

KRISHNA TRUST: Annual Report (2014-15)

1. In the year under review Krishna Trust was engaged with finalising the publications of two volumes. The first one, titled *Krishna: Living with Alzheimer's* was a book on Alzheimer's disease and the importance of care for victims of diseases like the Alzheimer's, the entire narrative built around late Krishna Bhattacharya's life. The second one was preparing a publication of Krishna Bhattacharya's doctoral dissertation, *Indology, History Writing, and the Nation: Bengal, 1847-1947*. The Women Unlimited published the first book; Frontpage published the second book. Both, particularly, the book on Alzheimer's which has been appreciated widely and excerpted in several publications, and reviewed, require wide publicity. Wider reach of the book will serve the goals of the Trust. Several people have communicated to the Trust their appreciation.
2. This year on 26 February 2015 Krishna Trust gave away two Krishna Memorial awards: (a) Laxmi Deb, a girl of class VIII and coming from a poor slum dwelling family, and earning merit in the school while being promoted to class IX was awarded the Krishna Memorial Certificate of recognition and a cheque of RS. 5000/- only; (b) a school, named Tagore Foundation School, which gives special emphasis on training mentally retarded children while educating them in mainstream system was awarded the second memorial certificate of recognition and a cheque of Rs. 15,000/- only. Ms. Srabani Sengupta on behalf of the school received the certificate and the cheque. The Krishna Memorial Award ceremony attracted attention and several educationists, philanthropists, and social activists turned up on the occasion. Women were present in large number. The recipients were selected by a search committee.
3. The Second Krishna Trust Memorial Lecture was also delivered on 26 February 2015 by Professor Manabi Majumder, a noted social scientist working in the field of education, on the theme of girl child education in India. Her lecture generated deep and informed discussion among educationists. The text of her lecture will be published shortly.
4. The text of the first Krishna Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Geraldine Forbes was published this year. The published text was widely circulated along with the two books mentioned in paragraph 1.
5. The Trust has undertaken preliminary steps towards organising information and research on care workers in Kolkata, with particular reference to migrant care workers.
6. Some plans were drawn up during the year in consideration to raise funds, seek assistance of the government, and ensure university collaboration in enhancing the recognition of care as a critical social activity in coping with diseases such as the Alzheimer's. The Trust will now seek to implement these plans.