



INSTITUTE OF LIFE SCIENCES

Bhubaneswar



Dr. Ajay Parida felicitating Shri Parthasarathi Mishra for delivering a talk on “Engagement in workplace”.

HINDI DIWAS

January 10th, 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- Governing Body Meet.
- MOU with AIIMS and State Government.
- ILS-RMRC Open Day.
- Conference on Cancer and Cell Biology.
- IISF and Global Bio India.
- 150th Birth Anniversary of 'BA & BAPU'.
- School Visit.
- Hindi Diwas.
- ILS Cooking Competition.

Dr. Mamoni Dash's Group



The research teams' focus is on developing rationale designs for new biomaterials as delivery vehicles and as scaffolds that regulate repair and regeneration. Biomaterials, in the present context are intended to interface with biological systems to assist the body to heal, to engineer functional tissues outside of the body for organ replacement; and to deliver drugs safely and efficiently. The team works towards developing biomaterial constructs with tailored functionalization strategies that eventually find utilization in targeted

controlled-drug-release systems and tissue engineered constructs that can mimic fundamental cellular architecture and offer control over cellular functions. Our building blocks primarily include biocompatible materials encompassing synthetic and natural polymers, nucleic acids targeting systems and cellular elements. Biochemical functionalization with carbohydrates, nucleic acids, antibodies and peptides form part of our studies to design biomaterials that can influence fundamental physiological processes with high potency and selectivity.

Dr. Shantibhusan Senapati's Group

Different components of tumor microenvironment play a major role in cancer progression and its regulation dictates the therapeutic outcome. Our lab has two major focuses (1) To understand the crosstalk between pancreatic cancer cells and other cancer associated normal cells like fibroblast and immune cells, and (2) To check the effect of microbes on progression and/or response to conventional therapies in different cancers. For these studies, we use human patient



derived tissues, cell lines and different clinically relevant animal models. Based on the information available in the literature and data obtained from our lab we design, therapeutic approaches that might have overall impact on cancer progression. Our studies have demonstrated that bacterial endotoxin has a positive influence on prostate cancer cells and its stromal cells leading to cancer progression. Our current and future studies focuses on identifying drugs that could suppress bacteria and/or its components induced prostate cancer progression. Studies related to pancreatic cancer, we have identified certain drug candidates that could regulate cancer associated fibrosis/desmoplasia, which is one of its hallmark features and gets aggravated with radiation therapy. Overall, our current and future studies aim at identifying therapeutics that will have impact on both cancer and stromal cells.

Governing Body Meet August 29, 2019



ILS organized the Governing Body meet on August 29, 2019, with Dr. Renu Swarup and other delegates. ILS Newsletter was launched.



A great initiative of Police Commissionerate of Bhubaneswar. 10 women Students & Staff of ILS Bhubaneswar are designated as SPOs (Special Police Officers) in presence of Shri Anup Sahu, IPS, DCP, Bhubaneswar.

Annual General body meeting

November 1st 2019

Annual General Body meeting for ILS, Bhubaneswar was chaired by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Science & Technology. Shri Ashok Panda, Odisha Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Sekhar Chintamani Mande, Director General, CSIR; Dr. A. P. Dash, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Soumendra Patnaik, Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, Dr. Joykrushna Jena, Deputy Director General, ICAR; Dr. Subrat Sinha, AIIMS, and Dr. Meenakshi Munshi, C. P Goyal, JS, and Dr. S J Ahmed from DBT participated in the meeting.



MOU with AIIMS



Institute of Life Sciences and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar signed an MOU for undertaking collaborative research programs in the area of human health and disease management. This agreement was signed by Dr. Ajay Parida, Director ILS and Dr. B. Geetanjali, Director AIIMS, Bhubaneswar in the presence of Dr. Subrat Acharya, President, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. The collaborative agreement between the scientists of ILS and the clinicians of AIIMS is aimed at strengthening research, education and outreach.

MOU with State Government



ILS has signed MoU with Odisha state Council on Science & Technology for implementing DBT sponsored skill vgyan programme in presence of Shri DK Singh, Principal secretary to Government, Department of Science & Technology.

