

AIM FOR SEVA ALL-INDIA MEET Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

31st October 2019 and 1st November 2019



As we enter 20 years of service to society, AIM for Seva organised an All-India Meet at the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand on 31st October 2019 and 1st November 2019. The objective was for our students to know the depth and strength of our movement and the impact our service has on ground—16 states and 104 Chatralayams.

Also, the top management and the field coordinators of AIM for Seva wanted to seek the blessings of the founder of the movement at his *Adhishtanam* in Rishikesh and to renew their commitment to continue Seva of educating rural India in the years to come.

The All-India Meet saw enthusiastic participation of our student beneficiaries and coordinators, hostel wardens, donors and staff from the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, staff from AIM for Seva's central office in Chennai and other local supporters and volunteers.

The ever gracious staff at the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, threw open the Ashram's doors to 230 people from across India. We thank them for their support in making this event a huge success.

Major Highlights



Anugraha Bhashanam: In his *Anugraha Bhashanam*, Swami Sakshatkrtananda Saraswati ji, Vice Chairman of the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand extolled our students to follow the path of our founder by incorporating *tapas* as part of their daily regime.



AIM for Seva flies high: The oldest participant in the balloon release programme was Swami Suddhananda Saraswati ji, Chairperson, Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.



Bhandara: On 31st October 2019, AIM for Seva sponsored a *Bhandara* for 200 sadhus. One of the lasting legacies of the Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh is the *Bhandara*. Our founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati not only kept the doors of the Rishikesh Ashram wide open for seekers from across the globe but he also personally loved to feed everyone.



Cultural programmes: An entire day (31st October 2019) was devoted to various cultural programmes performed by students from our Chatralayams across India. Highlights included *lezim* drill, *Ghoomar* (circle dance), *bhajans* and patriotic dances by our Chatralayam students.



New hostel building inauguration in Rishikesh

A new hostel building for girls was inaugurated in Rishikesh with Dr. Pranav Pandya ji, Head, Gayathri Parivar, Shanthi Kunj, Haridwar being the Chief Guest on the occasion. This Chatralayam can accommodate 50 girls. **Land donors** - Smt. Vijaya Viswanath and Sri. Nagesh and the Punjab Association, Chennai. **Building donors** - The building is donated in loving memory of Smt. Sanjogta and Sri. Shyam Oberoi, USA.