

District Administration, Cuttack, Odisha bagged Skoch Award 2020 - Gold under the Category Education & Skill Development for the Project Mission

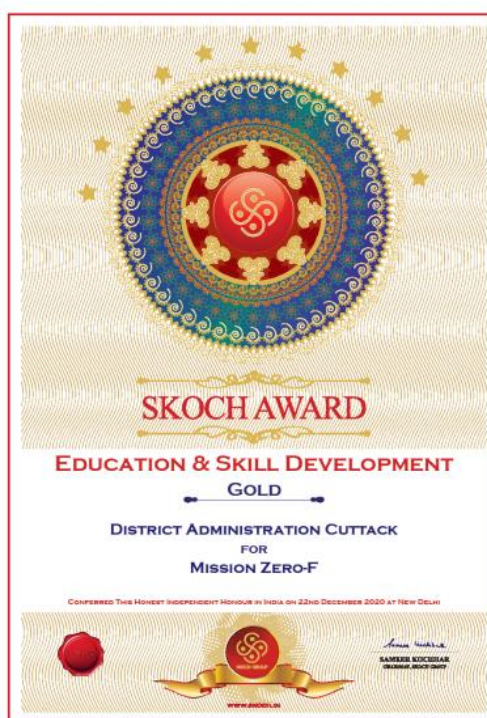
District Administration, Cuttack honoured with Skoch Award 2020 - Gold under the Category Education & Skill Development for the Project Mission Zero-F on 22.12.2020.

The Mission Zero-F initiative of Cuttack district was undertaken from 1st October, 2019 to ensure zero failure among **13684** students of **457** schools of the district in the Annual HSC Examination 2020. Earlier, the students, belonging to low socio-economic background, were promoted from class IX to X on sympathetic grounds despite getting F (Fail) grades in their annual examinations. Preparing them for the HSC Examination within a period of four months was a huge challenge.

The Mission was designed on 5T principles of good governance of Government of Odisha, i.e. Team, Technology, Time, Transparency and Transformation. It introduced simple, low-cost and inclusive innovative practices such as Mentoring, Counselling and Community Participation to make teachers and parents more accountable for academic improvement of students.

Teachers ensured regular attendance of students, took-up remedial classes and made home visits. PRI members sensitized parents who became conscious of studies of their children. Test papers were supplied free. Mentors from different background supplemented efforts of the teachers. A group of counsellors regularly contacted teachers, students and their parents to monitor their progress.

These initiatives resulted in 9759 numbers of F grade students pass the Annual HSC Examination 2020. Some of them showed excellent improvement as 1996 passed in D grade (40 -49% marks), 622 in C grade (50 -59% marks), 237 in B2 grade (60 – 69% marks), 47 in B1 grade (70 – 79% marks) and 3 of them in A2 grade (80 – 89% marks).



Mission Zero-F has established that Mentoring, Counselling and Community Participation can effectively supplement existing teaching methods to ensure tangible success of academically weak students belonging to low socio-economic background.

Data Analysis of the Mission Zero-F Project for 457 Schools covered under the Mission, 13684 number of students with Grade-F(below 33 % marks) promoted from class-IX to X on consideration basis during 2019 and 9759 number of students passed in Annual HSC Examination, 2020 out of the target group 13684 students of Grade-F was done by **NIC, Cuttack District Centre.**

Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector & District Magistrate, Cuttack highly appreciated Data Analysis done by NIC, Cuttack for Mission Zero-F Project.



Collector & District Magistrate with DIO, Cuttack and other team members.
