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About

Art of Giving is all about creating an unconditional and sustainable abundance of love, peace and happiness and contentment for others through gestures of kindness and generosity. It was founded by Shri Achyuta Samanta on 17 May 2013. The key to peace and happiness lies in unlocking the Art of Giving in each individual. It is a not-for-profit initiative for spreading, supporting and promoting the practice of the art of giving around the world.

Art of Giving is all about 'A philosophy of life'. Our aim is to promote the values of giving, compassion, and empathy among people around the world, and to create a culture of philanthropy that transcends boundaries. Every single day, each one of us are working together to unleash the power of giving to ensure a better tomorrow. If you resonate with the cause and our cause is your passion, join us and let us together, attempt to make a better world.

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From the Editor's Desk

We have just celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the "International Day of Art of Giving". I am happy that the 10th Anniversary celebrations were a huge success pan India & globally too. This propels me to become emotional with nostalgia that the simple but noble idea of "Art of Giving" that I floated way back in 2013 has taken deep roots & have already entered the 10th year of its celebration worldwide. I am happy to note that it has taken the shape of a mass movement & the changes that the concept has ushered in across the globe are really phenomenal. Needless to reiterate that we are living in one of the most turbulent & testing times of human history be it manmade disasters, climate change or conflicts across nations. I believe the movement has the potential to tide over the critical times we are passing through.

If we sit back & think, we can very well realize that Mother Earth has enough to satisfy the needs of each & everybody on this planet. Yet it is the greed of human beings which strikes at the root of destroying the very fabric of the civilization & creating the ever increasing chasm of inequality, misery, poverty, deprivation & social ills & even at the cost of others' peace & happiness. Sometimes at my lonely moments, I wonder when there will be an end to this craziness.

My whole life is an experiment in "Art of Giving", for I loved to share my little things with my friends from very childhood when I was almost penniless. I derived immense pleasure out of this practice. This motivated me to form the core philosophy of "Art of Giving" which is creating an unconditional and sustainable abundance of love, peace, happiness and containment for others through gestures of kindness and generosity. Over the years, as I entered the teaching profession, I tried to popularize these noble ideas in my students & to become aware of their responsibilities towards the community. I am a strong believer in the enormous power of the youth who can transform the society & create hopes for a better unified, safe, compassionate & humane world.

While developing KIIT & KISS brick by brick, which are today iconic world-class educational hubs, I have tried to inculcate the values of "Art of Giving" in my students & staff communities. KIIT & KISS today are widely acclaimed as Universities of Humanity & Compassion for its popular paradigm of community outreach programmes.

I am happy that all our students. Alumni, patrons & well wishers had celebrated the 10th Anniversary Year on a much wider scale PAN India from the grass root panchayat & block levels & also celebrated in around -120- countries abroad. The theme for this year "Helping the Help" is a huge craze & has caught the imagination of the people from varied walks of life .The AOG Community have felicitated the house maids, nurses, auto/ambulance drivers & others who work hard day in & day out to make our lives comfortable.

The recent pandemic COVID-19 was an eye opener, during which crossing all barriers of caste, creed, money & power, people from all walks of life scurried to help each other in the struggle against the ravaging virus. It was only humanity that prevailed in these dark days of history.

It is a rare coincidence, that we are celebrating the 10th year of "Art of Giving" when our country has taken up the presidency of G-20 with the theme of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", which translates to "One Earth, One Family, One Future,". I look toward to the future with a great hope as I dream for a better tomorrow for all of us.

This August issue of the quarterly AOG magazine presents a documentation of our uniquely successful 10th Anniversary celebrations & encourages us to bring transformational change in our thinking, feeling and doing for the betterment of humanity.

