



Arial view of the Khategaon School and Student Home



Khategaon School and Student Home inaugurated

AIM for Seva Gayatri Devi Student Home, is the first girls Student Home in Madhya Pradesh.

Dec. 21, 2011 was a red letter day not just for AIM for Seva but also for Radhe Shyam Bohare. An agricultural laborer from Khategaon, he had donated his life time earnings - a 4 acre land - to AIM for Seva for constructing a Student Home and School for girls.

His dream became a reality with the help of Smt. Ela Lakhani & Sri. Madhu Lakhani, of Canada, who came forward to sponsor the construction of the infrastructure.

The inauguration of the new facilities, named after Bohare's mother "Gayatri Devi" attracted the entire village with over 500 villagers participating in the event.

Speaking on the occasion the chief guest, Sri. Mahendra Hardia, Honorable Minister for Health, Madhya Pradesh, commended the efficiently run Student Homes of AIM for Seva in Madhya Pradesh by Swami Aishwaryananda Saraswati.

Smt. Rajni Dinesh Yadav, Chairman, Municipal Council, Khategaon, appealed to the villagers to send their daughters to the school.



The Khategaon Student home has been operational since June 2010 and the school from 2011 July. Both now operate from the new facility. Khategaon, a small town in Dewas District has 47% female population who are mostly Adivasis, Bhils, and Gonds. Most of them work as agricultural labourers. This project provides a much needed access to formal education for the marginalized girl child.

She urged the children to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and help in realizing the AIM for Seva vision of being educated and empowered by being regular to school.

The AIM for Seva Balika Vidyalaya has 8 class rooms, office room and a toilet complex. The school has 125 children studying in Std. I to VIII.

The Student Home has 65 girls. The facility is built in two levels and has 3 dormitories, a warden room, store, kitchen, office room and a terrace.

It was Swami Dayananda Saraswati's vision to start a school and a Student Home for girls in Madhya Pradesh.

Swami Aishwaryananda, the coordinator in charge of Madhya Pradesh relentlessly worked to make this a reality.

With the generous donation of land, he approached Dr. Terry Papneja of AIM for Seva Canada chapter, with the idea of a school and student home in the same premises.

Dr. Papneja was instrumental in raising the required funds through Smt. & Sri. Lakhani, who have further promised to create an endowment of US \$500,000 for the Khategaon projects.

The couple also donated back packs and stationery to the delight of 125 school children.

The inaugural function brought together the entire community in celebration and presented a unique sight. The villagers worked together to prepare delicious lunch with local specialities which was served to everyone attending the launch.

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Monica Chauhan, a resident of the Student Home, nicknamed as Chutki, spoke of the daily routine followed in the Student Home. The discipline followed at the institution instills confidence in the students.



Reena Gadia staying in the Student Home, Khategaon, could not write or read even Hindi when she first joined the Student Home. The love and affection showered on her at the Chatralaya, makes her feel happy. The homely atmosphere and nutritious food have not only made her healthy but also more attentive in class and above all, she can now speak, read, write in Hindi.



Excited girls queuing up to receive their school backpacks



The Student Home Building



AIM for Seva's 88 th Student Home inaugurated in Dharmapuri



Date: 25th Dec. 2011 Dharmapuri: Swami Dayananda Saraswati inaugurated AIM for Seva's 88th Student Home, in the presence of Sri. K. P. Anbhzhgan, MLA and other dignitaries.

The new Student Home for boys located at Karagur village, Dharmapuri district, can accommodate up to 50 boys. It caters to the underprivileged children living in the surrounding areas of Dharmapuri district. 15 boys have been already been admitted in the Student Home and will attend a nearby Government Hr. Sec. School, Tirumalvadi. They will benefit from the care and support at AIM for Seva which includes safe shelter, nutritious meals, regular school and after-school academic tuitions.

The land for the home was donated by Smt. Vimala Ram Mohan Pai and the building by Smt. & Sri. Ram Kini, in memory of Sri. Ram Kini's mother Smt. Sumithra. They also donated 2 computers to the Student Home.

Dharmapuri district is already home to the vibrant AIM for Seva Emirates

Student Home for girls since 2007, and supports 49 students. In addition, AIM for Seva manages a Computer Literacy centre and a Tailoring unit for vocational training for the local women. The boys home will complement the work already being done in this district.

Speaking on the occasion Swami Yadatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Salem, said, "Education is the solution for all problems. The setting up of the Boys Student home will give these children a better chance of staying in the formal education stream while exposing them to good values and habits in a nurturing environment."

The local community has always been of great support. On this occasion too they reiterated their commitment to the deserving cause of education.

Sri. Ramesh Bulchandani & Sri. Chandru Mehta of The Bengaluru Rotary Mid Town, donated 25 Solar Lamps for the Chatralaya and have also promised to distribute solar lamps to all the Student Homes of AIM for Seva.

