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### **Tata Steel's Jyoti Fellowship for Meritorious Students**

**Gopalpur, February 17, 2016:** Bringing joys to 142 school and college students of Rangeilunda and Chhatrapur blocks of Ganjam district, Jyoti Fellowship 2016, a one-time financial assistance, was awarded to them by Tata Steel. At a special ceremony organised at JNTTEC Conference Hall, Mandiapalli today, the fellowship was given to the ST and SC students who were chosen on the basis of merit from around 65 schools and 7 degree colleges.

Along with cash awards, the top 23 fresh scholar students from class VII were also provided with a wrist watch while the rest students were provided with scholarship amount, making the total scholarship amount around Rs 6 lakhs. With an objective of providing genuine handholding support to meritorious ST and SC students belonging to economically weaker section, the Tribal Cultural Society of Tata Steel in collaboration with its rural development wing Tata Steel Rural Development Society (TSRDS) has been providing Jyoti Fellowships in and around Tata Steel projects and operations.

The event was graced by Dr Pradeep Panigrahy, Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education, Science & Technology and State Rural Water Supply, Government of Odisha in the presence of Mr Arun Misra, Vice President, Gopalpur Project & MD, Tata Steel SEZ and Mr Subhas Moharana, Chairman, Berhampur Development Authority (BDA). Senior Tata Steel officials including Mr Sushant Mishra, Chief, Gopalpur Project and SEZ; Mr Biren Ramesh Buta, Chief, CSR; Mr R K Singh, Head, R & R and Administration; Mr Ambika Nanda, Head, CSR and Mr Satya Narayan Nanda, Unit Head, TSRDS, teachers and students were present in large numbers.

While complimenting the students on receiving such an acclaimed fellowship, Dr Panigrahi appreciated the efforts of Tata Steel in encouraging the future generation to pursue education through Jyoti Fellowship.

While briefing the young achievers, Mr Arun Misra, VP, Gopalpur Project and MD, Tata Steel SEZ said, "Tata Steel will continue to take similar measures to ensure a better educated and more inclusive society and urged the students to dream more".

It is worth mentioning here that this is the 6th consecutive year that the fellowship is being awarded in Gopalpur. So far, 678 students have benefitted from Jyoti Fellowship including this time.