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“God Loves Them Who Do Good to Others” – Pujya Guruji



“All of us love God, but God loves them who do good to others”. Addressing to the gathering at Chinmaya Seva Project, Lathikata on 22nd November 2009, on his visit to Lathikata during the seven days Geeta Gnana Yagna at Rourkela, Pujya Guruji said, “Just as the black bee can make hole in the hard wall, but cannot come out of the soft petals, when it closes down, we the human beings can perform the difficult unsocial and immoral work very easily but not the simple good work”. “We need the cooperation of all concerned in doing the good work”, he commented

Guruji reached at Lathikata at 10 a.m., when he was received with tribal dance by Maa Ganga SHG, Timjore with their traditional white sarees. After the reception with Poorna Kumbha at Chinmaya Seva Project, he inaugurated the ‘Sales Centre’ of CORD – Lathikata. Sri Hari Prasad Sahu, Programme Officer presented a report on the activities of Chinmaya Seva Project.



Guruji distributed certificates and trophies to Chinmaya Laxmi Krishak Sangha & Maa Ganaga Self Help Group promoted by CORD-Lathikata for their outstanding income generating activities.

H.H.Swami Kevalanandaji &



Brn. Mudita Chaitanyajee, Acharya Chinmaya Mission, Lathikata coordinated the program where five hundred people from Lathikata and nearby villages including the members of SHGs, Farmers’ Clubs & Mahila Mandal participated. The sweet memory of Pujya Guruji’s visit will remain alive in all of us for years.



## Inauguration of Farmers’ Club at Dolakudar

“Vikash Volunteer Vahini” (VVV) program lunched by National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) in 1982 was transformed into ‘Farmers’ Club’ program in 2005 and since then 33,000 Farmers’ Clubs have been formed in India. NABARD has been trying to establish ‘Farmers’ Club’ formed by rural farmers into a strong organization by providing financial assistance of Rs 10,000/- to each Farmers’ Club for three years”. Formally inaugurating the ‘Chinmaya Girigobardhan Krishak Sangha’ at Dolakudar village of Mundajore GP of Lathikata Block, Sri Bimal Prasad Mishra, AGM, NABARD assured special assistance for programs on skill development, capacity building and tour programs for the members of Farmers’ Club.

Addressing the gathering of farmers and members of SHGs, Sri

Rabindra Kumar Panda said, “Sundargarh district is not self sufficient in oil, pulses and vegetable”. He again said, “National Food Security Mission’ has set a target to raise the paddy cultivation three times by 2020”. He informed that 50% subsidy are being given to farmers on purchase of bio-fertilizers and agriculture implements and as low as 7% interest is being provided to farmers under Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojona.



Project Director of CORD, Swami Kevalanandaji discussing on the

negative influence of chemical fertilizer and pesticide, stressed on the application of bio-fertilizer, produced from cow dung and cow urine, to ensure bumper production and control of disease. Sri Hari Prasad Sahu, Program Officer, CORD presented a brief information of the Farmers’ Club activity of CORD and Sri Pramod Mishra coordinated the program.

The Chief Coordinator of ‘Chinmaya Girigobardhan Krishak Sangh’, Sri Sitaram Singh gave the welcome address while Sri Phirmohan Singh proposed the vote of thanks. More than two hundred farmers including the members of SHGs participated in the programs. At the end of the program lunch was served to one and all.

## Dana Pattal & Sewing Machines Distributed

As per the MoU signed between CORD-Lathikata & TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India two Sewing Machines and one Dona Pattal Machine was handed over to each of the five tribal SHGs, viz: Sri Ram SHG, Preeti SHG, Shanti SHG, Jay Sarna SHG & Mata Sarna SHG, promoted and selected by CORD-Lathikata at a special function organized at Chinmaya Seva Project on 22nd December 2009.

Addressing the participants, Sri Prafulla Kumar Panda, Regional Manager, TRIFED, Bhubaneswar said, "TRIFED will give Rs 18,000/- & Rs 15,000 towards working capital and construction of shed respectively to each SHG under the Dana Pattal Project". Swami Kevalanandaji, Project Director CORD inspired the participants to work unitedly to overcome all the problems that come on the way.