Conference & Workshops

National Conference on Cancer Biology and Therapeutics November 29th-30th, 2019

A two day conference on Cancer Biology was organized on 29th and 30th November, 2019 by the "DBT National Cluster on Bioresources and Life Sciences" involving ILS Bhubaneswar, RGCB Trivandrum and IBSD, Imphal. About 22 invited speakers and 200 delegates assembled to be a part of the event. Conference constituted of keynote, expert lectures, short talks and poster presentations. The interactive session with Cancer Survivors and NGO "UMMEID" was one of its kind addition to a scientific gathering.



Cell Biology Conference and Microscopy

December 9th-15th, 2019

ILS organised an eight day comprehensive conference and workshop in microscopy from 9th to 15th December, 2019. It constituted of lectures on application and technical aspects of microscopy. It was a unique combination of application talks, technical talks and hands-on-training in advanced microscopy. Participants were provided with an exclusive opportunity to be acquainted with high-end microscopy instruments and techniques.

Global Bio India November 21st – 23rd, 2019

Global Bio-India 2019 was organised by Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and its public sector undertaking, BIRAC in New Delhi. It was an international mega congregation showcasing development in the field of Biotechnology with respect to human welfare and betterment. Research scholars, postdoctoral fellows and scientists from ILS also participated in the summit exhibiting our products, patents and outstanding research.



India International Science Festival November 5th - 9th, 2019



ILS participated with its team of research scholars, staff and scientists in IISF 2019 held between 5th to 9th November in Science city, Kolkata. The team employed highly innovative ideas to engage school students and general public for demonstrating basic research. It was an honor to have Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Science & Technology at our stall.

ILS-RMRC Open Day October 25 – 26, 2019

Open day and Science exposition was jointly organized by ILS and RMRC with the aim of developing interests in young minds towards science and inspiring them to consider scientific research as a prospective career option. It was inaugurated by Shri Ashok Panda, Odisha Minister for Science and Technology and Shri Asit Tripathy Chief Secretary, Odisha. Around 1600 school students actively participated in the exposition. The two-day event was sectioned to accommodate popular science lectures, interaction with experts, exposure to advanced instruments and technology and demonstration of basic research carried out in ILS by the enthusiastic Research scholars.



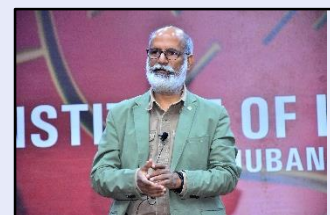
Prevention of Sexual Harassment of women at workplace October 16, 2019.

ILS organized a workshop on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work place" for our staff and students. It was a step towards spreading awareness with respect to laws safeguarding women in workplace. Resource persons, Mrs. Ritupurna Mohanty and Justice (Rtd.) A K Singh facilitated the workshop.



150th Birth Anniversary of 'BA & BAPU' September 20, 2019.

NASI-Odisha chapter organized this event, which was based on the lives of Kasturba Gandhi and Mahatma Gandhi at ILS Bhubaneswar. Freedom fighter Bhabani Patnaik, Soumendra Patnaik, VC Utkal, Dr Ishan Patro, VC Ravenshaw University, Gandhians - Dash Benhur, Rina Routray, Prahlad Sinha and Swami Atmapriyananda, Head of Rama Krishna Mission participated in the event.



New Year Talk January 1, 2020

Shri Parthasarathi Mishra, a well known speaker for promoting inter personal relationships enabling cooperative work culture delivered a talk on "Engagement in workplace". It was a highly humorous and inspirational talk on work culture ethics.

School visit October 2, 2019.



On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, students and staff of ILS, visited Durasia High School (40 km away from Bhubaneswar) with the motive of carrying out a rally for spreading awareness on cleanliness in the village. Later, school students, teachers along with ILS members undertook a plantation drive.



Republic Day January 26th, 2019

71st Republic Day was celebrated in ILS with staff and students where we

resolved to utilize science and technology for broader human welfare leading to country's development.

Socio-economic upliftment drive in Nabarangpur.

Staff and Scientists of ILS Bhubaneswar and other Scientific organization (KISS, RMRC, IIMT, CHES, NBRI, CIMAP, CIFA, etc) participated in the Rural exposition-2019 at Nabarangpur, an Aspirational District with the aim of implementing

DBT & RKVY supported projects for economic and agriculture enhancement of farming communities. Dr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, District Collector inaugurated the 'Mother Chick rearing unit' established by ILS Bhubaneswar which will provide four week old chicks to nearly 200 tribal families.



