

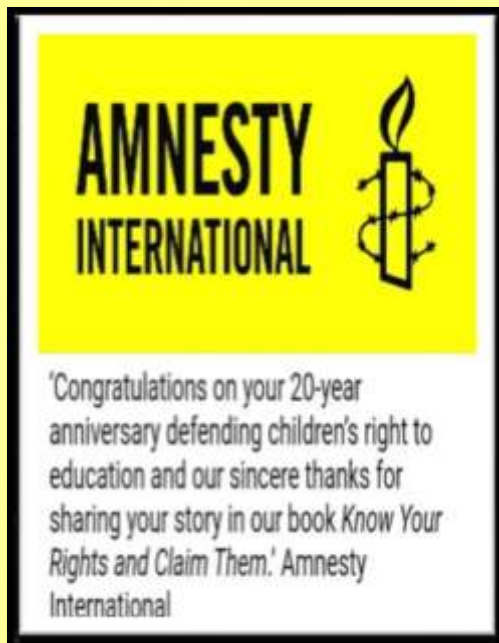
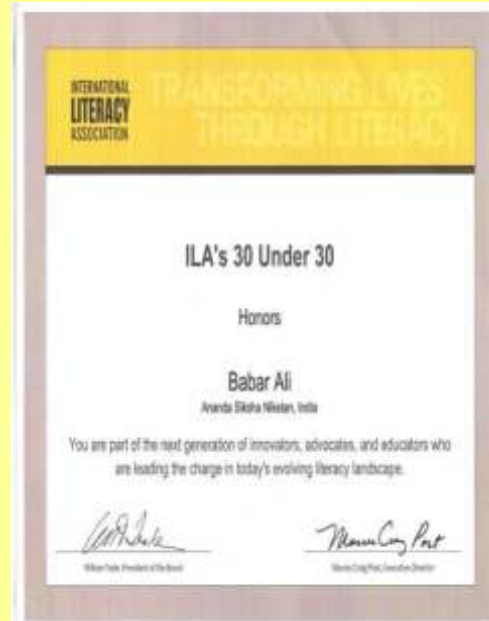
Dear Babar Ali,

Thank you for your contribution to our book. I'm so happy to share a copy with you. I look forward to getting it out into the world, and to working with you to educate and inspire others about the importance of child rights.

With love and respect



Angelina Jolie



They Defy Hunger

Purba Chatterjee



Come rain or shine: Siblings Samim Banu & Shah Jamal on their way to school



Entrance of Ananda Siksha Niketan During Rainy season

Samim Banu & Shah Jamal are in Class VI now & will soon be promoted to Class VII. Babar Ali certifies the siblings as the 'most sincere students of my school'. They are never absent, whether it be rain or shine. They are of course among a brood of five siblings, all of whom attend school at Babar's 'Ananda Siksha Niketan'. All of them walk three kilometres everyday from a neighbouring village, which is the farthest among all other students. Their father is away as a labourer in some other state, while their mother binds Bidis. Needless to say, they are from the most economically backward section of the society. There are many other such students from the five or six other surrounding villages such as Bhabta, Sankarpara, Gangapur. As Babar says, "They may not be very bright students, but they certainly are the most dedicated". Certainly their indefatigable spirit needs a salute!



















