

**Asha for Education
Fellowship Nomination Form**

SECTION I: Nominator Information			
Name: Asha Purdue Chapter (Project Steward- Gaurav Nanda)			
Organization (if any):			
Address: 145 Arnold Dr, Apt-3, West Lafayette, IN-47906			
Phone: +1-765-714-6976			
Email: Gaurav.07@gmail.com			
Affiliation with Asha:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asha Member (Chapter _____Purdue_____) • Asha Fellow • Friend of Asha • Staff/Founder Asha partner NGO(Name:_____) • Other organizations (Name) 			

SECTION II: Nominee Information			
Name: Gautam Gauri			
Organization (if any): Diksha			
Address: C1, Shanti Vihar Colony, Ambedkar Path, Patna, Bihar – 800014, India			
Phone: +91 9204056412			
Email: gautamgauri@dikshafoundation.org			
Affiliation:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Asha Fellow - No • Member/Employee of Asha funded NGO: _____Yes_____ • Social Worker/Activist (Org:_____) 			

SECTION III: Field of Work			
Name of Project (if any): Diksha			
Location: C1, Shanti Vihar Colony, Ambedkar Path, Patna, Bihar – 800014, India			
Which communities will Nominee's work serve?			
Children and youth from socially and economically deprived communities.			
Type of work (select three maximum):			
	Curriculum Development	Environment	Appropriate Technology
*	Teaching Methods	Health and Nutrition	Right to Information
*	Educational Reform	Income Generation	People's Struggles
*	Computer Based Education	Food and Agriculture	Civic and Human Rights
	Adult Literacy	Land Reform	Other (Please specify)

SECTION IV: Recommendation			
My relationship with Nominee			
I have known Gautam before he started Diksha in 2010 through common friends. After he quit his			

corporate job and started Diksha, I was one of the individual donors supporting Diksha and was very impressed by his motivation and efforts in the starting years. I then recommended his project to be supported by Asha Purdue chapter. The members of Asha Purdue found the project to be impactful and decided to support Diksha in 2012. Since then, Asha Purdue has supported Diksha's Patna center-KHEL.

How long have you known Nominee? (Give an overview of the context and nature of your interactions in the past with the nominee)

2007- 2010 – Known socially through common friends

2010- 2012 – As individual donor to Diksha

2012-2017 – As project steward for Diksha

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)

Gautam would be an appropriate candidate for the Asha fellowship for following reasons:

- 1) his experience of working in the primary education sector in India (7 years)
- 2) his innovative approach to impart good quality education and value system in children of underprivileged background (tablet education, Bal Sansad)
- 3) supporting educational background – he recently finished his Masters in Primary Education from University of Cambridge and has lot of ideas that can improve the quality of primary education and mental development of children from underprivileged background

Given the opportunity and support through Asha fellowship, he would be able to implement and experiment with his innovative ideas at the grassroots level.

It will be beneficial to Asha as well because he can dedicate his time in sharing insights, mentoring, spreading and helping-implement his ideas to various Asha projects. Gautam is also interested in doing site visits, reviewing project progress, and consulting with Asha projects in the regions of Bihar, UP, Delhi and other neighboring areas.

Additional Comments:

Based on Gautam's fellowship application, there were additional questions asked by Asha Purdue members. The questions and their responses are available in a separate document as an additional attachment.

The poll results of Asha Purdue volunteers are also attached.

Signature: _____ Gaurav Nanda _____

Date: _____ Aug 14 2017 _____