Hindi Diwas

January 10th, 2019

ILS organised one day seminar on the occasion of World Hindi Diwas.



Field Trip

January 11th, 2019

ILS organized a field trip to Kapilash temple, Dhenkanal. An adventurous trekking expedition was followed by a delicious lunch at the Kapilash Science park.

ILS Cooking Competition January 27, 2020



ILS organized a cooking competition for the first time. The amount of enthusiasm shown by the scholars and scientists was beyond expectation. The dishes were not only presentable but also full of taste, and creativity. Selling of few dishes not only bagged the contestants with monetary gifts but, the most popular dish award, as well.

High on endorphins, the ones who ate and the ones who made, did bet, that it was one of the most entertaining thing happened in ILS. The hidden master chefs were dug out.



ILS Girls' Cricket January 25, 2020

ILS organized, for the first time, an all Girls Cricket match. The aching backs and feet in the labs showed the best sports-woman spirit, that they are still full of valor on the field. A special thanks goes to our umpire Amol Kanampalliwar.



ILS Boys' Cricket January 19, 2020

Boy's Cricket match was organized where four teams competed to overcome the semi finals, and two teams reached to compete in the finals. The winning team beamed with joy.



Tug of war



Sports Committee



Fun and Festivals

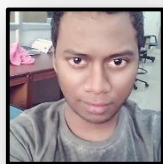


A balanced chart of both hard work and fun, can be found in ILS.

From Dussehra to Christmas, we celebrate like one family, even if it is about having color codes for each day of the week, or to put on your best attires, we are always in. We believe in the motto of : "A Little work and a little play".

- **Shantibhusan Senapati.** Macrophage migration inhibitory factor of Syrian golden hamster shares structural and functional similarity with human counterpart and promotes pancreatic cancer. *Scientific Reports*. 2019. **Impact factor 4.011.**
- **Punit Prasad.** Transcriptomic Analysis Identifies RNA Binding Proteins as Putative Regulators of Myelopoiesis and Leukemia. *Frontiers in oncology*. 2019. **Impact factor 4.137.**
- **Anshuman Dixit.** Aberrant upregulation of compensatory redox molecular machines may contribute to sperm dysfunction in infertile men with unilateral varicocele. *A proteomic insight Antioxidants and Redox Signaling*. 2019. **Impact factor 5.828.**
- **Anshuman Dixit.** Isolation and molecular identification of pectinase producing *Aspergillus* species from different soil samples of Bhubaneswar regions. *bioRxiv*. 2019.
- **Narottam Acharya.** Virulence and pathogenicity of a *Candida albicans* mutant with reduced filamentation. *Cellular Microbiology*. 2019. **Impact factor 4.288.**
- **Narottam Acharya.** Human DNA polymerase delta is a pentameric holoenzyme with a dimeric p12 subunit. *Life Science Alliance*. 2019.
- **Narottam Acharya.** Multifaceted activities of DNA Polymerase eta: Beyond translesion DNA synthesis. *Curr. Genetics*. 2019. **Impact factor 3.464.**
- **Subrata K. Das.** Draft genome sequence of two *Vibrio fortis* strains isolated from coral *Fungia* from Andaman Sea. *Microbiology Resource Announcements*. 2019.
- **Subrata K. Das.** *Glutamicibacter mishrai* sp. nov., isolated from the coral *Favia veroni* from Andaman Sea. *Archives of Microbiology*. 2019. **Impact factor 1.642.**
- **Dilip Vasudevan.** Structure-function relationship of H2A-H2B specific plant histone chaperones. *Cell Stress and Chaperones*. 2019. **Impact factor 2.903.**
- **Dilip Vasudevan.** AtFKBP53 – a chimeric histone chaperone with functional nucleoplasmic and PPIase domains. *Nucleic Acids Research*. 2019. **Impact factor 11.147.**
- **Rajeeb K. Swain.** C-type lectin family XIV members and angiogenesis. *Oncology Letters*. 2019. **Impact factor 1.871.**
- **Sanjeeb K. Sahoo.** Cancer Nanotheranostic: A nanomedicinal approach for cancer therapy and diagnosis. *Anti-Cancer Agents in Medicinal Chemistry*. 2019. **Impact factor 2.563.**
- **Sanjeeb K. Sahoo.** Challenges of moving theranostic nanomedicines to the clinic. *Nanomedicine (Lond)*. 2019. **Impact factor 4.727.**
- **Amol Suryawanshi.** Histocompatibility locus antigens regions contribute to the ethnicity bias of Epstein-Barr virus-associated nasopharyngeal carcinoma in higher-incidence populations. *Scand J Immunol*. 2019. **Impact factor 2.563.**
- **Amol Suryawanshi.** Plasma membrane proteome of adhesion-competent endometrial epithelial cells and its modulation by Rab11a. *Mol Reprod Dev*. 2019. **Impact factor 3.113.**
- **Soma Chattopadhyay.** P38 and JNK Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinases Interact with Chikungunya Virus Non-Structural Protein-2 and Regulate TNF Induction during Viral Infection in Macrophages. *Frontiers in Immunology*. 2019. **Impact factor 4.716.**

