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NBJK's Vimla Ramkrishna Bajaj Eye Hospital Brings Eye Care to Rural Communities

Deoghar, 21 November 2024: From 9 October to 19 November 2024, the Vimla Ramkrishna Bajaj Eye Hospital (VRBEH), under Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK), conducted 62 free Eye Screening Camps across rural areas of Jharkhand and Bihar. The camps, held in districts such as Deoghar, Giridih, Banka, Lakhisarai, and Jamui, served 925 patients, providing vital eye care services in underserved areas.

Key outcomes included the detection of 392 cataract cases, 316 refractive errors, and 30 cases of pterygium. Patients diagnosed with cataracts were provided free surgeries, including transport, post-operative care, and medicines.

The camps were supported by Sightsavers India, Westbridge Capital, and Kotak Securities, whose contributions have helped restore sight and improve the lives of many. NBJK extends heartfelt thanks to these partners for their continued support.



Mr. Girija Satish Receives Jamnalal Bajaj Award



Mumbai, 13 November 2024: Mr. Girija Satish, founder and president of Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK), was honored with the prestigious Jamnalal Bajaj Award for his exceptional contributions to constructive social work at a ceremony held at The Royal Opera House, Mumbai. The award, presented by the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation, includes a trophy, citation, and a cash prize of INR 20 lakh.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Satish dedicated the award to the entire NBJK team and emphasized the importance of Gandhian values in resolving global issues such as narrow nationalism, communalism, and racism. He also advocated for a nationwide ban on alcohol and narcotics to foster an ethical society.

Other awardees included Ms. Rashmi Bharti for promoting rural science and technology, Dr. Tulsi Munda for women and child development, and Reverend Eric Kumedisra for promoting Gandhian values internationally.

The ceremony was attended by dignitaries, including Dr. Abhay Bang, Mr. Shekhar Bajaj, and Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, among others.

Differently-Abled Trainees Celebrate Diwali

Hazaribagh, 31 October 2024: With support from Cheshire Disability Trust and Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, differently-abled trainees at the Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra's employment training center in Amrit Nagar celebrated Diwali with enthusiasm. NBJK President Mr. Girija Satish and Secretary Mr.



Satish Girija joined the festivities, sharing sweets and lighting sparklers with the trainees.

This free of cost residential training program, conducted by the organization, offers a one-month course in basic computer skills and DTP to differently-abled youth and assists with their job placement. This special employment training program, which began in Hazaribagh in August, is now in its third batch, with a total of 42 trainees trained so far. A similar program in Ranchi has already benefited 28 trainees.

Mr. Ajay Kumar, the program coordinator, shared that the goal for the current financial year is to train 200 differently-abled youth and connect at least 140 with employment, a target they are actively working to achieve. He said that enrollment process for this course is going on and any differently-abled youth can get admission at NBJK Hazaribagh or Ranchi very easily.

Empowering Women through Usha Silai School Training by NBJK



Jharkhand, 30 October 2024: Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK), in partnership with Usha International, conducted a series of transformative nine-day residential training programs across Jharkhand, empowering 52 rural women with tailoring and entrepreneurship skills.

The first training was held at Lokhit Sanstha, Saraikela Kharsawan, from 25 September to 3 October 2024, benefiting 15 women. The second session, hosted at NBJK's Ranchi

branch from 16 to 24 October, trained another 15 women from Lohardaga district. The third program, organized at NBJK's Coordination Office in Hazaribagh from 21 to 29 October, catered to 22 women from Hazaribagh district with additional support from WestBridge Capital.

Participants learned tailoring techniques, sewing machine repair, garment design, and essential life and business skills. Each received an Usha sewing machine, a certificate, a signage board, and training materials to establish their own Usha Silai Schools.

This initiative empowers women to start independent ventures, teach tailoring in their communities, and achieve economic self-reliance, underscoring NBJK and Usha International's commitment to fostering sustainable livelihoods.

