

I CAN WIN !

Sairam Mahapatra, an 8-year-old boy residing in the Old Brahmapur slum of Rangeilunda block in Ganjam district, faces unique challenges in his educational journey. His parents, Trinath Mahapatra and Mamini Mahapatra, support the family through his father's work in creating clay or cement statues and painting temples. Sairam also has a younger brother.

Before the pandemic, Sairam attended a private school, but his father's work came to a halt due to the pandemic, making it impossible to pay his school fees. Consequently, Sairam was enrolled in Class 1 at the Government Primary School, Old Berhampur. However, the closure of schools during the pandemic disrupted his education, causing him to forget much of what he had learned. When schools finally reopened, he struggled to regain interest in his studies, facing difficulties even in recognizing Odia letters and being able to identify only six single-digit numbers.

Sairam's educational journey took a positive turn when he joined a learning camp organized by YSD at the Primary School, Old Berhampur. Through the use of the ASER tool, his current level of learning was assessed.



In this camp, he was taught using learning materials provided by YSD, and a dedicated volunteer, Arghyarupa, visited Sairam's home to inform his parents about his assessment results and the importance of the learning camp

With the support of the camp and engaging teaching methods, Sairam's interest in reading and learning began to flourish. He made significant progress in his reading abilities, starting from not being able to read letters to now reading simple storybooks. Additionally, he has achieved proficiency in mathematics, mastering single-digit numbers up to division.

Sairam's remarkable transformation demonstrates the power of dedicated educational interventions and community involvement in enhancing a child's learning journey. His parents' newfound awareness and the engaging learning environment provided by YSD have contributed to his success.



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