Alumini students of Salem Engineering college, (84-88 batch), Sri. Badrinathan, Sri. Raju, Sri. Vijaya Ramachandran and Sri. G. K. Kannan donated Rs. 2 lacs and pledged to give continued support.

Sri. Karunakaran, Chairman, Palacode Taluk, Panchayat President, Sri Venkatesan and a well wisher Dr. Saravanan were the other dignitaries who graced the inaugural function.

All the donors were honored by Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

The grand celebrations culminated in a colorful variety entertainment staged by the students of the Dharmapuri girls Student Home.

Brni. Viswa Chaitanya, Coordinator, Emirates AIM for Seva Student Home, Dharmapuri thanked all the dignitaries for their presence and generous donations.

AIM for Seva bridges the digital divide

Now online video coaching classes for Std.X students



October 18, 2011 - Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh and Rewari, Haryana

36 boys of Smt. Jamnabai Chanchlani AIM for Seva Student Home, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh created history, by attending the first "Digital" class conducted by Navneet Kumar Mundra, from Rewari, Haryana. The content and visualization was developed with "in-house" capabilities. The classroom session powered by "E blackboard" was enabled by two-way video conferencing over broadband and displayed on the wall through a projector at the Student Home at Hoshangabad.



The hour long session was held for class X students as a run up to their board exams. This is being repeated every fortnight.

A first time experience for the students, they were really excited by the possibilities and effectively used the medium to grasp Trigonometry concepts, and also cleared doubts.

The faculty for this session was Acharya Navneet, a B.Tech from IIT Kharagpur. He has been associated with the NGO since 2002 as the coordinator of the Student Home at Solan, Himachal Pradesh.

This initiative was undertaken by Swami Aishwaryananda Saraswati, the Coordinator, Madhya Pradesh to extend geographies using technology and talents within the AIM for Seva family, for the benefit of the student community.

This digital learning program has ushered in higher quality of teaching standards. The plan is to gradually extend it across the country.

Do you want to join our team of volunteers? Write to us with your area of interest and geographic preference to: infoaimforseva@gmail.com



AIM for Seva Student Homes at Cumbum and Dharmapuri received a year end surprise. Shri Mani Shankar, in memory of his son Venkat Shankar and Rosie Shanker donated a set of new clothes to 98 students on 3rd Dec. and 17th December respectively.

98
Happy Students
thank
Sri. Mani Shankar
of Duluth, GA, USA

Navarathiri Celebrations

Thoothukudi

A grand KOLU was organized by the students of the AIM for Seva Asvattha Student Home, Thoothukudi.

The Kolu attracted villagers in and around the student home. Parents of the girls in the student home also visited their wards and took part in the festivities.

The occasion provided a good opportunity to showcase the handwork of the children and included pop art created from old greeting cards and 3D models .

Dharmapuri

The nine day-long Navarathri was celebrated in all grandeur and austerity at the Emirates AIM for Seva Student Home. Bhajans were sung invoking the blessings of Goddesses Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. The celebrations served as an opportunity for the entire community to converge and celebrate Navarathiri in a traditional way.

Thoothukudi Kolu



Thoothukudi Students Qualify for District level Quiz Competition



S.Parvathi-VIII, R.Abirami-VII, R.Nisha Nanthini-VII, S.Radha-VII

The Global Organization for Divinity recently conducted an Interschool Quiz on Saints of Tamil Nadu, Festivals of Tamil Nadu, Temples of Tamil Nadu and the epics Ramayana & Mahabharata.

The students of the AIM for Seva Asvattha Student Home, Thoothukudi, won the preliminaries effortlessly and have qualified for the district level competition

Participants of Kolattam and Kummi

Various competitions like Kolattam, Rangoli, paper cutting, garland making and memory test were conducted in the Student Home. Winners of the competitions were awarded prizes.

AIM for Seva, Andhra Pradesh participates in Karmayog Seva Mela

AIM for Seva, Andhra Pradesh Chapter participated in the Karmayog Seva Mela held at Hyderabad, on the 7th and 8th October, 2011, during the "Joy of Giving Week".

Ms. Katherine S. Damani, US Consulate, Hyderabad, inaugurated the mela. She was full of praise for the yeomen service carried out by AIM for Seva and has promised to make a visit to the AIM for Seva Chatralaya at Alwal.



Hostel day was celebrated at Thoothukudi Student Home on 27.11.2011

Dr. Suhasini – Professor in Australia University stayed at Thoothukudi for 45 days and helped the hostel students.

She presided over the function and gave away the prize to S.Kamatchi, who completed her Std.X with 84.5% in SSLC Examination. She was the top performer of Thoothukudi Student Home. She was also awarded a cash prize of Rs.1001 was by Imayam Trust.

