

New Alipur Prayaas Welfare Society

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Jhargram - Lalgarh visit report – 4th & 5th March 2021

PRAYAAS has beneficiaries enrolled from **Lalgarh GNM Training School** since academic year 2018-19. Two of our students from the said institution, Srabani Karmakar & Ayantika Jana, are presently in their final (3rd) year of study, while Kapurmoni Saren is in her 1st year.

Of these three students, only Srabani had an in-person interaction with PRAYAAS during her induction in Garbeta in 2018-19. No further meeting could be arranged with these students till date.

In September 2020, we came to know that R K Mission runs a HS school for tribal students in Jhargram. We had an opportunity to talk to Ramesh Maharaj & Biswanath Maharaj, In-Charge of Ramakrishna Mission, Jhargram, and we learnt that students of the school who get a chance to study in professional courses post HS, face financial constraints to pursue the same. After our initial interaction with Swamijis, we decided to provide scholarship to one of the deserving students for the current academic year. Consequently, Kapurmoni Saren, a brilliant tribal student from this school, who had secured admission in Lalgarh GNM Training School was inducted into PRAYAAS.

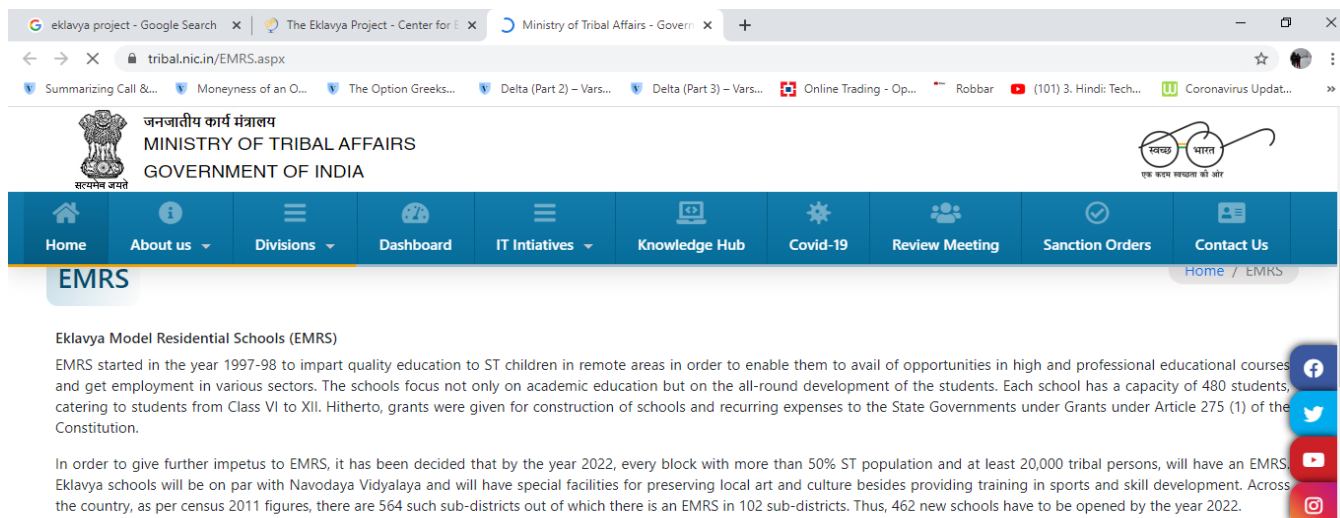
During our subsequent discussions with Swamijis, we learnt that R K Mission executes quite a few academic / curricular projects in and around Jhargram, where we can get involved. Thus, a visit to Jhargram and Lalgarh was planned. Owing to the prevalent pandemic situation, this visit could be scheduled only in March this year.

On 4th of March, myself Supriyo Mondal, our treasurer Goutam Majumder and our contributor Sudhi Ranjan Chatterjee, went to Lalgarh for meeting our beneficiaries in Lalgarh GNM Training School.

1. **Srabani Karmakar** is from Dhadika village, Garbeta area, West Midnapore District. She was inducted in Prayaas in August 2017 as BA (Eng) student & next year got admission for GNM. Presently in GNM (3rd./Final Year). Final Exam to be held by mid 2021. Will look for job in Govt. PHC/Hospitals once they receive their Registration number.

2. **Ayantika Jana** is from Baramatkapur village, West Midnapore District. She was inducted in Prayaas in August 2019 as GNM (2nd. Year) student. Presently in GNM (3rd./Final Year). Final Exam to be held by mid 2021. Will look for job in Govt. PHC/Hospitals once they receive their Registration number.

3. **Kapurmoni Saren** is from Binpur village, Jhargram District. His father works as daily wage labor. They are four sisters & all of them are/were studying from Eklavya Model Residential School, Jhargram. Younger two are still there. Eldest one is doing her graduation from Sarada Mission College in Dumdum, Kolkata.



On 5th of March, we visited Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS), Satyavan Pally, Jhargram – 721507. This is a HS school (Classes VI through XII) set up under the aegis of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. Of India. On behest of the Government, this school is being run by R K Mission since 2016-17 academic year.

We met Ramesh Maharaj & Biswanath Maharaj, In-Charge of R K Mission in Jhargram and discussed with him regarding projects under execution:

1. For students who would pursue graduation in general disciplines post HS, R K Mission provides few scholarships. Also, female students are offered free residence and admission for study in Sarada Mission College in Dumdum, Kolkata. However, financial constraints come in the way for students who secure admission in professional courses.
2. Students who get admitted in Class VI in the school mostly are from feeder schools set up in their respective villages. However, their competence and level of knowledge / understanding are often found inadequate at the time of admission.
3. In their endeavor to eradicate general nonchalance towards education amongst the local populace, R K Mission has planned to set up few study centers in adjacent villages for children. These centres would prepare children for their admission and study in EMRS from Class VI onwards. One such centre is already in operation and we were privileged enough to visit the same.

With this background, it is proposed that PRAYAAS would sponsor one such new study centre in the next academic year. Also, two deserving students from the said school who secure admission in professional course post HS, would be provided with scholarship.

Trip photos.....



L-R Ayantika Jana_Sraboni Karmakar_Kapurmoni
Saren_Our 3 students from Lalgarh



Goutam and Sudhi Ranjan in discussion with students



Goutam and myself in front of the GNM Training
School



Eklavya School Jhargram Campus_1



Eklavya School Jhargram Campus_2



Eklavya School Jhargram Campus_3



Goutam in discussion with Ramesh and Biswanath Maharaj @Eklavya School Jhargram



Study Centre near Eklavya School Jhargram Campus



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Under construction RK Mission Jhargram Campus



Prayer Hall RK Mission Jhargram Campus



Inside RK Mission Jhargram Prayer Hall