

Day 1

Here it all begins

“Knock, And He'll open the door
Vanish, And He'll make
you shine like the sun
Fall, And He'll raise you to
the heavens
Become nothing, And He'll
turn you into everything.”
—Jalal Ad-Din Rumi



It was the very beginning of our story, 'The Three Scholars'. We arrived at the Balasore station late night around 2 o'clock. Our coordinator Bake Bihari Ji came to pick us up at the station. We reached his home by 3 o'clock. We slept and were greeted by him in the morning with breakfast. Around 10 o'clock we went out to two schools at Baripada. There all three of us were expected to speak on certain topics on which we were trained.

Lectures at government schools- We conducted 20 minutes sections one by one, concentrating on our pre-decided topics of expertise. Prageshwar Tiwari took hold of our introduction and giving a zest of shantikunj mission. He tries to give people a taste of divine love of guru ji. I tried to understand the problem of students and try my best to give solutions of there problem through our LM classes and special geeta classes. At last Anshuman Acharya took responsibility of showing our university to the students through his powerful words. He used to cheer up children with his special 'Shabash' technique.

Deep Yagya at Baripada Shaktipeeth- It was our base camp, thus we began our journey with this deep yagya. It provided us an opportunity to meet the active members of the mission and plan our upcoming events.

Coordinator- Rishiputra Bake Bihari Singh Ji



Day 2

It was our defining day, we gained momentum which kept on increasing with each passing day.

Yoga and book distribution session- at a government primary school, we briefed them about benefits of yoga and conducted a 30 minutes session. Then around 70 notebooks of mantra writing were distributed among the students.

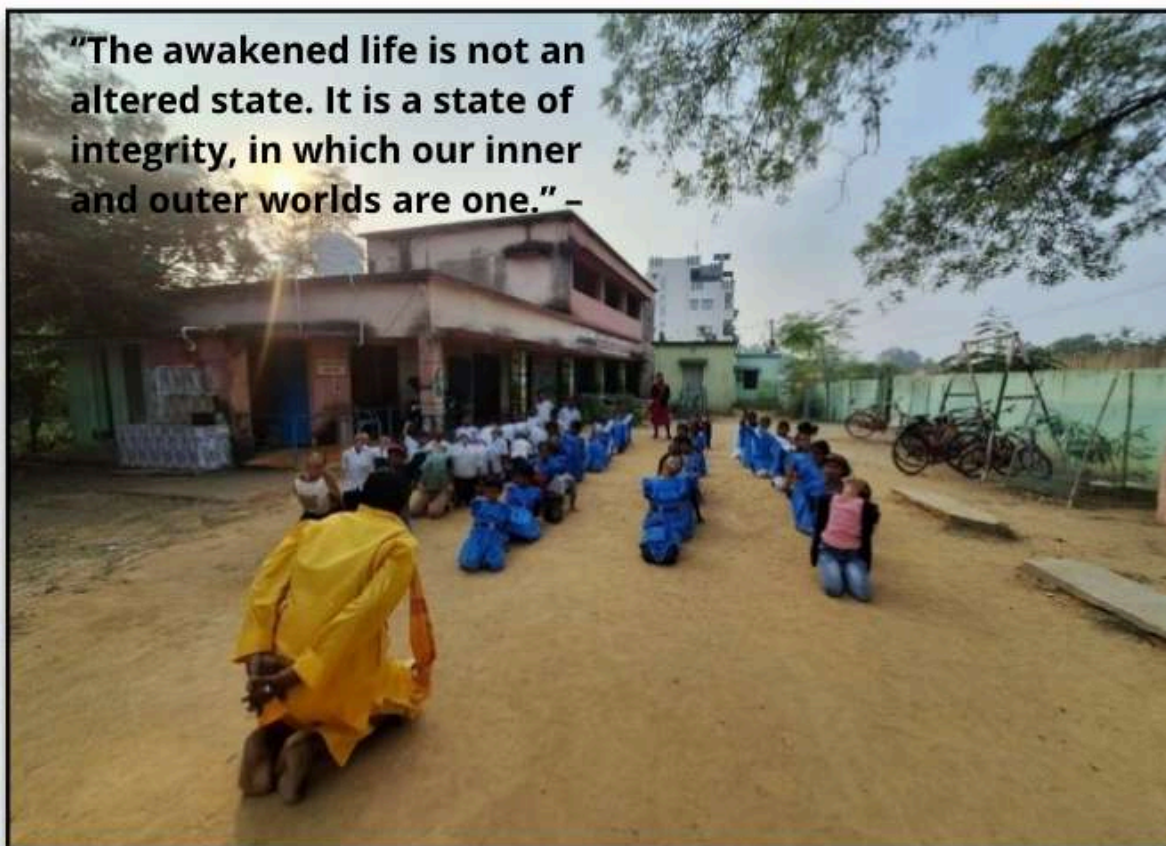
Anti drug abuse session at a boys hostel- Though we went to conduct a normal session but this issue came in light thus we used spirituality to give solution of such an evil. We met many students personally and inspired them towards there life.

