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## E-CONNECT

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### A WRAP UP OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-'16

From the Editors Desk:

eVidyaloka completed its 5th birthday on 28th January. And on this happy note we are excited to launch our first newsletter.

It was a few days of excitement for us to zero in on a name for the newsletter and we would like to thank all our volunteers and well wishers who helped us in the same and replied to our poll on facebook@work. A special thank you to Anupama Gupta for suggesting this beautiful name.

We had a successful academic year for 2015-'16 with 7500+classes completed by our 280+teachers and thereby impacting the lives of 3000+kids across 4 states namely Jharkhand, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh.

The following new centers were also added into the previous year Gosaveedu, Konijerla( from AP), Koymara, Itki hira and Itki Moti, Jhalakdiha,

Chengarbasa Sonbad Hira and Sonbad Moti (from Jharkhand),Sathamangalam, Ariyur, Esananikorai and Keradamattam( From Tamil Nadu) Baad, Benakanakatti, Halgondanahalli, Hanumsagara, Managundi, Mugad, Thopalkatti and Hosadurga (from Karnataka)

The year as always had its own ups and downs in the name of internet connectivity issues and unexpected holidays at schools but we were successful in overcoming them and delivered 80% Learning hours

Making it a complete program we conducted year end assessments in 110 offerings in Jharkhand, 72 offerings in Andhra Pradesh, 40 offerings in Karnataka and 45 offerings in Tamil Nadu

We did make it a happy ending for the kids by giving out various certificates to kids to encourage them.

We would like to thank all our volunteers from the bottom of our heart for putting in their best efforts to repeat history!! Yet another Academic Year completed Successfully!!

We are Gearing up and looking forward to a more energized start for the upcoming session.





The Visit by our Team to Koyritola Village in Jharkhand a throw-back into our Academic Year 2015-16, visit

#### WELCOME NOTE

A Note from our Executive Director is something we all look forward as we launch our first issue of our news letter and here is what Venkat Sriraman our Executive Director has to say: "What started off as 2 people, eVidyaloka today constitutes 10000+ people - The Volunteers, The Partners, The Donors, The Well Wishers, The Runners, The Board, The Full time employees and then The Children. Now, nothing seems insurmountable in this journey of enabling and empowering people in the process of enabling quality education for our children in those rural villages of India. A blissful journey, a blessed one. Thanks Almighty, for giving this opportunity to be in the company of Goodness

#### TEACHER VOLUNTEER SPEAKS

A year into teaching kids with eVidyaloka and this is what our teacher Anjana Nagpal, teacher at Chachgura ,Jharkhand has to say:

"I will always remain grateful to this noble platform called 'eVidyaloka' for providing me with a wonderful opportunity to connect with the real India. I had been waiting for such an initiative for a long time. Initially, I was very disappointed with the low standard of education of these kids as they hardly get taught in their regular schools. But now the kids have opened up and respond top my questions. I have also learnt a lot of lessons from them. I have learnt to be more patient and have no qualms in repeating a topic umpteen times till the students give me a go ahead signal.

I really don't know about the kids whether I have been able to make any difference to their level of understanding but the respect and love, they have given me has been tremendous. I was thrilled when they told me that they would like me to teach them in their next class also. The experience has been totally satisfying and humbling. May Evidyaloka gain strength from year to year."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Last but not the Least a good news to all, We are Starting off new centers in West Bengal, Orissa and Maharastra along with expanding our existing states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand

We are on the look out for more passionate Volunteers to help us out run the new centers, spread the news, tell your friends and family get us more teacher volunteers and Class administrators to run the show.

Pass on our link to them all www.evidyaloka.org/volunteer

Lets stand together and make a bright future for the kids.