Honoring Loknayak Jayaprakash on His 122nd Birth Anniversary

Hazaribagh, 11 October 2024: Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK) and Hazaribagh District Lok Samiti commemorated the 122nd birth anniversary of freedom fighter and Sarvodaya leader Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan (JP). Shri Girija Satish, NBJK founder and Lok Samiti National President, along with JP movement colleagues, garlanded JP's statue at the Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Central Jail complex.



Shri Satish reflected on JP's legacy, highlighting his rejection of political power to focus on Sarvodaya work, his establishment of Lok Samiti, and contributions to voluntary organizations, including NBJK. Advocate Shri Swaroop Chand Jain lauded JP's role in strengthening democracy, while Prof. Pramod Kumar emphasized the relevance of JP's peaceful Total Revolution.

The program saw participation from jailer Shri Jitendra Kumar, journalist Shri Prasanna Mishra, and other dignitaries. Followers later paid homage at the proposed JP Memorial Complex in Hazaribagh, reaffirming his enduring inspiration.

Light the Lamp of Justice: Satyagraha Marks Gandhi Jayanti



Rajghat (Varanasi), 2 October 2024: The 100-day Satyagraha entered its 22nd day on Gandhi Jayanti with prayers and tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, Vinoba Bhave, Loknayak JP, and

Lal Bahadur Shastri. National leaders, including Mrs. Nagamma and Mrs. Narasamma (Karnataka), Mr. Girija Satish (National President, Lok Samiti), Mr. Shivji Singh (General Secretary, Bihar State Lok Samiti), and Mr. Satyanarayan Prasad (President, Bihar Sarvodaya Mandal), joined the fast alongside activists.

Sarva Seva Sangh President Mr. Chandan Pal emphasized the movement's Gandhian spirit, expressing confidence in achieving justice. The protest seeks the return of the Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan premises at Rajghat since 1955, now occupied by the government.

A parallel one-day Satyagraha was organized by Bihar State Lok Samiti at Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Patna, on 27 October (47th day), demonstrating solidarity with the nationwide movement.

Building Careers and Curing Blindness: LNJP Paramedical Institute's Impactful Journey

Hazaribagh, 24 September 2024: To meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in eye care, NBJK run LNJP Paramedical Institute is affiliated with the Jharkhand State Paramedical Association-Govt. of Jharkhand. The institute offers a two-year Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant course. Each year,



40 students, including 20 sponsored by CMPDI, Ranchi (A Mini Ratna Company of Govt. of India), are being trained in eye care, with a focus on girls from poor and backward communities. The comprehensive course covers theoretical knowledge, hands-on training with advanced ophthalmic equipment, and patient care skills. The students gain the expertise by working in LNJP Eye Hospital and dealing with patients in eye screening camps in villages. Their placement rate is 100%.

Zomato Supports Nutritious Meals for NBJK's Schoolchildren



Hazaribagh, 02 September 2024: Feeding India, a Zomato Giveback initiative commenced to ensure nutritious meals for 235 students at NBJK's Amoli Apurva Middle School, Bahera. The program provides free breakfasts of sprouted gram or moong with 100g of milk and wholesome lunches of rice, pulses, and vegetables on all school days.

On 22 October, Ms. Iya Khandelwal and Mr. S. Dev from Feeding India inspected the meal program, interacted with students, and reviewed hygiene and distribution at

Bahera Ashram. They also visited nearby NBJK schools—Chandrakala Devi Daga High School, Amoli Apurva Primary School, and Amoli Apurva High School.

Following NBJK's request, Feeding India expanded the meal program from 18 November, covering 1130 students across four schools, including 565 girls. This initiative supports children from economically weaker backgrounds, many of whom benefit from freeships and scholarships. NBJK Program Director, Mr. Gandharv Gaurav, expressed gratitude to Zomato for their vital support in improving children's nutrition and education.

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