

A brief Report on Achievement 2010-11 to 2012-13

Achievements: Jammu & Kashmir

1. Dialogue between stake holders: a) between activist, journalists, youth leaders from Srinagar and Jammu; b) Between Kashmiri Muslim youth community leaders and leaders of Kashmiri Pandit.
2. Three-nights-three days home-stay ;seven youth leaders, men and women (Kashmiri Muslims) from Srinagar stayed in the homes of Community leaders of Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu during the two-day intra-region youth dialogue. All Pandit host-families and the all the guest had an evening together to reflect on this unique experiment of confidence building and the ways of expanding it.
3. The intra-region dialogue produced a Statement of Common Concerns. Those who were standing on opposite grounds found a meeting ground.
4. Two writers-journalists, participants in the dialogue and by now members of the Swarajpeeth initiative wrote articles in their journals.
5. Enthused by the experience and its impact, the participants from Srinagar organized a two-day meeting in Srinagar the following month (3-4 October) in order to involve in this experiment other selected youth of similar standing- activists, youth leaders, intellectuals and journalists.
6. The youth group in Srinagar has got consolidated in this process, with about twenty members including four women
7. The Srinagar group has decided to undertake constructive activities concerning social issues such as drug addiction among the youth; pollution of the Dal Lake; and, the dowry abuse. Shri Shabbir Ahmad, long time associate of Swaraj peeth who has built up and runs a Drug-de-addiction hospital in Srinagar, gave a presentation on the issue of drug abuse. Dr Miss Humera Quadri, participant in home-stay experiment in Jammu talked about abuse of dowry in the conflict zone and took responsibility to coordinate the group on the issue.

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A Common Platform for Harmony and Reconciliation

- Participants stressed on the need for a common trustworthy platform where they can unite; wherefrom they can speak up for each other when circumstances so demand;
- work collectively and jointly for common cause like some of the glaring social and environmental issues;
- work for confidence building among the estranged regions and communities of the regions and within regions.
- It was suggested that this group should have an identity with a Statement of its own.
- They will work for the expansion of the group in the Kashmir Valley, Jammu region, and in Ladakh.

The Group will be known as J&K Swaraj Peeth.

Bihar/ Jharkhand

Achievements



1) New recruits for the campaign and the next stage of training:

Muzaffarpur (2); Darbhanga (6); Narhi (5); Madhubani (8); Zhaza (4); Bagro (Banka) (12); Narganjo (2)

- 2) Informal networking of concerned citizens in above places, including local civil society groups Darbhanga, Narhi and Madhubani
- 1) Identifiable group of Shanti Mitra (11 from the tribal area of Banka including one woman) fifteen from other areas.
- 2) A strong motivated group of tribal youth, 6 Panchayat heads and community leaders participated positively in the local level one-day dialogue along with more than 100 people, who want this process to expand in third area. Sent 10 youth/community leaders for two-day orientation programme.
- 3) Local organizer and youth leader, Bhuvneshwar Turi, who has been a part of our team and attended four day Shanti Sena Training in Delhi in March 2012, toured 5 villages following the two-day orientation camp on 28-29 Nov.
- 4) A former militant leader said at the conclusion of two-day orientation camp “our youth need to listen to this language and these thoughts; they will be saved from the path of violence...” The participants from the inner forest area demanded more of such meetings in their area
- 5) Dem and from four places for Swaraj Samvad meetings, including two in Patna.
- 6) Coalescence of what would become a core group of volunteers/associates dedicated to expansion of the programme