Lecture on cultural integrity among primary kids- We conducted a session among kids of Baripada about cultural integrity through Odia language and traditions. We taught them the importance and benefits of embracing the indigenous culture.



Session on women empowerment- By the evening it was finally time to go a girls boarding school. Those students were of board classes thus this time was a defining moment of their life thus we taught them about the importance of education specially for women. We shared the social evils in our society and tried to give solutions through youth empowerment and skill India.

"The awakened life is not an altered state. It is a state of integrity, in which our inner and outer worlds are one." -



Day 3

So the third day has arrived, let me introduce you to a very special initiative by our coordinator. He had done some D.I.Y. and made two torches (Mashal) which we used to ignite after each session and make people take oath of the mission. It was powerful symbol and really hard to forget and neglect. It was really effective among students, they tend to get inspire and curious by it. Really he was such a devoted member of our all world gayatri pariwar.



Baalsanskar session- at primary schools. We conducted a 90 minutes session and taught kids some of the traditional knowledge through our rishi system, introduced them to *karmakand* and spirituality through *mantra jaap* and *mantra lekhan*. The session was filled with lessons from our day to day life at DSVV and other LM classes. Not only kids even the teachers were stunned by the way of life at DSVV and shantikunj. We also introduced teachers to Indian knowledge system (IKS). We also conducted a session *Swadhyay* to show that learning is not a load rather its a privilage if practised ina proper way.

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."



Day 4

This was the day of lectures, we gave around 5 lecture sessions. The star of the day was Prince boarding school, Baripada. It was a coaching institute for competitive exams like JEE and NEET. We conducted 2 different sessions of 60 minutes. Before the session we interacted with teachers and management to analyse the problem and try to focus on solutions of those problem. The prominent ones were home sickness, stress, loss of motivation and problem in studies. As we too are students and live in hostels thus we couldn't stop ourselves from relating to them. Firstly we took a session of around 150 girls then an other batch of 150 boys. We tried to show them a bigger picture of there life and how there studies can affect there lives. I don't know wether we were able to help them all but even one of them could benefit from it then our whole trip would be successful.

By the evening we went to a secondary boarding school. Those kids were of 8th class and they showed me what exactly home sickness feels like, after the lecture we couldn't stop ourselves from meeting them personally. Their were saying a lot more that words could ever say, those were oceans roaring with waves of grief but were bound to stay inside. We can never forget that interaction.



**Home sickness is
real and
universal !**



**"The things you do for
yourself are gone when you
are gone, but the things you
do for others remain as your
legacy."**

— Kalu Ndukwe Kalu

Day 5

Karmakand begins!!

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*"Fight for peace, not power.
Fight for freedom, not fame.
Fight for truth, not titles.
Fight for justice, not money.
Fight for equality, not wealth.
Fight for love, not acclaim.
Fight for honor, not glory.
Fight for family, not
possessions."*



Stress Management at workplace- We got a chance to collaborate with government hospital to conduct a seminar on stress management at workplace in an ITI college, Baripada town. We tried to give refuge to these people in spirituality and teachings of Guru Dev. The ones from hospital defined stress and we gave solutions of it.

Yagna at Anipal tribal area- It was the first time *gaytri pariwar* ever conducted any yagna at this village. The temple in background is the ancient and central temple of the village. It was the very beginning of our *karmakand* area of ours. We also conducted lectures in nearby schools.



Deep yagya at Aurobindo Ashram- It's a social organization that works for underprivileged kids who don't have resources to study thus they provide them with boarding and educational facilities on no to minimal cost. We conducted a *Deep Yagya* and taught them significance of this *yagya*. We interacted with them and provided them tips and tricks with there education and lifestyle. We asked the management to follow the daily schedule of our college to provide maximum benefit to the student.



