

## **Story of an Inspiration**

The moving story of a 12 year old Tarif Ansari of Dumdumi Village, Purulia measurably determines the success of the E-vidyaloka Programme. Coming from an extremely poor economic background, Tarif's father works as a daily labour and each family member i.e Tarif, his parents and younger brother make recycled plastic bags in their spare time to gather extra income for the family. Tarif and his younger brother are both students of Dumdumi Junior High School studying in 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> standard respectively. Despite their financial crunch the parents encouraged the children's education. However, Tarif was more inclined towards games and was irregular to school.

When Tarif was in 7<sup>th</sup> standard things took a different course with the introduction of E-vidyaloka programme in the school. The school teachers were oblivious of the teaching process of the programme which initially made them skeptical. Fortunately, with time the programme has been rather successful in grabbing the attention of both teachers and students, particularly in Tarif's case. The concept of the physical absence of a teacher in the classroom and an individual communicating and imparting knowledge with newer techniques through a television screen fascinated him. Consequently, he not just became regular to school but also showed remarkable improvement in his scores in the annual examination and received the E-vidyaloka certificate for the "Most Participating and Inspirational Student".

Presently being in the 8<sup>th</sup> standard Tarif misses the E-vidyaloka sessions. He suggests that the continuity of E-vidyaloka classes in all the standards can prove to be of much help to the educational progress of the students. Tarif Ansari who once used to neglect education is now regular with his studies and who knows, perhaps little Tarif with proper guidance in future will successfully actualize his dream of becoming a police official to contribute towards a crime-free society.