(Achyuta Samanta)
Founder, Art of Giving



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Art of Giving: Bridging the Divide, Forging Unity



From the depths of a tranquil mind, amidst the bustling chaos of daily life, epiphanies emerge. Such was the case when the words Art of Giving whispered softly into my consciousness, reverberating throughout my being. As I departed from Bengaluru Airport, the significance of these three words enveloped my thoughts. I realized that everything that I had practiced and achieved in my life revolved around the core theme of Art of Giving. This profound concept, existing in various religious and philosophical teachings, prompted me to institutionalize and promote it actively. Thus, the International Day of Art Giving was born, celebrated annually in various religious and philosophical

teachings, prompted me to institutionalize and promote it actively. Thus, the International Day of Art Giving was born, celebrated annually on May 17th uniting individuals across the globe, transcending the man made barriers of caste, creed, religion, nationality, and age, with the common goal of spreading happiness and peace worldwide.

Through the dedicated efforts of the Art of Giving (AOG) community, this simple yet profound concept has gained universal acceptance. From the poorest to the wealthiest nations people are celebrating the International Day of Art of Giving with fervor. This movement has permeated through individuals, groups, organizations, and even large public functions. Thus Art of giving has made its mark, not just as a one-day celebration but as an enduring way of life for millions.

Incidentally, we can analyze and find that inequality, a single most significant factor of societal problems and conflicts, is combated through the Art of Giving. This timeless philosophy has found its way into countless homes and hearts, embracing diversity and inclusivity. From the young to the elderly, people from underdeveloped nations to opulent households in the United States, everyone joins in celebrating the Art of Giving. Notably, it is being celebrated in all places of worship such as temples, mosques, churches, and Gurudwaras. The movement of Art of Giving is a great equalizer, bringing togethe individuals from all walks of life, starting from those struggling to make both ends meet to those who get sad with their empty wallets on 25th of every month to those who live comfortably and those who have wealth for generations. May 17 th every year serves as a symbol of unity, intertwining kindness and compassion as a universal language, binding humanity together for ever. Reflecting on my own life's journey, as a person born into poverty, having lost my father at the tender age of four, I am a living example of the Art of giving. The peace and happiness derived from practicing this philosophy do not require proof, as it has been written in golden letters by countless ancestors and wise individuals throughout history. The present generation, armed with unparalleled intelligence, demands authenticity, logic, and honesty in their pursuits. The widespread acceptance of the art of giving serves as a testament to the trust it has garnered.

Giving can be manifested in various forms: monetary contributions, kindness, smiles, patient listening, encouraging words, or motivational gestures. However, Giving must be cultivated as an Art. The giver must embody humility, ensuring that the act of giving unites both parties as equals. It should be characterized by dignity rather than charity, involving discernment and thoughtful consideration.

The celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Day of Art of Giving marked a significant milestone, with participation from 120 countries, all states in India, and every district, block, and panchayat in Odisha, it became one of the largest global celebrations in recent times. Numerous civil society organizations and educational institutions, including universities and colleges, joined the movement to instill the spirit of the art of giving in their students. What began as a mere idea blossomed into a tangible philosophy preaching a collective way of life. This campaign has finally become a movement - an integral part of our lives.

In a world where materialistic pursuits govern people's lives, countries grapple with disputes, societal inequality persists and relationships falter, the concept of Art of Giving offers a viable solution. It begins with introspection and self-belief, empowering individuals to effect change. The philosophy then extends to the home, reminding us not to neglect our immediate surroundings while focusing on social work. From there, it radiates outward into society, reaching out to those in need with dignity, fostering a sense of oneness & social cohesion. In an idealistic world, this feeling of unity nurtures peace and progress, while from a realistic perspective, it gradually transforms the world for the better, one step at a time. Art of Giving equips individuals with the tools to navigate in a society where youth often feel lost, materialistic pursuits prevail, and patience wears thin. It serves as a beacon of light illuminating the path towards a more compassionate & humane world.

The celebration of the International Day of Art of Giving on May 17th stands as a testament to humanity's collective desire for a more compassionate world. As this movement gains momentum, it leaves an indelible imprint in the minds and hearts of future generations. Amidst the hunger for power, wealth, and fame, the art of giving serves as a humble effort to foster a spirit for compassion and kindness.