Ph.D Awarded



Dr. Sameer Kumar

Studies on nsP1 and nsP3 proteins of Chikungunya virus.
(Supervisor - Dr. S. Chattopadhyay).

Dr. Smrutiti Jena

Studies on antibiotic resistance, virulence patterns and genomic diversity among *Staphylococcus epidermidis* strains.
(Supervisor - Dr. D.V.Singh).



Dr. Supriya Borah

Targeting CLEC14A during tumor angiogenesis, its regulation of endothelial specific expression, and role of uncharacterised proteins during zebrafish organogenesis.

(Supervisor - Dr. R. Swain).



Dr. Prashant Khandagale

Targeting of human DNA polymerase delta to the replication machinery.
(Supervisor – Dr. N. Acharya)



Dr. Gajendra Jogdand

Aberrant T cell immune response in infectious disease.
(Supervisor – Dr. S. Devadas)



Dr. Biswajit Das

Functional and Mechanistic Role of MAGEA3 in Oncogenesis.
(Supervisor – Dr. S. Senapati)



Dr. Jhasketan Badhai

To study the virulence properties of *Bordetella* species strain HT200 isolated from a warm spring microbiome.
(Supervisor - Dr. S.K.Das)



Dr. M. Prabhudutta

Identification and characterization of differentially expressed host proteins: prototype vs recent Indian outbreak of chikungunya virus.
(Supervisor - Dr. S. Chattopadhyay)



Dr. Arundhati Halder

Comparative analysis of acetylation and acetylation deficient mutant form of EV11 (Ecotropic viral integration site 1) in hematopoietic cells.
(Supervisor – Dr. S. Chakaraborty)



Congratulations to **Dr. Dayanidhi Pradhan**,
Administrative Officer, ILS, to have received Ph.D. in
Management from SOA University on 4.12.2019

Infectious Disease Category

Voddu Suresh

Rinku Sahu

Best Posters

Cancer Biology Category

Atimukta Jha

Bharti Singh

The award for best posters at the Scientific Advisory committee meeting held on 15th -16th July, and 22nd -23rd July, 2019, 2019

Awards



Dr. Soma Chattopadhyay, Scientist E received the prestigious “Biotechnology Products, process and Commercialization award 2019” for her pioneering work in the **development of antibodies against Chikungunya (CHIKV) infection** during the *Global Bio-India Meet 2019*. Hon'ble Minister Piyush Goyal presented the award.

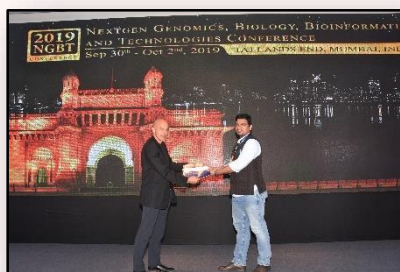


Dr. Santosh Chauhan, Scientist E, received the **Global Young Investigator Award** from **EMBO** for 2019. He is amongst the 9 global scientists to join the Global Investigators' network launched by EMBO.



Dr. Subhash Mehto, Post-Doctoral Fellow, ILS has received

NASI-Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award 2019 in the field of Bio-medical, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, and the **TNQ Inspiring Science Award, 2020** on 18th January, 2020.



Gyan Prakash Mishra received the Best poster award by **EMBO Press: Molecular and Systems Biology**, and a Travel award by **SGRF** at **NGBT 2019 Conference**, also, Travel award by **EAPS** for the **EMBL Australia Post Graduate Symposium 2019**.