Day 6

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Stephen King

A day with books- The members of Baripada Shaktipeeth arranged a book stall in a book fair at Baripada Town. They invited us to inaugurating ceremony though we were invited as guest but our destiny had something else planned for us. We reached there before going for a lecture. When we were returning out of nowhere we decided to go back to the stall by afternoon. When we reached there we saw that the store wasn't set up even then. We took the lead in our hands and arranged whole store. While we were arranging the store many people approached us and asked about the books, they thought we were some ordinary stall selling books for a price but this was the stall of our *gurudev*. We introduced them to the life of Pandit Shree Ram Sharma ji and about Gayatri mission. They were fascinated by the huge amount of literature created by him. Once we sensed that people really need an introduction to this treasure thus we took some books in our bags and went on meeting people around the fair and sold them books. People asked the price of books, we used to say that you can pay 10rs for the paper but the cost of words are too much to be paid just by money. You will pay the price, not to us but the society by making an ideal society. We spent whole afternoon and evening at the stall only. We often visited the stall, whenever we got time.





Day 7

A picnic with teachings- Prince boarding school had a picnic trip at a park in Baripada Town. The management called me to take a lecture on discipline and nation building by youth. As the lecture began those curious kids asked many questions and the lecture took a new route of time management, they felt 24 hours were too less for them but here the LM classes came to rescue and then kids were set free to enjoy themselves.

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Eric Hoffer

Yagna of the town- Prageshwar and Ashuman went with a senior member of our mission to his town for a big program. Though it was single kundi but the crowd was enormous. People from all over the town came there and participated in it with utmost zeal and enthusiasm. They conducted 5 rounds which took more than 4 hours but they did it without taking any break. The host of the program was more than happy with them and gave a special vote of thanks to them.

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What one wrote playfully,
another reads with tension and
passion; what one wrote with
tension and passion, another
reads playfully.

Paul Valery

Morning Yagna- We were invited to perform a yagna at house of a awgp member. Though we didn't take small programs but they plead us and somehow managed to bend our will. When we reached their home, she told the real reason for this yagna. They wanted us to perform this yagna so that the bad omen they had over their house though we didn't belived on such thing but told them to do our best. We did 108 *maha mrityunjay mantra ahuti*.

Lecture on women empowerment- We conducted a session on women empowerment among the residents of girls hostel. Though most of them weren't students but still they took on our advice of *atmabodh* and *tatvabodh sadhna* of diary writing. We introduced them to the literature of awgp.



A deep yagna at hanuman mandir- This Yagna was special for us because we got an opportunity to collaborate with RSS mission. A RSS member came their to address the people of Palkabasa. We too attended his meeting and invited him in our deep yagna and a lecture session after its completion. When it all ended we both came to conclusion that we all social service organizations are trying to climb the same mountain from different paths but still the end result is same for all of us. We visited his home and let us soak in the literature and ideology of RSS. He was such an open minded man.

"Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow."

—Mahatma Gandhi



Day 2

Janmadivas Sanskar- We conducted a deep yagya dictating the importance and teaching of this *janma divas sankar*. Then we did *pancha tatva poojan* with five colored rice. After completion, we interacted with the people who gathered there and introduced them to AWGP mission and its literature. The grandfather of the family showered us with blessings.



A triad lecture- At this boarding school there were about 600 students and we were asked to amnage them all, seems impossible in 60 minutes. Well not for us, we are on abig mission. Thus we distributed them in three classroom instead of one then took one class for 20 minutes and then switch our rooms, covering all three rooms by all three of us. The topics were nation building, spiritual growth, women empowerment, youth development and education.

"When you change your thoughts, remember to also change your world."
—Norman Vincent Peale

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

— Søren Kierkegaard



Day 12

Arrival at Udla

***"how sad and bad and mad
it was - but then, how it was
sweet"***

— Robert Browning



Today we arrived at Udla far from our base camp but work is work so we are here. We conducted many programs.

