

86th Student Home (chatralaya) of AIM for Seva, Dungari, Surat



Pujya Swamiji inaugurated the 86th Chatralaya—Student Home of AIM for Seva at Dungari, Surat in Gujarat on the 26th of February 2011.

This student home was built by Sri Swami Prtyagbodhanandaji and his student Manubhai Patel, Trustee of Vishwa Mangalam Trust, Surat. The whole project had been sponsored by the Vishwa Mangalam Trust, Surat.

The Student Home was built in the premises of the local Prabhu Premi Secondary School. The land for the same was given on lease by the same Prabhu Premi School. The hostel had been built to accommodate 50 tribal students.

Pujya Swamiji was welcomed in the traditional manner with prayer songs and a welcome-dance by Tvisha Vyas, Bharata natyam dance teacher in Bardoli. The tribal student boys of the school performed Dangi dance with varieties of innovative steps.

Besides Pujya Swamiji and Sri Swami Veditatmananda, others who were present and blessed the function were Swamini Sadvidyananda of Arsha Vidya Tirtha, Navsari, Swami Brhambhutananda of Mumbai, Swami Nityasuddhananda of Amareli, Swamini Shraddhanada and Swamini Satyapriyananda, Prama Pramana Darshan of Pardi, Valsad, Swamini Sulabhananda and Swami Tattvanishthanadaji of Vidynidhi Trust, Ahmedabad. Sri Mitaben and Sri Kaushikbhai Shah, Teachers of Vedanta, Surat were also blessed the function.

Pujya Swamiji was welcomed by Manubhai and his wife Shantaben with garland. The President Sri Maganbhai Patel and other trustees of the school were also welcomed.

Pujya Swamiji and Swami Veditatmanandaji lighted the lamp and inaugurated the hostel. Pujya was very happy seeing the building of the 86th student home.

Pujya Swamiji, in his address, said: “The human life is to grow from consumer to contributor in the society. There are three ways we can contribute to this world – one is prayer and rituals, second is building well, lakes, temples, schools, hospitals and a place to provide food to needy people of the society, and sharing the wealth the called Danam. These are the ways to earn punya too. It helps the person to grow emotionally, becoming a mature person. I



am happy to see that this student home would provide the facilities to tribal students. We can bring them into mainstream of life.

Pujya Swamiji praised the performance by Tvisha Vyas and said he had not seen such a beautiful tribal dance. He blessed all of them.

Swami Veditatmanandaji translated Pujya Swamiji's talk into Gujarati for the benefit of others.