

Anandalaya Featured: ANDHARI Village (Block: JUJOMURA, District: Sambalpur)

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The Anandalaya at **Andhari** Village started during the year 2017 and more than 100 children have gone through Anandalaya way of learning in the last eight years. The number of children currently coming to Anandalaya is 25. Children of **Andhari** Anandalaya consistently delivered good academic and all-round performances at their schools. Some of the Anandalaya children are the HSC board toppers from their respective schools and many of them regularly participate and perform well at the block level sports and events.



What is Anandalaya for the children?

Nihar Ranjan Pradhan (Class IV): I love to come to Anandalaya to practice yoga, play different games and learn the valuable lessons shared by our Didi. I learnt the importance of respecting elders and loving youngers. We practice patriotic songs and action play.

Priti Munda (Class V): After coming to Anandalaya, my reading habits has improved. I started knowing many subjects. We learn many educative stories through action play and songs. This helps me in telling one story every day in our school after the class prayer. Acharya (Didi) comes to our home to discuss my improvements with my parents. I am very happy to be in Anandalaya.

What is Anandalaya for the parents?

Ajit Barik (Parent): My son wakes up in the morning and greets. He listens to us and recites Bhojan Mantra before taking food. We are glad to see the positive changes and sure that he will brighten our village.

Sukanti Jhankar (Parent): Anandalaya way of learning and Samskara Varg is helping children improve their body, mind and health. As parents, we felt very happy when our children worshiped us during the Guru Poornima Day. My son is changing the dietary habits and giving us a helping hand that he was not listening to us before. Through Anandalaya, our children are getting holistic education.

What is Anandalaya for an acharya?

Chhabirani Bhoi (Acharya, Andhari): My self-development has improved since I joined as acharya. Besides teaching children in Anandalaya. I also learn a lot. I am happy to see the all-round development of our village children.