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Your Excellency, the Governor of Rajasthan,

I write this to seek your intervention in saving a precious beginning made in your state. I understand that a small school by the name of Bandhyali School in Jaipur is in danger of being closed down because the place where it has been functioning is going to be allotted to a private organization for starting an institution of higher education. The institution in danger is run by a dedicated organization called Diganter.

You have probably been approached in this regard by other individuals and organizations, giving you the detailed background on this issue. My purpose in writing this is to share my conviction that the insights shared by Diganter on the basis of their excellent grassroots efforts around the Banhdhyali school have been very precious. This experience and the ideas generated therein have placed this organization in Rajasthan in the first row of those working for an inclusive education. Their efforts are soaked in the realities of our land. They are educationally sound without being over impressed by the razzmatazz of solutions offered by an army of salesmen. One gets a whiff of early Shantiniketan, yet contributing significantly of the frontline of present day education theory.

Please do not allow this precious nucleus to die. Such initiatives do not happen very often. No private university would compensate for its eclipse.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Yash Pal