

ALOK NAHAK'S EDUCATIONAL REVIVAL IN BAURIBAGADA : A CASE STUDY

Bauribagada, a remote village in Purushottampur Block, is beset by challenges, including the absence of quality education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Alok Nahak, a 5th-grade student from a marginalized family, had stopped attending school for ten months. This case study highlights the factors leading to Alok's school dropout and the steps taken to bring him back into the realm of education. Alok's parents, both uneducated, didn't grasp the importance of education. His elder sister and brother had discontinued their studies prematurely. Additionally, Alok's struggles with reading, teacher reprimands, and peer teasing had discouraged him from going to school.

Upon discovering Alok's situation, the Community Learning Facilitators (CLFs) from Youth for Social Development (YSD) swiftly implemented several key initiatives to address the challenge comprehensively. Firstly, they successfully convinced Alok's elder brother to rejoin school, setting a positive example for the family. They engaged with the School Management Committee (SMC) at Bauribagada Primary School, emphasizing their role in reenrolling irregular students and fostering a welcoming learning environment. To create a nurturing atmosphere, the CLFs conducted discussions with teachers and students, discouraging behaviors that could deter children like Alok from attending school.



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Crucially, the CLFs visited Alok's parents repeatedly, passionately explaining the importance of education. They highlighted how education could enhance their family's social standing within the village.

Their relentless efforts led Alok's mother to send him back to school with necessary supplies. Alok's return, met with cheers from classmates, marked the beginning of his transformative journey. He quickly transitioned into regular attendance, showing remarkable progress in reading and arithmetic.

This case study illustrates the transformative impact of community engagement and focused interventions in reigniting a child's educational path, offering hope and a brighter future for Alok and the entire community.

