

Visit of AIM for Seva students to North East

On 19th of March I went to Rishikesh to just be with Pujya Swamiji for few days and get some guidance from him for Aim for Seva work. On 20th Smt. Sheela Balaji, Swamini Swatmanishtananadaji and myself had a meeting with Pujya Swamiji. In that meeting Pujya Swamiji asked Swamini Swatmanishtananadaji and myself to go to North East and meet the parents of the students who are with us (Aim for Seva Hostels) in Pune, Belgoun, Chikmanglur and Khategoun.

On 15th of May after noon 3pm we reached Guwahati , where we stayed over night in Jalaram Mandir and next day on 16th of March by road we went to Shillong, Meghalaya. From Shillong 90km away there is a place called in East Khasi Dist. So on 17th we could start early morning from Shillong to that place and reached there around 11-30. We could see, there were more then 100 people and their children were waiting for us. It was such a great feelings we had, because the students were talking one by one and telling their feelings of being in our Aim for Seva Hostels. Then the parents started telling the changes they have marked in their children's life coming home from Aim for Seva Hostels after 2, 3 years. The parents told us that we were



surprised to see our children's behavior and we are fully satisfied. Then we had a lunch together and in night we came back to Shillong. Next day we could meet

some of the organizations and social workers in Shilong. It was a very good meetings, we could exchange our ideas and assured for helping each other .

On 20th of May we could reach Agaratala, in Tripura, where Vanawasi Kalyan Ashram people help us for our accommodation and traveling. There also we could meet many local people those who work for tribal welfare. Many of these people knew Pujya Swamiji and some of them could have Pujya Swamiji's blessings also in Guwahati and Culcatta.

Next Day we could have Mata Tripura Sundari's Darshanams and met a tribal leader called Shri Vikram Jamatiyaji. He is working for getting all North East tribes together and save the tribal culture in North East and he has got lots of success and that is why he was attacked by Christian terrorists many times. He was so happy to see us in his house. He had served us breakfast and assured us for helping hand with us. That same day we went to place called Kumarghath, where Pujya Swamiji through one of his devotee and student(Dr. Indu——) from USA, had donated a Hostel building to Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram. The students and staff welcomed us with a cultural programme and we stayed there on that day.

Next day on 22nd whatever we could see and witness we will not forget in through our life. Many of us, let me put this way that 90% of Indians do not know and can not believe in our so called independent



Bharat(Country) our people we will be living their life as a refugees in our country.

Since last 15 years, 45,000 thousand Riyong people from Mijuram are living in Tripura as a refugees. They told us that 1997 they were driven off (thrown out) from their home land of Mijuram to Tripura and since then they are totally dependant on Tripura Government. Center Government provides them

provision and few things, which is not enough for them. We have seen in their house their will be tow people and 6 to 8 children. Children do not have cloths to wear. We have seen that unless the child is 8 to 9 year old they are not provided cloths to wear. Children do not have schools. Parents do not have the voting rights there, because they are from different state. Since last 15 years they have not cast their vote. They do not have driving license, no rasincards, no Indian identity with them. They can not go for labourer work also, because they are in refugee camp.

When we had a meeting with few of their so called leaders, they told us that there is lats of pressuer on us for going back to our mother land(mijuram) nether center Govt. nor Tripura or Mijuram govt. is ready to give us a written assurance that we will be given totally protection and at least for one year they will provide us for our livelihood. They told in month of Feb.2012 Mr.Chidambaramji (Home Minister) visited our camps and he also said you people better go back, but did not agree for written agreement. Then they have give to him a Memorandum for their rehabilitation, but so far there is no action taken by any Government for them.

Finally They have requested us to take the copy of that Memorandum and show to our Indian (Bharatiya) brothers and sisters and let them know our demand is right or wrong and let them know that in what kind of condition, circumstances we are living here in our country.

On 23rd we came back to Guwahati and 24th 25th 26th we went to Majuli Village(



The Brahmaputra Island, where Satradhikaris, Vaishnava Acharyas have their Mathas). There we could meet Vivekananda Kendra people and some of the Satradhikaris. They could take us to see the Island and the work they are doing there. They also told us about their struggle of not allowing other people to come there and destroy their culture. Lastly they said us if we have any plan for starting any project there, they will support us.

On 27th we had a meeting in Guwahati with people those who are working for tribal people. They were very to meet us because they came to know that what kind of work we are doing.

Namaste

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