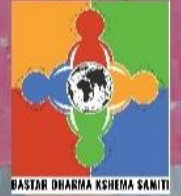


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## **Everything for God**

Bastar is a place with numerous regions, religions, castes, creeds, languages, traditions and customs. It is a land of diversity where people from different backgrounds reside, and celebrate their own festivals, and practice various fashions and traditions. Recently I too participated in a tribal festival near Narayanpur. There I saw people carrying different Gods and Goddesses for the fulfillment of their wishes. Since last twenty seven years, the BDKS has been trying to fulfill the dreams of the people of Bastar. Our dream is that all the Bastar tribal people may come together, forgetting their differences and make a '*VasudhaivaKutumbakm*', that is the earth is one family. The youth icon of our county, Swami Vivekananda once rightly said, "*there is only one soul in the universe, there is no YOU and ME, every variety is merged into the absolute unity, the one infinite existence, God. There is no difference between matter, mind and spirit. They are different phases of experiencing the One.*"

The Situation is slowly changing in our Bastar region. Often we hear and read about controversies and disputes in the name of religion. Even the fundamental right of funeral and burial are denied to Christians in the tribal villages. I remember my school days, when we used to take pledge daily in our schools; namely, "India is my country, and all Indians are my brothers and Sisters." As we grow, very often many of us forget these words. As a result we give agony and pain to our brothers and sisters. The Bastar Dharma Kshema Samiti promotes peace & harmony among the people.

Fr Tiju Mankottil CMI

Director, B.D.K.S



### **Jiv Daya Foundation**

The US based Jiv Daya Foundation and the BKDS signed an MOU for six years during the first one year, it will be a pilot project, thereafter, the Agency will support 200 children below 10 years. BKDS is very thankful to the Jiv Daya Foundation.

### **Kuwait North Indian Catholic Association**

Kuwait North Indian Catholic Association agreed to give Rice and Dal for four Boarding Houses in the Jagdalpur Diocese during 2023 -24. It will be a great support for our Boarding Houses.

### **Missio Belgium**

The Missio Belgium donated Rs 67,000 for purchasing a two-wheeler motorcycle. The BKDS is very thankful to the Missio Belgium for the support.

### **KKS Project, Jagdalpur**



**Project Inauguration:** A project on Livelihood Promotion and Climate Change Adaptation supported by Karl Kubel Stiftung (KKS), Germany, was officially inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, by the Block Development Officer of Jagdalpur Development Block Mr. Gautam Chandra Patil, at Netanar village, in the presence of the Project Director Rev. Fr. Tiju Mankottil and Rev. Fr. Biju. 550 people from 10 target villages participated in the program. The village leaders and Sarpanch of the target villages and the appointed project staff members and community facilitators were present during the inauguration. The first phase of the project will be for four years, and later it will be extended for another four years.

## KNH Project, Kapsi



A Monthly review meeting of Pragati CLA was conducted at Anjadi village. CLA members of 8 SHG's from 5 villages participated in the meeting. They reviewed their CLA goals and prepared plan to get government schemes for the SHG members. The Livelihood activities of SHG members supported by CLA were reviewed. They encouraged other members to

start Income Generation activities.

Training on Government Welfare Scheme was conducted at Bhurbhusi village. Mr. Krishna Roy was the external resource person to explain the details about the govt. schemes like SukanyaSamridhi, MGNREGS, e-shram card etc. The villagers participated in the program learned about the benefits of government schemes like solar pump set etc. After the training program the resource person helped them to prepare 20 PAN cards and 25 Ayushman cards.



## Tailoring Center

BDKS started a new tailoring center at Sangam Bhavan. At present 10 youths are getting trained.





## One Day Exposure Programme for SHG Leaders

One day exposure programme was conducted for the SHG leaders with the help of Manos Unidas. 26 of SHG leaders visited the RIPA, Turenar and found out the further possibilities of starting innovative programmes.



## FVTRS and Manos Unidas Skill Training

With the support of FVTRS, the BDKS is providing skill training for Mushroom production, Carpentry, Electrician, Plumbing, and Basic Computer knowledge. Manos Unidas is supporting Tally training, Electrical works training and plumbing. A good number of youths are benefited out of it. The BDKS is trying to provide placement to the candidates.



### **Literacy India Trust**

Literacy India Trust renewed the agreement with BDKS for one more year. In one year more than two hundred students were benefited out of it.

### **Kinder Mission Project**

Kinder Mission Project is functioning well. BDKS is expecting one more project for the slum children at Jagdalpur.