Dharmapuri

September holidays for the hardworking Std. IX & X students of Emirates AIM for Seva Student Home, Dharmapuri usually mean a short visit to their home town. This year with shorter breaks and more studies a one day trip to Hogenakkal was planned.

The 33 girls enjoyed bonding and group activities, singing on the bus ride, bathing in the magnificent falls, and picnicking in the open air. The highlight was an exciting boat ride in the round Coracles. (Parisal)



Clean drinking water for Anaikatti Boys

Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu: A water purifier was installed at the AIM for Seva Dayananda Tribal boys Student Home. This will provide potable water for the students. AIM for Seva wishes to thank the donor Swamini Sumatmananda Saraswatiji for her generous act. She has earlier donated a water purifier to the AIM for Seva Dayananda Tribal girls Student Home, Anaikatti.



PURUSHA

*In Aid of underprivileged children
In India, at Michigan*

AIM for Seva, Michigan chapter organized a successful fund raiser program 'Purusha' in aid of the underprivileged children in India and Tsunami victims of Japan. Held at Detroit Country Day School auditorium, on August 28, 2011, it showcased the most popular classical dance styles of India: viz. Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Odissi

This program was envisioned by Ashish Mohan Khokar, a dance historian and presented in association with "Attendance".

The presentation began with "History of Indian Dance" followed by masterpieces of intricate aspects of Indian dancing-all by professional male artists in keeping with the theme.

The show attracted a diverse and large audience from the local community and provided an excellent platform to project AIM for Seva activities. The event raised sponsorship to support education for 100 children and the setting up of a primary health centre in Manjakkudi.

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Chikamagalur Students perform well at district and state level sports events

The Kabbadi team won at the Taluk level, District level and finished as runners up at the State Level.

Athletics - Competed in:

100 mts, 200 m 400 mts, Shot Put and in Relay, stood first at the Taluk Level.

200 mts, 400 mts and Shot Put: 1st place at District level, 100 : III Place, Relay II Place in District Level

At the State Level Athletics held at Udipi, Karnataka on 25 Nov. 2011, our students finished as runners up.

Mathura Eye Hospital turns Four

Mathura, UP. On the 1st November 2011, a free eye camp was conducted at the Khilanani AIM for Seva Eye Care Centre to commemorate the 4th Anniversary of the hospital

227 people were treated as Out Patients and 47 were registered for surgery.



Second Batch of Vocational Trainees Pass Out

Anaikatti, Tamil Nadu: 20 tribal women successfully completed a vocational training program in tailoring and embroidery. The second batch of trainees under the Women Empowerment programs, they have spent 6 months since April 2011, getting exposed to the whole gamut of tailoring and dressmaking. Armed with their diplomas, these rural and tribal women are now looking forward to a career as garment workers.



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Do you have any interesting stories to share of your visit to our projects across India? Write to us with your experience and one or two pictures and send it to news.aimforseva@gmail.com

Global Youth Leadership Program

A delegation of 11 students from USA, guided by Sri. Srinivasa Raman, Smt. Savithri Raman visited the AIM for Seva projects at Anaikatti, Manjakkudi and Mohanur.

A meaningful exchange in understanding India better, and sharing notes from their lives in the United States, the visit was "Interesting, insightful and poignant" to quote a delegate.

The Global Youth Leadership Program is an experiential live-in program for young expat Indian students. It is a part of the "Poorna Vidya" teaching program envisioned by Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, with the objective of making them effective contributors in the society.

It is designed to help youth discover the spirit of community service through seva and promote better understanding of India, its rich culture and spiritual heritage.



Mohanur: 20-21 December

- ✓ Welcomed by the school band! Wow!
- ✓ Colorful excursion into the primary school. Children displayed their talents and understanding of curriculum through stories, songs and "show and tell" projects.
- ✓ Visited Mohanur Sugar Mills and learned the working of a cooperative movement, farming community's lifestyle, issues in farming and needs
- ✓ Interesting presentation by our team, interaction with middle and senior school students on communication technology and other advances in science.
- ✓ Mohanur school students enjoyed Soccer with us, and we picked up the breathless game of Kabaddi.
- ✓ Awesome visualization of " Historical places of India and their relevance " by a middle school student.
- ✓ High schoolers presented a pageant on famous Maratha Warrior Chatrapathi Shivaji and demonstrated his guerilla war fare strategies under the able direction of their social science faculty.
- ✓ Lucid narration on Robotics and fusion of culture by the GYL team.
- ✓ Discovered the syllables of Tamil and Hindi language. Amazing to see how

Diary Highlights

Indian kids speak at least two languages.
 ✓ Appreciated the melody and harmony in devotional and patriotic songs.

