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Visit of Samuel: Mr. Samuel Parandina, Program and Project head of Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus visited the Sponsorship centres from 4th February to 10th February. On his arrival, SIGN staff welcomed Samuel and informed him, how SIGN through various department and activities serve the people Jharkhand in remote villages. On 5th February Samuel, spent whole



day in the office. On 6th February onwards he started visiting the centers. He visited REDS, Samlong, Sargaon, RC Vidhyalaya, Lohardaga, RC Vidhyala, Samtoli, RC Vidhyalaya, Katukona, RC Vidhyalaya, Jitutoli, St. Mary's School, Kudda and RC Vidhyalaya, Sarwada. During his visit, Samuel, met the children and encouraged and motivated them with appreciative words. He emphasised that every child should give enough attention in the



studies. He exhorted them to put all their efforts in the studies. He also went through the documents and accounts related to Sponsorship program. He visited the project site of Katukona, Jitutoli and Sarwada. He requested them to keep Fratelli Dimeticatti updating time to time about the progress of the work. Samuel was satisfied with his visit and assured that he would be visiting Jharkhand again sometime this year and spend some

more time with SIGN and sponsorship centers.

Fr. Bipin participates in a Conference in Philippines: Fr. Bipin Pani, the Director of SIGN, visited Manila, Philippines to attend a "Exodus Formation Program for the Pastoral Care of Migration and Itinerant People" organized by Catholic Bishops' Conference of Philippines from 12th February to 17th February at Manila Prince Hotel, Manila. There were 19 delegates (five Bishops, 10 Priests, three Sisters and one lay person) from India, representing CCBI Commission for Migrants. It was a good interaction with the Migrant Commission of Catholic Bishops Conference of Philippines, where participants from India learnt various aspect of 'Migrants' starting from Bible. The first book of bible itself talks about Adam and Eve as migrants. The whole Bible is filled with the stories of migrants. Then participants learnt that there are various challenges with regard migrant like





there are pastoral challenges, Ecclesial Challenges and Missionary Challenges. Participants also talked about the possible responses for all these challenges. Participants also discussed that migrants need counselling. There is also need to be advocacy. During this program, participants had opportunity to see the centers run Scelebrian Fathers. As a whole it was quite a learning week for all the Indian participants.

2 days Orientation on Tribal Value and Tribal Rights for village level youth: As Marxism, Gandhism, Ambedkarism, Brahamnvad have their own special thought and



philosophy so also Tribal has its own philosophy, thinking and tribal thought. We can present tribal philosophy in eleven different dimensions viz. Coexistence with Nature, Communality, Equality, Autonomy, Self-reliance, Mutual Cooperation, Honesty, Self-respect, Fearlessness, Willingness to

fight, and Respect of rights. Unfortunately, tribal community special tribal youth are unaware of all these dimension of such a rich philosophy of tribal community and for

this reason SIGN organized two-days' workshop for youth in different districts. On 10th and 11th February two-days orientation on tribal value and tribal rights was organized at St. Joseph Madhya Vidhyala, Patrachauli for the youth of Ranchi, Lohardaga and Khunti.



In the same way, on 17th February and 18th February at Tongo Parish hall the same orientation program was organized for the Gumla youth. In these orientation programs youth discussed that as food, cloth, and house are basic needs for living so also civilization and culture is necessary to keep alive any community. In order to have our own identity, it is essential to have our own language, civilization, and culture. Our surname gives us a unique identity and so we should not be ashamed to tell our name with our family surname. These orientation program has brought awareness among the youth with regard to culture, and language.

Training on Result Based Monitoring: From 27th February to 29th February SIGN organized training on Result Based Monitoring at Jharna Spirituality Centre, Jharna, Namkum. Mr. Khilesh Chaturvedi from Udaipur came to conduct the training. There were 26 partners from four dioceses Development Centres viz. Catholic Charities, Jamshedpur, Vikas Kenra, Simdega, Jan Vikas Kendra, Hazaribagh, and Samaj Vikas Kendra, Cahndwa. Besides, these we also had participants from SIGN and



members of Faith Based Organization. The training was conducted with the participatory methodology. The facilitator built on participants' level of knowledge by seeking their views and opinions on various issues. Plenary discussions, exercises and

discussion with each diocesan group were used to explore and develop understand and learning on data collection and analysis of it. Mr. Khilesh talked about



meaning of Monitoring & Evaluation. Then he talked about the similarity and differences between Monitoring and Evaluation. He asked the question, 'what Monitoring can do that Evaluation cannot do?' in the same way, 'what Evaluation can do that Monitoring cannot do?' then he explained the purpose of Monitoring and Evaluation, Advantages and Disadvantages of Monitoring and Evaluation. Then asked the participants to share steps to conduct Monitoring, which are a) Data Collection, b) Data Compilation, c) Data interpretation and analysis and d) Decision making and drawing learnings. With this Participants were sent to groups to plan for monitoring for their projects.