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Football & Hockey Match: On 9th and 10th December 2023, SIGN organized Two-Days Football tournaments in Tongo, Gumla districts, where 16 teams participated in the Football tournament. Football team from Tongo won the Championship, whereas Football Team of Datra, Jobhi toil was the Runners Up and Football team of Bartoil got



the third position in the tournament. Mary Lakra, the member of Zila Parisad, Urmila Ekka, the Pramukh of Albert Ekka Jari Panchayat and Madhuura Minj, the Mukhiya of Kating Panchayat were the Guests of Honour for the Football tournament. They gave away the prizes to the winning team.

On 11th and 12th December 2023, SIGN organized two days Hockey Tournament at Kochang, Khunti District, where 10 teams participated. Hockey team from Chalkud won the hockey tournament, whereas team from Bohanda and Tubil villages won the second and third position successively.



Cultural Dance Competition: These days it is very clear that young tribals are slowly forgetting the art of playing tribal instruments, and use of different tribal songs in different seasons. Young Tribals like to dance on DJ music and like to sing modern so called 'Nagpuri Song', which does not have any tribal touch, therefore SIGN organized Mausmai Rag Singing Competition and Cultural Dance Competition on 10th December at Tongo parish, where Mary Lakra, the member of Zila Parisad, Urmila Ekka, the Pramukh of Albert Ekka Jari Panchayat and Madhuura Minj, the Mukhiya of Kating Panchayat were the Guests of Honour for



Competition. Youth of 8 villages participated in Mausmai Rag Singing Competition and Cultural Dance Competition, where Youth from Sarkhi village won the heart of everyone by tribal dance competition and won the first prize. Ambatolti bagged the second position and Kasira village stood third in Cultural Dance Competition. Ambatoli won the championship in the Mausami Rag Singing Completion. Youth of Sarkhi Village stood second and Youth of Tongo village were the third in the Mausami Rag singing Completion. People realized that it is very necessary that our youth should



learn all these tribal dance and Singing, because gives every tribal their identity. Whereas in Kochang, Khunti Mausmai Rag Singing Competition and Cultural Dance Competition were organized on 12th December at Kochang, where team from Gopol won the first position in Cultural Dance Competition. Ulidih, Kochang won the second position and Chalkad won the third position. In the same way team from Chalkad won the first prize in Mausami Rag Singing competition and team from Gopol won second prize and the Tumbil won the third prize.

Inter Religious Gathering: On 19th December, on the occasion of Christmas, SIGN



organized Inter Religious gathering at the premises of Social Development Centre. There were 12 people from different communities Viz. Christian Community, Muslim Community, Sikh Community, Tribal Community and Hindu Community gathered to celebrate Christmas. The program began with a group Christmas song by SIGN team. It was followed by a short and quick round of introduction. Then the bible reading from Luke 4: 18-19 was taken. Fr. Tom gave a reflection on the reading saying that whenever there is lot of injustice and exploitation to the

poor, there comes up a Messiah in every religion to liberate and protect the underprivileged. Jesus also came to liberate poor and marginalized from the bondage of unnecessary systems and customs of the society. Jesus came to bring Justice for the people. Ibrar from the Muslim community and Professor Hervinder from Sikh community also spoke in the same line saying that Jesus was a religious Messiah came to this world to establish peace in the society. After everybody had spoken, there was cake cutting and one Christmas Carol was sung. Participants shared Christmas greetings to one another and wished that coming year 2024 will be a year of peace, justice and prosperity. Participants also felt that such type of gathering should be organized every now and then. It should be organized not only on the occasion of Christmas, but it should be organized with Hindu festivals as well as Muslim festival as well.



Act of Mercy: On 21st December, staff of SIGN in collaboration of Young Indians went



to celebrate Christmas with the inmates of Prem Mitra Sadan, Jawahar Nagar, Kanke. There are 11 chronic psychiatrist patients in Prem Mitra Sadan from different part of Jharkhand. These chronic psychiatrist patients are from different walk of the life. There is a catholic priest, who has become chronic psychiatrist patient after a road accident. In the same way, one of the family members of Firayalal family is there at Prem Mitra due hyper

tension. One young boy is at Prem Mitra from a family of a Police Inspector due to drug addiction. Surprisingly, one of the journalists was also found there as chronic psychiatrist patient. There are poor people also. All these people are in the safe hand of Brothers of Charity. Young Indians distributed blankets for these patients, whereas SIGN shared meals with these patients. Christmas celebration began with a Christmas Carol followed by a Bible reading and then a reflection



by Fr. Bipin Pani, the Director of SIGN. He said that after the annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes the point of Jesus saying loud and clear that I have not come to be served but to serve and therefore thanks to Brothers of Charity, who are doing a noble task of serving these chronic psychiatrist patients of society. He further said that as Mary hasten to the house of Elizabeth to serve her so also whenever Young Indians were asked by SIGN to support and serve the

poor people of the society, they immediately came forward to support so thanks to all the members of Young Indians. Then he said as God intervened and gave the privilege of being a mother both to Mary a virgin and to Elizabeth a barren old lady so also God has intervened in the lives of these chronic psychiatrist patients and taking care of them so praise and thank the almighty. After this reflection, one more Christmas carol was sung followed by blanket distribution. Then everybody had good meals together.