ନେଇ । ଆମେ ତାଙ୍କୁ ସ୍ନେହରେ ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦି କହୁ । ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦିମାନେ ନିଜର ଅମୂଲ୍ୟ ସମୟରୁ କିଛି ସମୟ ବାହାର କରି ଆମର ଶିକ୍ଷା ଏବଂ ଆଭୟନ୍ତରୀଣ କଳାକୁ ଉନ୍ନତି ଦିଗରେ ନେବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କରୁଛନ୍ତି । ବିଭିନ୍ନ ରାଜ୍ୟରୁ ଆସି ଏହି ଆଶ୍ରା ପରିବାରରେ ସାମିଲ ହେଇଛନ୍ତି । ଏମାନେ ଆମମାନଙ୍କୁ ସ୍ନେହରେ ପାଠ ପଡ଼ାଇବା ସହିତ ଆମ ଭିତରେ ଥୁବା କଳା ଯଥା ନୃତ୍ୟ,ଗୀତ,ଚିତ୍ରାଙ୍କନ,ନାଟକ ଆଦି ବିଭିନ୍ନଦିଗରେ ଦିଗଦର୍ଶନ ଦେଉଛନ୍ତି । ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦିମାନେ ଆମମାନଙ୍କୁ ବହୁତ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରନ୍ତି । ଆମେମାନେ ନବୋଦୟ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ବିଷୟରେ ଜାଣି ନଥିଲୁ । ସେମାନେ ଆମକୁ ଏହି ବିଷୟରେ ଅବଗତ କରାଇ ପରୀକ୍ଷାରେ ବସିବା ପାଇଁ ମଧ୍ୟ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରୁଛନ୍ତି । ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦିମାନେ ଆମ ପାଠ ପଡ଼ାଇବାରେ ବେଶି ଧାନ ଦିଅନ୍ତି । ଯେଉଁ ସମୟରେ ଭୟଙ୍କର କରୋନା ମହାମାରୀ ରୋଗରେ ସ୍କୁଲ , କଲେଜ୍ ବନ୍ଦ ଥିଲା ସେଇ ସମୟରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଆମକୁ ସେମାନେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରିଥିଲେ । ସେମାନେ ଆମ ପାଖକୁ ଆସି ପରି ନଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ online ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ପାଠ ପଡ଼ାଇ ଥିଲେ । ଆଶ୍ରା ପରିବାର ଦୀପାବଳୀ ସମୟରେ ସମସ୍ତ କଲୋନିକୁ ଦୀପ ବନାଇବାକୁ ଦେଇଥାଏ ଓ ଦୀପ ବିକ୍ରି କରି ଯେଉଁ ପଇସା ମିଳିଥାଏ ତାହାକୁ କଲୋନୀରେ ସମସ୍ତ ସାହୟକାରୀ ମହିଳାମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ବାଣ୍ଟିଦେଇଥାନ୍ତି । ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦି ମାନଙ୍କ ଭିତରେ ଟିକେ ବି ଗର୍ବ, ଅହଙ୍କାର କି ଘୃଣା ନାହିଁ । ଆମ ନୟବଜାର କଲୋନୀର ସବୁ ପୁଜିପର୍ବରେ ଦୁଃଖସୁଖରେ ସାମିଲ ହୁଅନ୍ତି । ବିପଦ ଆପଦରେ ଠିଆ ହୁଅନ୍ତି । ସ୍ଵାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଅନେକ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରନ୍ତି । ନିଃସ୍ଵାର୍ଥପର ଭାବେ ସେବା କରନ୍ତି । ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ଅବଦାନ ଅଭୁଲନିୟା । ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ସେବା ମନୋଭାବକୁ ଗୋପବନ୍ଧୁ ଦାସ, ମହାମ୍ଭା ଗାନ୍ଧୀ, ମଦର ଚେରେସାଙ୍କ ସହ ମୁଁ ତୁଳନା କରେ । ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦିମାନେ ଆମମାନଙ୍କୁ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଭୟବ ତଥା ପିକନିକ ରେ ସାମିଲ କରନ୍ତି । NIT ର ଭାଇ ଓ ଦିଦିମାନେ ଆମମାନଙ୍କର ମୁହଁରେ ହସ ଭରିଦିଅନ୍ତି । ମୁଁ ଶୁଭରତ୍ରୀ ବହିଦାର NIT ର ଏହି ଭାଇ ଦିଦିୟ ଏବଂ ତାଙ୍କର ମାତା ପିତା ଓ ଶିକ୍ଷକମାନଙ୍କୁ କୋଟି କୋଟି ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଦେଉଅଛି । ଏମାନଙ୍କର ପରୋପକର ମନୋଭାବ ଆଗାମୀ ପିଢ଼ି ପାଇଁ ଏକ ଜ୍ଞାନକୁ ଉଦ୍‌ବାହନଶ ସହିତ ସୁଗମ ମାର୍ଗ ହେଉ । ଯାହାଦ୍ଵାରା ଆଗାମୀ ପିଢ଼ି ଏହି ପରୋପକାର ମାର୍ଗରେ ଚାଲି ଚାଲି ସୁନାଗରିକ ହେବା ସହ ସୁଷ୍ଠୁ ଏବଂ ଶିକ୍ଷିତ ସମାଜ ଗଠନରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଭୂମିକା ଗ୍ରହଣ କରନ୍ତି । ପ୍ରଭୁ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥଙ୍କ ନିକଟରେ ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରେ କି NIT ର ଭାଇଦିଦିମାନେ ଏବଂ NIT ର ପରିବାର ସଦସ୍ୟ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ଶୁଭ ଆଶୀର୍ବାଦ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରନ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ ଆଗାମୀ ଜୀବନରେ ସମସ୍ତେ ସଫଳତା ଲାଭ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