## ITDA Financed Four Tribal SHGs

Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) financed Maa Sontoshi SHG, Nuagaon, Sita Devi SHG, Attaghat, Bana Devi SHG, Attaghat & Swapna SHG, Nayadera promoted by CORD-Lathikata each with Rs 2.5 lakh with a subsidy of Rs 1.2 lakh under Swarnajayanti Gramya Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for agriculture and allied

activities at the intervention of CORD-Lathikata. Field visit by bank officials for evaluation of the above SHGs was made on 14th December and the documentation was done on 15th December at State Bank of India, Lathikata Branch

## Training on Production of Vermin Compost

Skill Development Training on Vermin Compost was started on 16th October 2009 and continued till mid of December where the members of Satyabati & Kaushalya SHG of Lohadar village participated. The training program was jointly organized by CORD-Lathikata & JSS, Rourkela. Sri Trivedi Patnaik

took twenty sessions of two hours each to teach the production process of Vermin Compost, Vermin Wash and Bio-pesticides. Rs 2.5 lakh has been sanctioned under SGSY program to Satyabati SHG for construction of individual tank for production of Vermin Compost. This compost can be directly used

by the farmers of the village in place of chemical fertilizers, thereby reducing cost and health hazards.



## Skill Development Training on Leaf Plate & Cup Making

A seven days skill development training program on stitching and

pressing of leaves was organized jointly by CORD-Lathikata and TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs from 22nd December to 28th December 2009 at Chinmaya Seva Project. Thirty five members of Jay Sarna SHG, Monko

& Mata Sarna SHG, Jangidiri participated in the training program. Sri Kale Darjee, Field Staff of TRIFED imparted the training on stitching of leaves, pressing and packing of leaf plates and cups.

## Inauguration of Literacy Class at Attaghat

The group leaders of Banadevi SHG at Attaghat have taken the lead role in motivating the members of their own group to attend the literacy class at their own hamlets. Swami Kevalanandaji inaugurated the class on 7th October 2009 and said, "Functional literacy will help us to know many small things that will help us greatly in our day-to-day life and give us courage

and wisdom to lead a healthy and peaceful life". The members worshiped Lord Ganesh and prayed for blessings to sustain their interest and enthusiasm to learn reading and writing.



## CORD Resource Team Visited Lathikata

CORD Resource Team from Sidhabari (HP) visited Lathikata for monitoring and evaluation of ongoing CORD activity at Lathikata from 23rd October to 28th October 2009

The team member Sri Arbind Paterwal visited Chinmaya Laxmi Krishak Sangha, Mundajore & Chinmaya Beteswar Krishak Sangha, Betjharan and discussed about their farming activities. He demonstrated the preparation of 'Jeevamrita' – a bio-pesticide at Chinmaya Girigobardhan Krishak Sangha, Dolakudar. He also paid visit to Nuagaon to SRI cultivation, goatery & groundnut cultivation by SHGs. Smt Kaushalya Devi discussed with SHGs on

formation of Mahila Mandal and about objective of Mahila Mandal at Suidih and Asurchhapar.

Sri Vijay Singh checked out the books of accounts and other registers and records to ensure compliances of standard norms of maintenance of records, accounts and registers. Dr. Kshama Metre, National Director, CORD visited Maa Ganga SHG, Timjore and discussed with the members about their income generating activities

The team expressed satisfaction on the progress of the work done and suggested to keep more volunteers to ensure speedy

progress of the work.



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## Meet With Expert Program at Betjharan

"He cannot be called a farmer, if he is engaged only in paddy cultivation. He is a progressive farmer, who cultivates Pulses, Oil seed, Vegetables, Fruits & Flowers and engages himself in Animal Husbandry". Addressing the farmers in Betjharan village on the occasion of "Meet with Expert" program organized by Chinmaya Beteswar Krishak Sangha, Betjharan under the patronage of CORD-Lathikata and NABARD on 18th November 2009, Sri Rabindra Kumar Panda, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Lathikata Block said, "All should come forward for cultivation of mustard and chana after the harvest of the paddy in the agriculture land close to the stream which needs very less amount of water." He also assured to provide seeds and training free of cost, if farmers of Betjharan agree to cultivate paddy under SRI method in more

than five acres of land.

District representative of Sundargarh district of International Development Enterprise (IDE), Bhubaneswar, Sri Ghanshyam Das discussed about the preparation of bio-fertilizer and pesticides from the locally available resources and requested to apply them in their own land without going for the expensive chemical fertilizers and pesticides. He also explained about the technical aspects of nursery rising.