Priya Singh received the bester poster award in **National Conference On Cancer Biology And Therapeutics** held on 29th-30th December, 2019.



Priyanka Mohapatra received the best poster award in **Indian Society Of Oncology And Indian Society Of Medical & Paediatric Oncology - “ISO-ISMPO 2019 Conference”** organized on 2nd November, 2019 by Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT) Indore, India



Dr. Narsingha Dey received the award as the Elected Fellow in **National Academy of Sciences India, Allahabad (FNASc.)**, on 23rd December 2019.



Dr. Sagarika Mishra, received the best poster award at **Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species for Food, Nutrition, Energy and Environment (NUCS-FNEE 2019)** held at NIPGR, New Delhi on 2nd August 2019



Voddu Suresh received the best poster award at the **Indian Association For Cancer Research (IACR) conference** held at RGC B February 05-07, 2020.



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ILS, AIIMS ink pact for human health research



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 The Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar have signed a collaborative agreement for undertaking advanced research in the area of human health and welfare.
 The agreement was signed by ILS Director Dr. Ajay Parida and AIIMS Director Dr. B. Ghantani in presence of AIIMS Bhubaneswar President Prof. Subrat Acharya.
 The agreement strengthening collaborative research, education and training. Faculties, scientists of both institutes would have access to infrastructure and trained on areas of specialisation.



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ILS commercialises two of 21 research projects



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
 BHUBANESWAR, 25 OCTOBER
 The Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) here has so far patented 21 research projects of which two have already been commercialised, informed director of the institute Dr. Ajay Parida today.
 The two are 'chikungunya detection kit through protein' and 'cell separation kit'. Many more are in pipeline for commercialisation in service of the people, he said while delivering the keynote address at the Open Day and Science Exposition organised jointly by ILS and the Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Deo Jagati, Bhubaneswar, on Saturday.
 The Minister asked the scientists to focus on exploring more contours of reality, he further added. The two-day event is being organised in commemoration of the 100th birth anniversary of the late Dr. Biju Patnaik.



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'New tech to boost cancer prevention, treatment'

ILS BHUBANESWAR
 Prominent scientists on Sunday commencing a two-day national conference on 'Biology and Therapy' at the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar. The participation of over 250 researchers from all over the country. Prominent speakers include Prof. P. K. Mishra, Director, RG Acharya, President, ILS, Bhubaneswar; Dr. Tapas Kundu, Director, RMRC, Deo Jagati, Bhubaneswar; Dr. B. Ghantani, Director, NCCS, Mohanty, AIIMS, New Delhi. The conference will focus on the development of cancer detection, therapy, management of breast, oral, pancreatic and liver cancer. Dr. Kundu pointed out that the progress in cancer research using genomics, and the identification of biomarkers has led to identification of several new therapies for managing the disease. He stressed that the participation of cancer survivors and NGOs in patient care stressed the importance of holistic approach.

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A unique opportunity to have attended the AGM of @ILS_Bhubaneswar dedicated to providing targeted medical solutions for tribal communities based on a comprehensive study of genetic, immunological, metabolic, nutritional & microbiome profiling of 62 ethnic tribal groups of Odisha.

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Upcoming events:

- Science and Technology interventions for Tribal Population – National Conclave of NASI (Allahabad), February 24-25, 2020
- National Science Day at Bhubaneswar and Seven District Headquarters, February 28, 2020
- ILS Foundation Day Oration, March 2020
- International Women's Day, March 8, 2020
- Skill and technology empowerment of Tribal Women, Nabarangapur, March 19, 2020

Editors



Shaheerah Khan



Priya Singh



Gargee Bhattacharya

Do we deserve to salute you Brave hearts?

