

THE UNHEARD STRUGGLE OF A SINGLE MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN

Sudarsna Nayak, a resident of Nilakantheswar Nagar, Rangeilunda block, Ganjam, is the mother of three children, including two sons and a daughter. She is a single parent who lives in deplorable conditions as she faces numerous challenges due to family disputes, leading her to leave her husband and live in deprived conditions at her aunt's house. With limited formal education up to the 6th standard, Sudarsna wishes to support her family financially by working as a daily wage labourer. Unfortunately, her demanding work schedule leaves her with insufficient time and energy to focus on her children's education, resulting in one of her sons dropping out of school and joining a hotel and the other,

Ajay Nayak, irregularly attending school. Sudarsna Nayak's demanding work schedule as a daily wage labourer has left her with insufficient opportunities to monitor her son Ajay's educational progress.

Regardless of whether Ajay is actively engaged in his studies, attending school regularly, or has access to necessary educational materials, Sudarsna remains uninformed due to her work commitments. Her daily routine involves departing for work in the morning and returning home in the evening, a schedule that often leaves her fatigued and lacking the energy to inquire about Ajay's school attendance or study habits.



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Nevertheless, Sudarsna has a strong desire for Ajay to excel in his education, despite her limitations in actively participating in his academic journey

Upon learning about Ajay Nayak's situation, our 'community education facilitator' engaged with Sudarsna Nayak to address the issue of irregular school attendance and poor learning outcomes by visiting his home. Sudarsna was initially shocked to discover that Ajay was not attending school regularly. Facilitator Mahima, our intervention specialist, took a proactive approach by sharing Ajay's learning levels and educational challenges with Sudarsna. Recognizing the pivotal role parents play in motivating their children to attend school regularly, Mahima demonstrated teaching materials and provided Sudarsna with educational games to engage Ajay. Sudarsna's success story served as an inspiration within the community.

She generously shared her newfound knowledge, techniques, and processes with fellow community members, aiming to guide and support their children's education. Sudarsna, committed to her child's education, prioritized her time by dedicating one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening, after returning from work, to tutor Ajay. This dedicated effort bore fruit as Ajay's reading proficiency significantly improved.

"I am very grateful to YSD for giving me the confidence that I could guide my children and help them improve their learning level." - Sudarsna Nayak



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