Wish you all for your successful and brighter future.

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RAKSHYA BANDHAN

FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

We Aasra family celebrated Rakhi in our respective workplace, aiming to foster community bonds and bring joy to the lives of the children. The members tied rakhi to the children to celebrate the holy occasion and distributed sweets among them. The celebration in the workplaces not only brought joy but also strengthened community ties.

DIWALI

In an effort to promote sustainable and eco-friendly festivities, we embarked on a mission to celebrate a Green Diwali with the residents of our workplaces. We decorated the place with handmade diyas and celebrated diwali with noiseless firecrackers. Positive feedback from the slum residents highlighted increased awareness about sustainable practices and a sense of community pride.



ALUMNI

ON STONES



ROHITH BURUGU

Group of 3-4 people sat under a tree and talked about doing some good to the society. In their capacity educating kids is possible. They passed it as an organisation for future juniors in their college. After 15 years today,Aasra is an army which works for the welfare of the society. As one of the team members of Aasra I'm very happy and as a nationalist I would like to appreciate all soldiers of Aasra who are serving Bharat . I see it as what we can contribute towards the progress of Bharat (Aasra's contribution)

PRABHAT KUMAR SAHOO



Embarking on my AASRA journey at NIT Rourkela happened fortuitously during club orientations. Assigned to Chhend, I initially worried about the distance. However, the sector visit shattered my preconceptions. Witnessing the disciplined and enthusiastic children, their greetings of "hello bhaiya and didi" left an unforgettable impression. AASRA's mantra, "because they need us," revealed a reciprocal bond. Amidst our busy lives, weekends with workplace kids became a retreat. Their smiles, a reminder that in this shared journey, we find solace, joy, and a profound connection.

Ascending from vice-captain to captain of the Chhend sector provided invaluable experience, shaping my approach to problem solving skills now indispensable in the corporate realm. What initially drew me to AASRA for social service blossomed into more than just a commitment, it became a source of lasting friendships and a newfound family.

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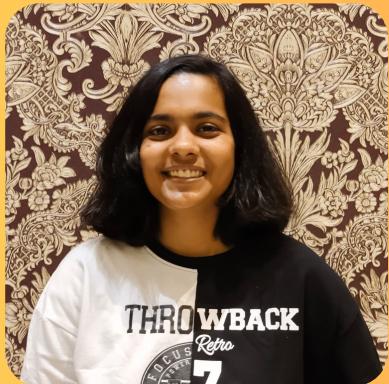
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SUPRITA DEVI

I don't know If my writing will do the justice to express the gratitude or compile these 4 years of thrilling journey and the contribution of aasra in it.

