

## How your donations help our causes

Amount involved	Utilization
Membership	One day's income for people earning: One day pocket money for people not earning.
Life Membership	10,000 INR once or multiple times towards Corpus fund <b>Health Emergency Response Systems</b>
20,000 INR	Sponsoring costs involved in running dead body career (Hearse Van) p.m
30,000 INR	Sponsoring costs involved in running one Ambulance p.m
15,000 INR	Sponsoring costs involved in managing Helpline and Blood bank support services p.m
2,01,600 INR	Construction of a decent 12'X14' size room, reasonably furnished, with attached toilet at our Old age cum retirement for an aging and old couple. <b>Centre of Empowerment</b>
3,00,000 INR	Construction of one decent size multi-purpose training hall at our Farmers' school.
15,000 INR	Helping 30 farmers in availing quality training on effective agricultural practices.
15,000 INR	Helping a group of five women to be economically self-dependent.
9,800 INR	Sponsoring planting and management of a multipurpose serving tree (shade, beauty, flowers, fruits, leaves, soil conservation, better air quality, wood, etc for a period of five years.
15,000 INR	Setting up Sustainable Integrated Farming System (SIFS) for a farmer (with less than one acre landholding) for him/her to earn about 1,50,000 INR pa

10,000 INR Helping one college dropout in becoming a Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE) / DEO to earn about 10000 INR pm

### **Learning & Awareness Centre**

20,000 INR Helping 10 persons to use computers in their occupation

\*All donors are at liberty to visit our facilities.

Your donations shall be acknowledged with a letter of recognition besides receipt and tax exemption certificate.

## Our projects

**Health Emergency Response Systems:** - Blood bank support, Ambulance, Dead body transport services and a Helpline to avail such services [Contact: 9178877399, 9178877411 & 9178877588. Centre for Active Aging and a Preventive Healthcare Centre will come up soon in Nabarangpur.

**Centre of Empowerment:-** Farmers' School with model demonstration farms around; and a Science Park for children. This project aims at creating '2<sup>nd</sup> earner' in each village home.

**Learning & Awareness Centre:-** An initiative to help all (literate and illiterate) using computers in their respective vocations.

**Our Centre of Empowerment project is awarded as 'Innovative Idea' for the year 2015-16 by Government of Odisha (Planning & Convergence Department)**

*Prosperous India is a myth so long as KBK (Koraput-Balangir-Kalahandi) region in Odisha suffers from lack of basic infrastructure, poverty, hunger and unemployment.*



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Mention may be made to Govindalaya, a new NGO which has made its mark within a period of little more than three years. It has set up a 'Farmers School' with demonstration facilities, set up a 20 seater Computer Literacy Promotion Centre, operating Ambulance to augment Government facilities to help the public in health emergencies along with a Hearse Van (Dead Body Career). What is more important to note is that it is funded and supported by old students of Nabarangpur district living in different countries of the world. The activities of Govindalaya has been appreciated by Government of India, 17 giant Google, and M/S Swaminathan Research Foundation.

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**With low-cost ambulance, farm lessons and helpline, an NGO wins hearts**

**DEBABRATA MOHANTY**  
 NABARANGPUR, AUGUST 14

■ Seven months ago, a Dalit man was found hanging from a tree in a village in Nabarangpur. No one was ready to bring the rotting body down until activists of Govindalaya, an NGO, took it for postmortem.

■ Last July, three tribals of Papadahandi block were struck dead by lightning. After postmortem, their bodies couldn't be taken back to their village as the hearse van in the hospital was not functional. Govindalaya stepped in with its own hearse van.

■ D Vinay Kumar, 18, studies information

technology in a local degree college. His father, a tailor, cannot afford to buy him a computer and Vinay used to face a scramble at his college, which has one computer for every five students. Since June, he has been attending a three-month course at a computer centre run by Govindalaya, paying only Rs 375.

IN THE country's poorest district of Nabarangpur, a group of local youths have been touching lives in various ways, sometimes ferrying patients in an ambulance to hospitals in places as far as 500 km away. Govindalaya is a public trust that rents out its hearse van and ambulance, runs a computer education centre, trains farmers and runs a blood bank helpline in a district where blood is always in short supply.



**A hearse van outside the Govindalaya headquarters. Debabrata Mohanty**

"Our mission is to bring about developmental changes that will help people in KBK [Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput] live healthier, more productive lives," said founder chairman Shanmuga Patro, a lawyer who has practised in the Supreme Court and high courts.

With 12 full-time employees, 52 local volunteers and more than 30 professionals in various parts of the world, the trust has been surviving on individual donations and the philanthropy of IT majors such as Infosys, which donated computer hardware for a 20-seat computer centre in Nabarangpur town.

More than anything else, it is the ambulance and hearse services that have won it the goodwill of locals. It charges just Rs 500. The hearse van in the district headquarters hospital is defunct while the ambulance

there does not move out in the evening. "Transporting bodies is a big headache here. Govindalaya is a huge help," said Ramesh Bisoi, inspector with Nabarangpur police.

"Even if it's raining and we get a call in the dead of night, we go," said ambulance driver Nityanand Das. Till date, the trust has transported over 500 patients and 300 bodies to and from various hospitals and accident sites.

Govindalaya's executive trustee Rakesh Gupta recounts how the hearse service came into being. Twelve years ago, a couple from Andhra Pradesh who had come to Nabarangpur lost their son to illness. "They sought help from everyone to carry the body back home. I spoke to a local vehicle owner who asked for Rs 20,000. The couple did not have that much. Tearfully, they buried their

son here. That gave me a cause for starting a reasonable hearse van service," said Gupta.

The NGO's 20-seat computer centre is recognised by NIELIT. It charges between Rs 720 and Rs 2,250 for various computer courses spanning three months to 1 year. It has tied up with IIT Bombay for online courses on Unix, Linux, Database Design, 3D animation, C and C++. So far 210 students have passed out.

At its 'Farmers' school', Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology has been conducting training and demonstrations in agriculture and horticulture practices.

The NGO's biggest dream is, however, still taking shape. It is in the process of setting up an old-age home for 100 on a 31-acre patch of land in Soruguda village.