Arrival Yagna- As we arrived there, an arrival yagna was performed which was meant to initiate our action plan at Udla. We met with the members and activist of Udla and discussed further action plan. We managed to precive an organizational problem amoung them. They seem to be demotivated by lack of resources and enthuzaism. This Yagna was our best opportunity to lift their moral up. Though it was only one kundi yagya but it turned out to be attended by more than 300 people. initially people were reluctant to participate and the main pandit was performing all the rites but we encouraged them to do the rites by themselves and reminded them '*Performing yagna is their right as a Hindu and an emblem of utmost pride and honour*'. People loved it and revived their faith.

Lecture on Socital growth- We conducted a lecture of how youth plays a vital role in growth of a nation.

Deep Yagna- it was organized in a locality of a very active member of our mission. Though they were actively engaged in the works of mission but still they didn't knew the importance of deep yagna and saw it as mere form of worship . We show thwm how deep yagya is an important instrument of social group formation and how "*Deep se Deep Jalao*" works.



Honorable mentions-

Tnuna Bhai

Niranjan Bhai

Mohanty Amma

Day 13

**"Believing doesn't make God real.
Unbelief doesn't make Him disappear.
Your opinion doesn't change reality."**

— Randy Loubier, Slow Brewing Tea



Yagya of Village of Kochiladiha- This yagya wasn't by a man or a family but by a village. We performed it with utmost joy and tried to draw attention and participation from whole village. At the time of pious feast we meet with a lot of kind hearted people.

Deep Yagna of Hope- This deep yagya was different because it was concerned with ill health of someone, We can't tell more but the condition was serious. We recommended them with few ayurvedic treatment at our university. There wasn't much that we could do but we told him about some yogic and yagya therapy. We did 108 mantra japas of 'Maha Mritunjaya Mantras' for betterment of his health. I wasn't sure will it do anything or not but it was the only thing that we could do. '

"Hope was the only drug that we could prescribe"



Day 16

"I love the dark hours of my being.

My mind deepens into them.

There I can find, as in old letters, the days of my life, already lived,

and held like a legend, and understood."



A series of program on A Happy New Year- We went to a big mansion type house at the outskirts of Maurbhanj . There it all began with a yagya. It was the first day of the new year. Before beginning we thanked them all and embraced them for thier great initiative and will power that they are able to hold such a great and pious event. On the other hand people are drunk and organizing big parties in the name of new years while you all, the devoties are able to control their temptations. After yagna we stayed their and took part in pious fest organized by the organizer. Then we were asked take some rest.

Deep Yagya- By evening be began The Deep Yagya. It was no short of a glamour. The used Yagya Kund of morning was decorated with dipas and we conducted a deep yagya, providing with every bit of wisdom and vices that we could, to the honorable organizers. Then we departed by late night.

Jan Sampark among Tribal population- While returning from the event we met a group of people celebrating their harvesting festival. We too were welcomed and celebrated with, they offered dance and food. In the end we gathered them all and had a conversation with them. Then we introduced them with our mission and why we were here. We also distributed gurudev sahitya among few literates and asked them to do Swadhyay and enlighten others too.



Day 18

Arrival at Gurumasani

7 Kundi Yagya- We arrived at Gurumasani and performed 7 kundi gayatri mahayagna at Gurumasani. It was conducted at a Shiva Temple by members of Gurumasani Shaktipeeth. Many newly wed couples were there to perform yagna for pious and happy life. It ended up with few pragra sangeet and some lectures on a religious and pious life.



Deep Yagna and further planning- I would say that people of Gurumasani were way too found of pragra sangeet, specially 'Humne aangan nahi buhara kese ayenge bhagwan'. This deep yagna was important for planning further events. We found that there were a lot of schools in that region thus we decided to conduct lectures in schools.

"Kids don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are."

~ Jim Henson



Days to come

A Lecture Spree

**"What you think,
you become. What
you feel, you attract.
What you imagine,
you create."**

- Buddha



Day 29

Day of Departure

जैसे कोई धेनु लवाई, शिशु की पीड़ा सही न जाई।
ऐसी विषम वेदना छाई, कैसे दें हम तुम्हें विदाई॥

तुमने कोटि पुण्य फल पाये, चलकर बहुत दूर से आये।
चेहरे थके हुए मुरझाये, फिर भी है उल्लास समाये॥
गुरुसत्ता ने टेर लगाई, तुमने मिलकर शपथ उठाई।
पथ में आयेगी कठिनाई, कैसे दे हम तुम्हें विदाई॥
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