Anaikatti: 22-24 December

- ✓ Visited Swami Dayananda Jayawardanavelu Tribal Rural Hospital.
- ✓ Volunteered on the mobile medical van into forest. Shocked to see the isolation and living conditions of the tribals and the challenges in delivering quality healthcare in rural India. And AIMS does it free of cost!
- ✓ Cultural exchange with girls at Anaikatti Student Home. Learnt a few tribal dance moves.
- ✓ Thought provoking satsang with Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

Road trip : 25 December

- ✓ Christmas Miracle! Witnessed the birth of a calf at Ashram just before we left for Manjakkudi.
- ✓ Soaked in the magnificent temple architecture of 1000 year old Brahadeeswara Temple at Tanjore.

Manjakkudi : 26-27 December

- ✓ Visited Swami Dayananda Arts and Science college...a real eye opener to see so many advanced programs in Graduate and Post Graduate studies right in the middle of rice fields. And a 70% are girls. Great work towards women empowerment.
- ✓ Interesting group discussion on life in USA Vs Life in Manjakkudi. Amazed by the depth of their knowledge of life outside their village.
- ✓ Carried lord Vishnu in a palanquin as a part of the temple celebrations. Humbling and exhilarating.
- ✓ Played volleyball match with the Sembangudi school students.
- ✓ Fun to discover that they are just like us-similar hobbies, ambitions, cultures and this incredible quest for knowledge despite living deep down in a remote village.
- ✓ Witnessed Thiruvidadamarudhur chariot artisans' craftsmanship in action, as they worked on restoring and recreating the ancient pancharathas.
- ✓ The English Primary School students impressed us with their flawless English and a cultural show.
- ✓ Visited the Vedapatashala and interacted with the students preparing for a career as temple priests. They are the future of Hinduism.

Extracts form the diary of a GYL participant



"Never take anything for granted, enjoy the small things in life" Vaschas Raman, 9th Grade, Detroit Country Day School

"I was surprised at their level because it was at par with the kids in USA" Vishnu, 10th Grade, International Academy, Troy

"Its easy to see how bright and eager these students are! They may not have as many possessions as us but they have qualities and characteristics that many privileged people dont have" Shivani Sankar, 11th Grade, International Academy, Troy

Inspiring stories from AIM for Seva

VIEW BIOLOGICAL

KOLLI RAJU BABU

IS A POST GRADUATE IN BIOTECH AND A QUALITY ASSURANCE EXECUTIVE IN A PHARMA COMPANY IN HYDERABAD. A LONG JOURNEY FROM CENTAPALLI TO A CAREER IN BIOTECH...

Raju hails from a family of laborers in Centapalli Village near Vizag.



His mother Nokaratna worked in the fields to support her two sons through primary school, but was at a loss when they grew up as reaching the Govt middle school meant crossing a river every day. And there was no connecting bridge.

How to send a 9 year old walking 7 km, all alone, across a river and to the next village?

But study he must or he would grow into a wasted youth like some of the men in the village who would drink and abuse the family members. And then his mother came across AIM for Seva.

Raju got a new lease of life. He moved into the AIM for Seva Trivikrama Bala

Boys Student Home in Gudivada, Krishna District.

The Student Home provided a safe shelter where he was given nutritious meals, clean and hygienic living standards, help with academics through regular tuitions, and above all good values.

Raju progressed from school to college to post graduation. An M. Sc. in Biotech, he also has a Post Graduate Diploma in Environment and Health Safety Management in Industry. Currently he is pursuing Post Graduate Diploma in Quality assurance and Regulatory affairs while working at Bharat Biotech.

Raju proudly declares that he is an inspiration to his entire village and a role model for all young boys. Even the elders come to him and seek advice!



He supports his younger brother who is still in school. And has finally realized his dream of seeing his mother smile.

87th Student Home inaugurated!

AIM for Seva's 87th Student Home "Bragathkujambal AIM for Seva Student Home (Boys) was inaugurated at Tirukattupali, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu on 12 Dec. 2011. The Student Home is sponsored by KKR Trust, Chennai.

Student enrollment from the local community is under process. Recommendations for deserving students from that area can be forwarded to infoaimforseva@gmail.com

Danam, giving is the means for growth

Swami Dayananda Saraswati

Sponsor a program today !

All expenses – Food, + academics /child/
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INR 6000/ USD 150

Smart new clothes for 40 children:
INR 10,000/ USD 230

To sponsor one child for one year
(food +academics): INR18,000 /USD 450

AIM for Seva Child Education Fund (ACE)

(One time Endowment)

ACE 1

Nurture a Child Endowment

Endowment towards food, shelter and
clothing expenses of one student * in
perpetuity: INR 1 lac / USD 2300

ACE 2

Educate a Child Endowment

Endowment towards education, food,
shelter and clothing expenses of one
student *in perpetuity:
INR 1.5 lac / USD 3400

ACE 3

Student Homes Annadanam Endowment

Endowment of food expenses of 6 student
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*The donation under ACE Fund can be
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