After 12th being in dilemma of taking drop or not I finally joined NIT Rourkela. Leaving home and staying in hostel for the 1st time I was navigating through the new challenges.

I remember my 1st time visiting Sector 2 sitting in the back of the cycle of Vaidya bhaiya - looking at the joy in the eyes of kids in the sector I felt I belonged there. I always wanted to teach children I guess it came from my gene as my both parents were teachers ♡♡♡. After induction I got sector 21 - and I was assigned to the 4 kids of 7th class - I never knew all these 4 years the bond I am gonna form with them. It was the place where I met some amazing people - Mahamaya Kiran Aditi who made this journey incredible. I had heard from seniors telling Aasra feels like a family away from home I was slowly realising the same. I remember one funny incident of meeting Gautam bhaiya - that time he got selected in the prestigious Max plank Institute of Germany and being naive I asked him in msg about why everyone is saying congratulations to him but what I got in return is a mentor and a bade bhaiya whom I still run to till date no matter how far we leave. Shruti Di aka Govt wali Didi Ritesh Puru Alok Vamsi bhaiya all made us feel the comfort of home. Although all was not that smooth - I joined almost every club in 1st year and felt the lack of time and was thinking to leave Aasra as well but I am glad that I am sticked and my message to juniors is sometimes due to time crunch you won't feel like going and it's perfectly fine just remind yourself why you joined in 1st place.

Although Corona and lockdown washed away our 2 yrs of clg but in Aasra we tried teaching kids online - it was hard but at least we tried.

When you teach the kids not only they grow you also learn a lot - the 4 girls I used teach they were always in the mood of not studying so to make them listen I used to start with a story everyday and encouraged to ask questions - I used to prepare notes before teaching so that we can make up the time. They taught me patience aa it was very difficult to handle them - I felt the responsibility to guide them as an elder sister and in return I got unconditional love. I wish to see them all in better position then my small contribution will be worth it.

Apart from the teaching all festivals we celebrated the diya project, LSY, countless night outs, learning from the seniors and in 4th year suddenly you are the senior all added countless memories which I will cherish all along.

At last I will say for me AASRA was not just a family it even showed me the things which I am passionate about - I found my happiness in teaching kids working on something selflessly which I want to carry forward in my life. Although the journey of 4 years in college ends here I will always be grateful to AASRA especially all my sector 21 family for all valuable impact they have created in my life.

ALUMNI NOTES



CHIRASMITA SUNDI

Aasra, because we need them! The tagline stands so true in itself! I never knew that joining this club would bless me with another family, another wonderful group of friends, and another set of heartwarming memories! Sector kids were just in love! The hope in their eyes, the enthusiasm in their blood, the care in their hearts, everything would make us forget our stress, frustration, and tensions. It would work like magic always, it'd provide us with wholesome energy that made us(strive and serve them)/and dedicate ourselves to making "bringing & keeping the smiles on their face" Our mission! I just know that.I will always cherish all the moments I lived with them, for them, throughout my life! Indeed ...upon meeting them, we never knew that we were actually in more need of them.

MAHAMAYA MISHRA



Aasra is our second family. The kids we taught, taught us a lot about life and ourselves. They were an escape from mundane schedules and a bouquet of joy. One of the best parts of our convocation was the sector visit. The love we received from our juniors was unfathomable and the bonds we made within the club are irreplaceable. We will forever cherish these memories. May AASRA keep flourishing and spreading light.

ALUMNI NOTES



KIRAN SAHOO

The 4 years at college have been a rollercoaster ride with so many ups and downs. The only thing I want to tell my juniors will be happy no matter what comes in your path and no problem is bigger than the life itself. Everything going on is just a phase and it shall too pass away so enjoy every moment at any cost. In the end, when you will look back, it will all be worth it. Love yourself spread love bless everyone and pray and express gratitude.

THE TEAM



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SAHOO



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MANGUAL



MEHEJABEEN
BANO



SHAKTI PRASAD
BARIK



RAJANIKANT
SINGH



MANISH
KUMAR



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