

Dear friends,

We are glad to inform that the long awaited meeting with the village representatives and the volunteers took place in the campus of Jagriti Vihara on 29th of January 2023. About 55 people, both men and women, attended the meeting. We assembled under the tree near the kitchen. The Mukhiya (President of village council) of Lapra Panchayat, Mrs. Putul Devi also participated in the meeting. The representatives of the villages Lapra, Railiya, Dumaro, Khunter, Jobhiya Chatti Nadi and Kuar Patra participated in the meeting and expressed their views. The meeting was held in a peaceful atmosphere. The meeting started with paying respect to Late Jayaji. The participants of the meeting offered flowers to him. Sushil Kumar Tiwary delivered the welcome speech thereafter Rajesh Prashant informed the villagers about the activities carried out during the year, which are as follows:

Organised meetings with the students, teachers and the parents to promote education in human values. Distributed reading and learning materials to the children. Distributed food materials and clothes, tooth brush and tooth paste etc. to children.

The health care centre of Jagriti Vihara carried out different activities. Centre provided medical assistance to hundreds of people during the year. Distributed food articles to about 300 poor and needy families of this region. Spread awareness about the importance of vaccination of children in association with Anganwadi Sevikas. Organised health awareness camps in the villages to spread awareness about health and hygiene.

Distributed blankets, shawls, warm clothes to poor and needy people of this area.

Environment awareness camps were organized to make people aware about the effect of pollution caused by the brick factories, Coal mining activities and the degradation of forest due to the excavation of soil by the brick factories.

Conducted meetings to form SHGs. Provided training to 60 women under the programme "Mahila Ajjivika Srijan Karyakram" in the field of tailoring. Created awareness about the financial management at grass root level.

Organised several meetings with the villagers to discuss and disseminate knowledge about the formation and functioning of the government bodies. We also created awareness to protect the folk culture, songs and arts.

On the 12th of October we celebrated the death anniversary of the Founder of Jagriti Vihara, Jayaji at the memorial site in the campus of Jagriti Vihara.

The village representatives who were present in the meeting appreciated the work done by Jagriti Vihara during the year. They expressed their solidarity with the organization. Some of the villagers also expressed their opinion and given some suggestions for running of Jagriti Vihara. The President of Village Council (mukhiya) Mrs. Putul Devi also expressed her views and extended her support to Jagriti Vihara. She suggested us to start some activities in the

campus of Jagriti Vihara so that the buildings should be utilized and get maintained. We accepted their suggestions and promised to work in coordination with the supporters and likeminded people. Jharia Munda thanked the villagers for participating in the meeting and for giving their invaluable suggestions for smooth running of Jagriti Vihara. The meeting ended with tea and snacks.

Mr. Jeff from USA visited Jagriti Vihara and repaired the solar system of the hospital. He stayed four days in the campus and cooperated with us. We expressed our sincere thanks and gratitude to him for coming to Jagriti Vihara from such a long distance and working for the organization.

In November 2022 two old friends of Jagriti Vihara, Mrs. Inger Dejke and Mr. Anders Dejke made a visit to Jagriti Vihara. This was the first visit of any person from foreign countries since the eruption of Covid-19. Their visit had been very inspiring for us. We hope that people would keep on visiting Jagriti Vihara to inspire us for doing good work for the poor and needy people of this area. In the meeting of the Executive Committee of Jagriti Vihara we expressed deep concern over the shortage of funds from Norway. We decided to extend our request to the Board of JVV, Norway to extend their support for Jagriti Vihara.

We express our thanks and gratitude to JVV Sweden for their continuous support for Jagriti Vihara and the people around Jagriti Vihara.

With warm greetings,

Rajesh Prashant

For Jagriti Vihara