

**Asha for Education
Fellowship Nomination Form**

SECTION I: Nominator Information
Name: CK Ganguly
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Affiliation with Asha: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asha Member (Chapter _____)• Asha Fellow• Friend of Asha• Staff/Founder Asha partner NGO(Name: _____)• Other organizations (Name)

SECTION II: Nominee Information
Name: Ashis Panda
Organization (if any): None at present, but over the next few years, is looking to work with local farmers towards setting up a community-based institution.
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Affiliation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous Asha Fellow• Member/Employee of Asha funded NGO: _____• Social Worker/Activist (Org: <u>NA</u>)

SECTION III: Field of Work
Name of Project (if any): Working together with small-holding farmers of the <i>Bhil</i> community in Dungarpur district,

Rajasthan, towards improving their income and strengthening their livelihood security, through work on organic GM-free agriculture, soil/water conservation, collective purchase/marketing of inputs, surplus produce and consumption goods/services and more effective implementation of work-related Government schemes such as the NREGA.			
Location - Village/City/District, State: 10 villages of Bicchiwada and Sagwada blocks of Dungarpur district, Rajasthan, India.			
Which communities will Nominee's work serve? Small-holder farmers of the Adivasi Bhil community. Bhils are classified as Scheduled Tribe by the Government of India.			
Type of work (select three maximum):			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teaching Methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Nutrition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational Reform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income Generation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Based Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food and Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Reform
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Right to Information
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	People's Struggles
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civic and Human Rights
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify)

SECTION IV: Recommendation
My relationship with Nominee. Ex-colleague. Worked with the Collective for about 3 years and set up the stocking, processing and marketing unit for the Timbaktu Organic programme. Continues to support the programme when needed.
How long have you known Nominee? (Give an overview of the context and nature of your interactions in the past with the nominee) I met Ashis in 2004 when he came to see if he wanted to work with us. Instead of us interviewing him he interviewed us. Being satisfied he joined us. We gave him the space to experiment, learn and make mistakes along with us all. In the beginning I was ready to throw him out a couple of times till I came to understand his style of working and confronting issues. Infact I began enjoying his style of work, his commitment and his sharp mind. By the time he left in 2007, all the members of the Collective and the directors of the 3 MATC Societies were sorry to see him go.
Why should Asha support this Nominee as a Fellow? (Include your perspective on the strengths of the applicant, key/unique aspects of the work being proposed, how Asha can create a mutually beneficial relationship with the fellow) Asha should support Ashis because in today's world he is a special person. He wants to live and work in the villages. He is committed to the rural poor. He is a very honest person and will not do anything that he does not consider morally right. He has very strong opinions and has very good leadership qualities. He is a very hard worker with no problems to dirty his hands. What I found most wonderful about him was his capacity to confront and take forward what he believed was right. He his a very good learner and was able to earn the respect of all the members of the Collective, especially the old timers who do not give too much space to "just out of college" types. Making such persons fellows of Asha will add to the credibility that Asha already enjoys.

Additional Comments:

Signature:

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Date:

11/02/09