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To whom so ever it may concern

This is to certify that I personally know Shanta Kumar, the applicant for Literacy Hero Award, since IIT Bombay days (2000-05) when he used to organize career guidance program with me at JNV Palghar. He has compassion, dedication and vision for betterment of underprivileged children. After volunteering for various social bodies during his stay at IIT Bombay for five years and devoting further five years for educating underprivileged children mostly tribal at Sonebhadra, he founded Navodaya Mission Trust in 2015 for scaling up his activities. Children of wage labourers have started going in engineering colleges, polytechnique colleges etc who would otherwise have stranded in their life becoming wage labourers only.

Being an alumnus of Navodaya Vidyalaya, his efforts are furthering the dreams of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who founded JNV schools around the country for poor rural children with motto "*Gyanarth Aaiye, Sewarth Jaiye*".

His works is really commendable and I wish him all successes in all his endeavours.

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