The thumping of your heavy feet assure us
Your heavy breathing and panting are melodies for us
The snow covered mountains sing, songs of your bravery
Beyond our imagination is the weight of your artillery
Houses, gold and money are humanly pleasures
Those medals on your shoulder are true treasures
We crib of our monotonous lives and curse
But every moment of your life you live it for us
Every morning we fuss for a cup of tea
All night you were awake, aiming behind the tree
Where we complain of the traffic with ease
You brave through the chills of cold breeze
When the everyday life with family frustrates us
We are your extended family, you assure us
We comfortably sit in the cozy environments and still complain
How do you stay crouched in those bunkers and show no pain?
Here we fight everyday on roads, offices, trains and restaurants
You fight....for us, who cant live peacefully even with our tenants?
How do you wear your lives on your sleeves and still smile?
How do you dare death and conditions so hostile?
Give us some of your understanding...some of your passion
Some of your limitless love ... your infinite dedication
A mere "thank you", how can it suffice for all that you do?
We want to and try hard to reach you through
But you are beyond our small embrace
So far to get a glimpse of your face
Then we ask our weak and fragile hearts.....
Do we deserve to salute you BRAVEHEARTS??

- Amrita Ray



INDIA-Always Celebrated

Opening of the new year
along with calendar
starts with a fly in air
among various kites of Makar



From pleasant Pongal
till devotional Maha Shivratri
gathering remains at Basant Panchami
with joyous colors of Holi

Whether Mahavir Jayanti or April's Easter
it's all about staying united further
in both Rath Yatra and Eid ul-Fitr
celebration is always together

The holy knot of Rakhshabandhan
proceeds with beautiful flowery Onam
the welcoming rain of Janmashtami
reminds us upcoming birthday of Ganapati

Then comes gracious Divine power
the blessings upon us that Maa shower
to vanish every try of devil
to win the good over the evil

Enjoyable Navaratri's dandiya night
erases harsh feelings and fight
enlightened diyas of Shubh-Deepavali
spark the aspiration and cheerful smile

With all our lovely chocolates and cakes
spread around "Merry Christmas" wishes
in the flow of chilled winter air
remains a wait for another "New Year"

-Suchismita Behera.



पापा

आज भी मैं अपने नित्य समय पर उठा। पर ना जाने क्या है जो बेचैन कर रहा है। आज ही के दिन मेरे सबसे बड़े शुभचिंतक मुझे इस दुनिया में अकेला छोड़ कर चले गए थे। मेरे पापा..। पापा हमेशा कहते थे कि "सदैव अपने लक्ष्य पर ध्यान दो, दुनिया की बातों पर नहीं"। आज पापा की बहुत याद आ रही है, पापा की बातें, प्यार, और उनकी प्यार से भरी डाँट.. तभी किचन में कुछ गिरने की आवाज से मेरी यादों की निद टूटी। मैं जल्दी से बाजार के ओर निकला, क्योंकि आज पापा का श्राद्ध है। रिश्तेदार, पड़ोसी सभीको मिलाकर कम से कम 500 लोग भोजन के लिए आमंत्रित हैं। श्राद्ध कि सारी सामग्री रिक्शा में रखवाकर, उसे रवाना करके जल्दी से अपनी मोटरसाइकिल की तरफ मैं बढ़ने लगा था, तभी अचानक एक आवाज़ मेरे कानों में पड़ी "बेटा! इस बूढ़े ने कल रात से एक निवाला भी नहीं खाया, तू कुछ दे दे खाने को" बूढ़े की बात परी भी नहीं हुई थी की मैंने गुस्से से कह, "हटो.. जाओ यहाँ से.. कुछ नहीं है मेरे पास तुम्हें देने को"। जवाब में उस बूढ़े ने हसते हुए कहा "कोई बात नहीं बेटा, परेशान न हो, अगर तेरे पास कुछ देनेको होता तो तू जरूर देता, पर तेरे पास भी नहीं है तभी तो तू नहीं दे रहा, पर तू दुखी न होना कि तू मेरी मदद नहीं कर पाया। भगवान तेरा भला करे"। अचानक से मेरे मन में चल रही पिछली सभी बातें शांत हो गयीं। मैंने मुड़ कर वापिस कुछ कहना चाहा पर तब तक वह वहाँ से जा चुके थे। पर जो मैंने चिढ़ कर उनसे कहा वो शब्द चाह कर भी वापिस नहीं ले सकता था। मेरी नज़रें बूढ़े को ढूँढ़ने लगी पर वह कहीं नज़र नहीं आये। फिर मैं बाजार में यह सोच कर चल दिया कि वह बूढ़े बाबा ज्यादा दूर नहीं गए होंगे, मैं उन्हें ढूँढ़कर कुछ न कुछ खाने के लिए दे दूंगा। पर रास्ते में वो बाबा कहिन नज़र नहीं आये। मैंने आसपास के लोगों से भी पूछा पर कुछ पता नहीं चला। मैं सोच में पड़ गया कि कोई ऐसे गायब कैसे हो सकता है। मुझे सब कुछ रहस्यसा लगने लगा। मैं उसे चहकर भी भूल ही नहीं पा रहा था। उनके कपडे, सरल लहजा, मधुर वाणी सब मुझे रह रह कर परेशान कर रहा था। ये सब मुझे किसीकी याद दिला रही थी। मगर किसकी!! ये सोचते हुए दुखी मनन से खुले आसमान की तरफ देखने लगा मैं। अनजानेमें मेरी आँखों से आँसु बहते हुए अचानकसे स्वतः मुँहसे निकल आया "पापा!"