The community Development Officer of CORD-Lathikata, Sri Hari Prasad Sahu discussed about the vegetable cultivation by the farmers by investing loan received under Kissan Credit Card and steps taken for construction of Check Dam in the village.

Sri Pramod Mishra of CORD & Sri Bhadra Singh, Chief Coordinator, Chinmaya Beteswar Krishak Sangha coordinated the program. Sri Rabindra Kumar Patel, Agriculture Overseer and Sri Pabitra Mohan Mohapatra, representative of MARSHED were present on the occasion. Eighty farmers including the members of SHGs attended the program.



## Miss Mona Malkani, Secretary, CORD Head office visited Lathikata



Miss Mona Malkani, Secretary, CORD head office, New Delhi visited Lathikata on 28th November 2009. She visited Mundajore and interacted with some of the members of Chinmaya Laxmi Krishak Sangha and went round the area where the farmers' club had cultivated groundnut and arhar. She visited the literacy centre at Attaghat and distributed literacy material to the

members of Banadevi SHG. She also paid visit to Lohadar village where the members of Satyabati & Kaushalya SHGs were undergoing training on 'Vermin Compost'.

## Presentation of CORD Activity at Press Meet

Sri Hari Prasad Sahu presented the activity of CORD at Lathikata & Deuldiha at the press conference organized by Chinmaya

Seva Trust, Rourkela on 14th October 2009 on the eve of Pujya Guruji's Geeta Gnana Yagna at Rourkela scheduled to be held

between 21st November and 27th November 2009.

## Blanket Distributed to Poor Families

Poor tribal families residing in forest areas suffer a lot in winter due to lack of warm cloths. The old aged people were the worst victims of the cold. Like previous years this year too blankets were distributed to elderly people of the poor families in some selected villages. This time Jangid-



iri village of Ramjodi GP and Saika Tolla of Monko village were chosen for the blanket distribution. Forty three families of Jangidiri village and thirteen families of Monko village were given blankets, one for each family,

on 3rd and 18th December respectively at separate functions organized in the village. Swami Kevalanandaji & Brn. Mudita Chaitanyajee addressed the gathering on the occasion on health and child care and distributed blankets and Prasad

## Forest Children Camp Organised

A forest children camp on "Education" was organized at Balam village, a place surrounded by deep and dense forest, 20 km. away from Lathikata. Fifty children from class sixth to tenth and their parents, near and dears attended the camp from near and far away locations of the area. The camp was inaugurated by Pujya Swamiji with pooja and prayer.

Brni. Muditajee taught the children how education empowers us to live a life of joy and creativity as well as expands our vision making us conscious of very many crucial areas, which are unknown and in darkness, but unfortunately it affects our day to day life. She also taught a

action song where all children were participated joyously.

Swamiji through interaction made the children and their parents aware of the vital role of education without which men lives in ignorance and suffers terribly remaining outwardly and inwardly poor. Swamiji also explained how education helps us to take care of our health, environment and affects our relationship, behavior and mentality, providing sweetness to our bitter life. Parents were appealed sensitively to help the children sending them to school and caring at home. The children were made aware



why they feel difficult, disappointed and disinterested for study.

At the end of the program all children are given one towel each and Prasadam. The memorable occasion was ended with Shantipath.

## Women Empowerment Program

A One day comprehensive Women Empowerment Camp for young girls, of the age group 16 to 25 was organized on 15th December'09. Thirty-five girls from near and far away places of Lathikata participated. The camp was inaugurated by Smt. P.D. Jhunjhunwala amidst invocation prayer & vedic chanting.

Brni. Mudita taught the participants Yoga & Pranayam which could be practiced easily every day within very limited time and explained how it is helpful to keep gross body and inner system soft, supple and in order, supplying new energy and passion to live healthily and joyously.

Pujya Swamiji spoke on the Art of Living, a



daily life that is proper, correct and true, which will endow with the capacity, drive, energy and continued sustained intelligence. He briefly told them how to empower every moment the life, being alert and passive

observation. He also made them aware how a socially, economically and educationally empowered life generates creative energy and richness in one's life.

The girls were divided into four groups viz. Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati and Narmada where they had interaction and mutual dialogue each other to understand the things properly. After the group discussion there was a Question Answer session where the participants have had good chance to clear their doubts and sharpen the understanding. After lunch the girls were engaged in group activities and self expression through dance, song, debate, airing good message etc. which relaxed their mind and made the program enjoyable.