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State Level Farmers' Convention: On 8th January SIGN organized one-day State Level Farmers' Convention. About 100 Farmers came from five districts Viz. Ranchi, Gumla, Khunti, Simdega and Hazaribagh of Jharkhand. Dr. Ravi Kumar, Junior Scientist from Birsa Agricultural University, Pastor Nakul Mahato from Hazaribagh were the guest speakers. Dr. Ravi Kumar said that one side Chemical fertilizer is destroying our land and our health and the other side because of global warming season is slowly shifting, there is very many dangers that we may have food crisis in order combat the



situation we need to shift to organic farming. He also said that we need to revive the millet cultivation, because it needs less water as well as it has health benefit. Pastor Nakul Mahato said that piggery raring is cheap and very beneficial. The shit of pigs is more useful as manure than cow dung. With little care we can rare pigs. Then one of the progressive farmers Mr. Ashok from Hazaribagh shared his experience. He mostly spoke about organic farming. In the convention there was also exhibition-cum-competition on organic farm produce. Hazaribagh won the first prize, Khunti won the second prize and Ranchi won the third prize in this competition. Best Farmer from each districts were also awarded. Meanwhile Mr. Walter Kerketta, the staff of SIGN spoke about the chicken raring. Finally, all the Guests of Honour were honoured by offering them a shall and a memento.



Visit by Paolo Puglisi: On 15th January, Mr. Paolo Puglisi, one of the prospect donors of Fratelli Deminticati visited REDS facilitated by Fr. Bipin Pani, the Director of SIGN and Ms Chanchal Bara, the HoD of Sponsorship program. Mr. Paolo was taken to Mausibari for the visited, where he met the children of the Mausibari center conducted by REDS. Bro Pulkit, the Director of REDS, Ranchi welcomed Mr. Paolo, Fr. Bipin and Chanchal. Mr. Paolo said that he has come to see his youngest daughter Ms Sara to represent Italy by playing Olympic Qualifying Hockey Tournament in Ranchi. he is happy to meet these children, who



are deprived of education. He said that education is very important for everybody and these children should take education every day. He met Ms Alisa Xalxo, who coming out of poverty and supported by Fratelli Deminticatti and REDS has won the Gold medal in under 16 category of world Karate Tournament. Then he was brought to REDS office Gyan Deep at Lowadih, Samlong, where Bro Pulkit showed him a short video on how Marianist society started the work of serving rag pickers. He told the children that he is happy to come to India. It is a beautiful country, but he is frightened of Indian traffic. After this Mr. Paolo was brought to the office of SIGN, where SIGN staff welcomed him by washing his hands, singing a tribal welcome song and presenting him Tribal Bando. He said that he works for PIAGGIO factory back in Pizza, Italy and he is a volunteer of Caritas. He asked us to pray for him and then he prayed for all of us.



Training on Result Based Planning: From 17th January to 19th January SIGN

organized training on Result Based Planning 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 participants from SIGN and members of Faith Based Organization. The trainings 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 Concept of Result, Levels of Results: Impact, Outcome, and Output Concept of Result Based Management, Types of Result: Qualitative and Quantitative, Problem Analysis, Identifying results at Outcome, and Outputs level, Concept of Indicators – different for quantitative results and qualitative results, Identifying indicators for outcomes and outputs, Finalizing indicators; and Finalizing the Results and indicators of four groups. The trainees came to know that how to



Cultural Dance Competition: Tribal dance and songs have immense power to bind everyone together. Tribals, the entire community, dance and sing as one family.



Obscenity and vulgarity are out of tribal dance and singing. Tribal dances are formed such a way that everyone dances in one rhythm and one tune. It brings togetherness, but last few years, tribal youth is losing its value by adding few steps, which everybody cannot follow. And so that togetherness is getting lost. Secondly, present youth is more

inclined to dance on DJ music than the beatings of Tribal drum i.e., mandar. Last three to four decades, the influence of filmy songs can be clearly seen on the tribal society. In villages, during wedding and many other community feast, youth no longer sing our

traditional songs, but play filmy songs. Slowly people are forgetting their traditional songs. If people forget their culture, forget their language, then they will enter an era of silent culture, where we can even be delisted. On the one hand, folk songs tell



the story of tribal struggle and pain, on the other hand these songs reflect their happiness, hope and their positive attitude towards life. The practice of DJ has become a hindrance for all these, that why Mausami Rag competition was organized at the premises of St. Peter's Church, Bandi Khajuri, on 6th January 2023. 96 participants in six teams from Kala Khajuri, Bandi Khajuri, Gothani, Badhni, Barwadih, and Sale Parish participated in Masumi Rag Singing competition. Bandi Khajuri stood first, Badjni stood second and Gothani stood third in this competition.