In a world where challenges abound, the Art of Giving offers a solution—a solution that begins within oneself, extends to the home, permeates all over the society, and ultimately contributes to a more harmonious and equitable world. Let us embrace the Art of Giving, cultivating it as a lifelong practice, and step forward together on this transformative journey for building a more cohesive world order.



10th International Day of Art of Giving celebrate worldwide



Bhubaneswar: The 10th Anniversary celebration of "International Day of Art of Giving (AOG) Day" was observed worldwide on Wednesday through various events and activities. The innovative AOG concept was launched on 17th May 2013 by eminent philanthropist and educationist Dr. Achyuta Samanta to spread the message of cooperation, happiness, peace, and harmony across the world. The theme for this year is 'Helping the Help'.

The followers, well-wishers, and fans of AOG celebrated the Day across 350 locations in 20 countries across six continents. Besides, the followers and well-wishers of AOG commemorated the day in 3500 locations in 29 states, 4 UTIs, and 200 cities and towns in India.

In Odisha, AOG Day was celebrated at 10,000 locations in 30 districts, 10 major cities and towns, over 300 blocks and more than 5000 Gram Panchayats of Odisha.

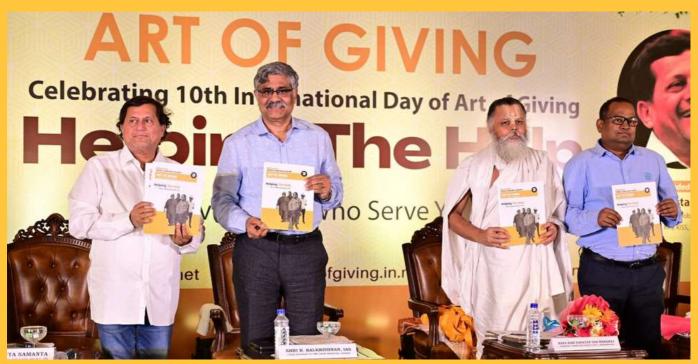
A special event was organised here and service providers from various fields, who have made a mark in society through their generous acts, were felicitated with the AoG Hero Award. They are Dr Shankar Ramchandani of Sambalpur District who charges only Rs 1 as a visiting fee; Abharani Choudhury, Secretary Odisha Patita Udhhar Samiti; Ranjita Rath, the Multipurpose Health Supervisor of Jajpur District; Silabati Pradhan, Asha Worker of Kandhamal District; Amarnath Mahanta, Ambulance Driver from Keonjhar District and Feroze Mohammed, Traffic Police of the Police Commissionerate.

Speaking at the event, R Balakrishnan, Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister of Odisha described Art of Giving is nothing the "heart of giving". He said that AOG is a matter connected to fairness and it is important for individuals, society and the country.

Higher Education Secretary Bishnupada Sethi said AOG had become a solid movement while President of Sriram Temple, Unit-2 Bhubaneswar Swami Ram Narayan Das said Dr Samanta has awakened amongst us the happiness that can be gained through AOG.

Dr Samanta said that people of Odisha should be proud of the fact that this thought process originated from this state. He said AOG event has been organised across the globe.

Glimpses of 10th Anniversary Celebration







- AOG Heroes

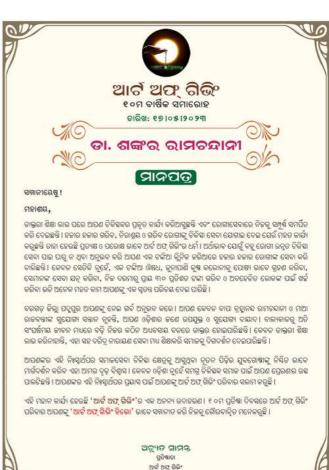
The Art of Giving Heroes, a prestigious & novel initiative introduced in 2022 by the organization Art of Giving, celebrates individuals who go above and beyond the call of their normal duty & create benchmarks of acts of giving. These extraordinary individuals have exemplified the true essence of generosity and selflessness, making a significant impact on the lives of others. The AOG Heroes award recognizes these exceptional individuals, honouring them with not only a cash prize but also a heartfelt citation. By acknowledging their remarkable deeds, the Art of Giving aims to inspire and motivate others to embrace the spirit of giving and make a positive difference in their own communities.