--बिभुदेव बारिक



Kirtal Hansdah

Sagnya says, "Art is the unspoken feelings of the artists which gives visual delight to the admirer, content for the critics and mental pleasure and peace for the artist."



ଅକ୍ସା କଥା

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 ଭାଲେ ଏ ନିରବ ମନ..
 ନିର୍ଜନ ପ୍ରହରେ ତୁମ ଶୁଚି ସବୁ..
 ମନେ ପଡେ ରାତି ଦିନ...
 ପାରୁନି ଯୁଁ ଭୁଲି ସେ ମିଠା ସ୍ଵପ୍ନ...
 ଅଭୁଲି ସେ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି..
 ଯେତେ ବୁଝେଇଲେ ଅବୁଝା ମୋ ମନ...
 ମହଙ୍ଗା ପଡିଲା ପ୍ରୀତି..
 ପରିଚୟ ନିଜ ହଜେଇ ଯୁଁ ଦେଲି...
 ମରାଚିକା ପଛେ ଧାଇଁ..
 ଯେବେ ବି ଖୋଜିଛି ତୁମରି ପରଶ..
 କେବେ ତୁମେ... କେବେ ଯୁଁ ନାହିଁ...
 କି ଭାବ କି ରଙ୍ଗ ଲାଗିଲା ମୋ ଦେହେ..
 ସାଜିଗଲି ପରିନିତା...
 ଭାବ ପ୍ରୀତି ସବୁ ଫିକା ପଡିଗଲା..
 ପ୍ରେମ ଲାଗେ ଏବେ ପିତା..
 ସମ୍ପର୍କ ର ବାହି କଣିନେଲା ମତେ...
 ପାଦ ହେଲା ମୋ ଅଧୀର..
 ନୀରବେ ଚାଲିଲି ତୁମ ପଛେ ପଛେ..
 ଆସିଗଲି ଏତେ ଦୂର...
 କଳ୍ପନା ଜଳ୍ପନା ଅଳ୍ପ ହେଇଗଲେ..
 ବାସ୍ତବିକତା ଅନ୍ଧାର..
 ନିଃସର୍ତ୍ତ ନିରବ ଥିଲା ମୋର ପ୍ରେମ ଅନ୍ତରମନ କରେ ହାହାକାର...
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 ପ୍ରେମ ପ୍ରତିଦାନ ଆଶା ନାହିଁ ମୋର..
 ଶାନ୍ତି ଚିକେ କରେ ଭିକ୍ଷା...
 -Sagnya Sarita Rath



Ajay- an unbeatable leader
-Kirtal Hansdah



Mo maa
-Kirtal Hansdah



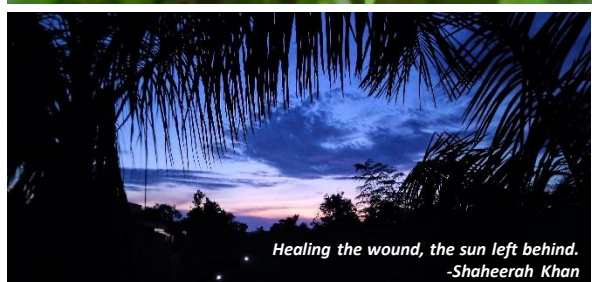
Ankeeta's Creation. "From Trash to Treasure."



Decorating the night.
-Shaheerah Khan



Your life is your message to the world.
-Sonali Nayak



Healing the wound, the sun left behind.
-Shaheerah Khan



Monsoon hues.
-Shaheerah Khan