

KRISHNA TRUST

Annual Report (2018-19)

1. The Sixth Krishna Memorial Award ceremony was held on 4 January 2019 at Hotel Sojourn, Salt Lake. As in previous years, the programme was held in collaboration with the Calcutta Research Group (CRG). Professor Byasdeb Dasgupta, Kalyani University, chaired the programme. Sibaji Pratim Basu, Managing Trustee of Krishna Trust and Professor at Vidyasagar University, spoke about Krishna Trust. The Krishna Memorial Awards were conferred on (a) Bhanu Baske for her work on women's education in Birbhum District, West Bengal, (b) Anil Mistri for his work on girl child education in Sundarbans, West Bengal, and (c) Shahina Javed who is working for women's football and other sports activities at Rajabazar, Kolkata. The special award in memory of Bharati Chowdhury, an educationist, titled as the Bharati Chowdhury Memorial Award was given to Banabibi Jatra Sangstha, a cultural organization (folk song and theatre group) at Balidweep, Sundarban, West Bengal. The awards were presented by Dr. Anita Sengupta, Director. Bhanu Baske and the Banabibi Jatra Sangstha presented folk songs on the occasion.

2. On the same occasion the Sixth Krishna Memorial Lecture was delivered by Maneesha Bandopadhyay, an educationist of Bolpur, West Bengal, on the theme of "Kanyashri Meyera". Her lecture on girl child education and the government's programme of *Kanyashri* was enlightening and appreciated. It evoked considerable discussion. The text of her lecture will be published as in the case of previous Krishna Memorial Lectures.

3. During the year under discussion the published report on the state of girl child education in Balidweep, Sundarban was distributed widely. The investigation was carried out by the Trust and was reported in the last year's Annual Report of the Trust. The trustees deliberated on a plan to implement the recommendations coming out of the report. The plan mainly consists of beginning an adult women's education programme in Balidweep, instituting girl child prizes/fellowships in the island, and contributing to the improvement of the infrastructure of some of the schools in the island.

4. In the year under review Krishna Trust published the Fifth Krishna Memorial Lecture delivered by Dr. Dr. Asish Kumar Kundu, Physical Medicine, West Bank Hospital on "The Fifth World" covering the theme of the indigenous people and other poor sections of the population coping with disabilities. The published lecture was distributed among interested people, also on the occasion of the Krishna Memorial event.

5. The Trust continues with its present portal (http://www.mcrg.ac.in/krishna_trust/index.html) hosted by the CRG as part of its website (www.mcrg.ac.in). The web-based material of the Trust has improved considerably. Three recently published reviews of "Krishna: Living with Alzheimer's" have been uploaded on the website. There is also addition to the material related to Alzheimer's disease. Trustees may access - http://www.mcrg.ac.in/krishna_trust/kt_alzheimers_publications.asp. As mentioned in last year's annual report, the idea is to gradually develop the web-based platform of the Trust into a significant site of relevant information on the Alzheimer's disease and the theme of care.

7. As in last year, the Trust acknowledges the generous help of the Calcutta Research Group and its staff in organising the annual Krishna Memorial event, and hosting Krishna Trust's web-based material. The Trust continues to look for further sources of assistance and collaboration. Mr. Atul Pandey has continued to help the Trust. In the year under review the Trust received an amount of Rs. 100,000/ (Rupees one lakh only) from the Southwinds project. Subhas Ganguly donated Rs. 5,000/ (rupees five thousand only). Later in August 2019 he donated another amount of Rs. 5000/. Shri Romen Chaudhury donated Rs. 5,000/- this year also. The Trust wishes to put on record its gratitude for the help provided by individuals and institutions in various forms towards its goals.