The AOG Heroes for the year 2023:

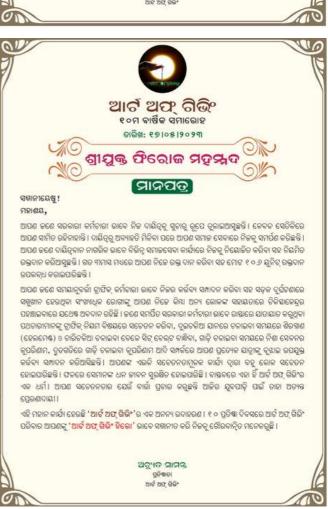
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- 6. Shri Feroze Mohammed, Traffic Police, Commissionerate Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack, Odisha

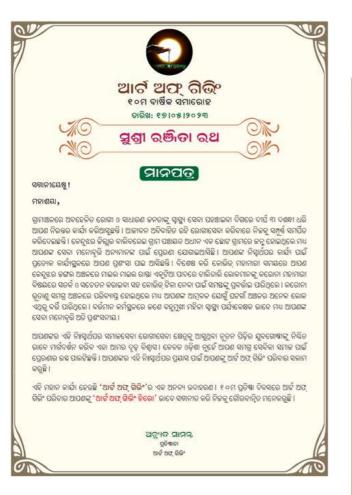
















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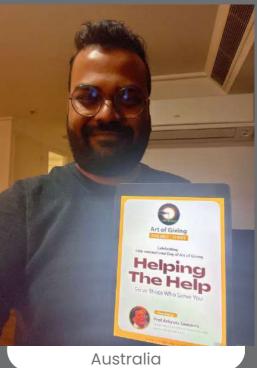
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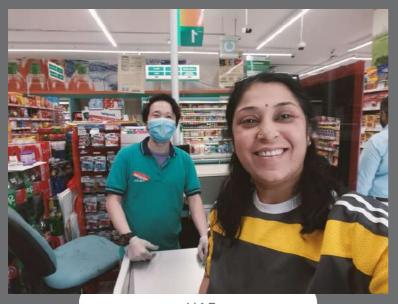




















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Celebrating 10th International Day of Art of Giving

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उଡ଼ିଶାର ୩୦ଟି ଜିଲ୍ଲା, ୧୦ଟି ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଭାରତର ୫୦ଟି ବିଶ୍ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ବ୍ୟଭିଙ୍କୁ 'ଆଟି ଅଫ୍ ଗିରିଂ' ହିରେ

ରେଷ୍ଟୁରାଷ, ହସ୍ପିଟାଲ୍ ଓ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟସେବ ଅନୁଗାମାମାନେ ଏହି ଦିବସ ପାଳନ କରୁଛନ୍ତି । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ୯ ୭ ତାରିଖ ସଂଧାରେ ଭୂଦନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ଏକ ସ୍ୱତଶ କାସ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ଆୟୋଜନ କରାସାଇଛି ସହର, ୩୫ହରୁ ଲବ୍ଦି ବୂଳ, ୫ହଳାରରୁ ୧୫ଟି ଦିଦେଶୀ ଦିଶ୍ୱଦିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ସମ୍ମନରେ ସଲାନୀତ କରାପିଦ।



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Live to give. Give to live.



#ThankyouTeacher

Teacher! Repeat this word. Take a moment to relax and go back in time. Ever noticed how quickly we can recall special moments? Memories stay fresh because they're like bookmarks in our minds. We might not remember every teacher, but we surely remember the ones who made us feel important, heard, and cared for. Whether it's a kind line they said, a story they shared, or just how they acted. Remember, teachers aren't just in classrooms. Our parents and grandparents were our first teachers, showing us the right path. Even our friends teach us things. As time goes on, it teaches us too, like a wise friend. Books also teach, helping us learn. Experiences are some of the best teachers. As Teachers' Day approaches, let's remember and say thanks to our teachers and join the Art of Giving campaign – "Thank You Teacher".

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