

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

# Newsletter from Jagriti Vihara, May 2023

Dear friend,



**Kashinats och husmor Saloni's son Anand har klarat av 10th Board Examination med goda resultat.**

We are glad to inform you that Anand, son of Saloni has passed his 10th Board Examination with very good marks. He obtained 66% marks in the examination. Considering the financial and educational background of his family he was worried about the result of the exams. But with the support from his parents, Jagriti Vihara and the teachers he performed well in the examination. Now he is preparing for taking admission in the college in Ranchi. We wish him all success in life. This year once again girls have performed well in the examinations that took place in India . They were ahead of boys. It is a good sign for the future of India. We

were always discussing about the empowerment of women in India and it is now taking shape. In the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examinations also the girls have performed brilliantly. This year the top 4 ranks were grabbed by girls. Girls outshined in the top ten ranks and six candidates are female. They will soon become the administrator and lead the country.

You will be happy to know that the women groups have started utilising the machines of the sewing centre. We have handed over the keys of the centre to them. They come, learn and sew clothes as per the schedule they have made.

Due to the extreme heat the schools have been closed for a month for summer vacation. The temperature has gone up to 42 degree Celcius in our region. Out side activities of the centre have been closed. As usual due to the heat waves the electrical wires have broken down at many places and we are facing shortage of electricity . Monsoon is expected late in our region this year. We hope that monsoon will arrive late but not short other wise it will affect the cultivation of crops.

Amit, Vincent's son is recovering fast from his injuries caused by an accident. Hope he will start moving on his leg soon.

We are happy that Sushil and Sushma are visiting our friends in Sweden and representing Jagriti Vihara very well. Wish them all the very best.

Lucy , Mickal, Saloni, Kashinath, Vincent, Pushpa are well and sending their greetings to you all.

With warm greetings,  
*Rajesh Prashant*  
For Jagriti Vihara

## **Newsletter from Jagriti Vihara, August 2023**

The Executive Committee of Jagriti Vihara met on 19<sup>th</sup> of August to discuss the various issues of the organization. Some of them are as follows:

### **School Project**

The Executive Committee of Jagriti Vihara, on the request of the parents, has decided to start the school for children in the campus of JV from January 2024. We had several meetings with the parents and the representatives of the villages regarding the school project. Finally the board of Jagriti Vihara has taken decision to go ahead with this project.

Next week, we will sit together and make budget plans for this project and send them to you and our Norwegian friends for discussions and support. In the beginning we will start the school with minimum 50 students up to class 5 and every year the number of students will increase. We are expecting some support from the parents too.

### **Tribal Art and Culture**

We are also agreed to start some activities at the exhibition centre of Jagriti Vihara with the tag name of *Tribal Art and Culture*. We have started planning for this project and will try to start the activities in October, after the monsoon.

#### **Memorial of Jayaji**

We will start the fencing work at the memorial site in the month of October. We have made the plan for its renovation and execute as per our plan so that it looks good. On 12<sup>th</sup> of October we will celebrate his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as SADVAAVNA DIWAS.

### **Cleaning of Campus**

Due to the monsoon rain, bushes and grasses have grown and increased throughout the campus. Roads are also damaged because of heavy rain and needs to be repaired. We will start the cleaning and repairing work in the middle of September when the monsoon rain is less or stopped.

Farmers started agricultural activities very late this year in Jharkhand due to the late arrival of monsoon rain. Meteorological Department of Jharkhand has recorded 37% rainfall deficit this year. The state is facing a drought like situation and less than half of target cropping area for paddy (Only 44%) has been planted so far. Other than paddy, maize, pulses and other crops, a remarkable deficit in cultivation has been recorded till now. People have started stocking the rice and other cereals for future use

because they are afraid of increase in prices of food materials if the productions of these are less than expected. On the other hand some parts of India are facing problems due to excessive rain and landslides. Many people have lost their lives.

You must be aware of the India's mission on Moon. The India has successfully landed on the south pole of the moon on August 23 at 06:04 pm and created history. India became the first country to do so. It is good for the Scientists and the science lover to learn more about the space.

We are sending our warm greetings to all our friends.

*Rajesh, Sushil, Hari*

Kära vänner, Namaste!

Festivalsäsongen i Indien har slutat på ett lyckat sätt. Det började med Durga Puja och slutade med Diwali. Vi firade också stamsamhällets högtider, "Karma Puja" och sikhernas Guru Parve. Den 15 november firade vi också födelsedagen för Birsa Munda, en stamledare och frihetskämpe i Indien. Nu är det bara julens stora högtid som ännu inte firats. Indiens folk njöt av sina högtider och fick säkert lite inspiration för att gå vidare med en positiv och konstruktiv attityd.

Vi koncentrerar oss nu på att framgångsrikt driva skolprojektet på JV. Det totala antalet elever är 35, men några fler föräldrar har kontaktat oss om att skriva in sina barn på JV School. Föräldrarna och byborna är intresserade av vårt projekt. Vi hoppas att antalet studerande börjar öka i januari. Två lärare, Santosh Kumar och Anjali Kujur, tar hand om barnen i skolan. En del föräldrar har kontaktat oss om att erbjuda vandrarhem för sina barn. Vi överväger deras begäran. Vi har städat rummen i den första byggnaden, men de behöver lite reparationsarbete innan vi kan låta barnen stanna. Det är nödvändigt för deras säkerhet och trygghet. Vi planerar för reparationsarbetet och kommer att meddela er. En del reparationsarbeten behövs också på skolan. Vi planerar för det också. Vi förväntar oss stöd från våra svenska vänner för detta projekt.

En sjuksköterska på sjukhuset har utsetts. Hennes namn är Meena Kumari. Hon tillhandahåller sina tjänster varje dag från 9:00 till 17:00. Hon trivs med att arbeta på centret.

Solpumpen fungerar bra.

Alla på JV mår bra. Vädret har förändrats. Det är varmt på dagarna, men vi fryser på natten och på morgonen. Det blir kallare i december och i januari.

Sänder våra varma hälsningar,

Rajesh Rajesh

För Jagriti Vihara