

# The 10th anniversary celebration of Jan Vikas Kendra, Palda

Indore: Janvikas Kendra, Palda one of the prominent humanitarian development society of the city has celebrated its 10th anniversary at Catholic Ashram Campus, Palda on 19th December 2012. The program started with lighting of the traditional lamp by the chief guest Mrs. Anuradha Shanker (Inspector General of Police, Indore Zone), Guest of honour His excellency Bishop Chacko Thottumarickal SVD (Bishop of Indore) and special guests Fr. Nicholas Martis SVD (Provincial, INC Province), Fr. Geroge Payatikkatt SVD former director Jan Vikas society and Mr. K.C. George, Director National Children's Fund (NCF). A note of welcome was extended by Fr. Michael Cherian SVD. The guests were felicitated by the women of Sarvodaya Sramiak Mahila Cooperative Society which is also celebrating the completion of two thousand live memberships of savings. The Sarvodaya Sramiak Mahila Cooperative Society is voicing strength and hope among the unorganized women laborers namely rag pickers and domestic servants of Indore for the past one decade.

The celebration also was marked by the joy of receiving excellence award for the National Social activity conferred upon Jan Vikas society by his Excellency Mr. Wave Williams the high commissioner republic Seychelles to India on 27th august 2012 at New Delhi. The Chief Guest Mrs. Anuradha Shanker (IG) addressed the gathering and interacted with the women and children of the unorganized sector of Indore. In her speech she encouraged women in their struggle for rights and equality and the necessity today for the women to get organized to fight for their rights. She also motivated the children saying that it is the time to learn and they need to make the best use of the opportunities provided. Guest of honour, his Excellency Bishop Chacko Thottumarickal SVD (Bishop of Indore)







addressed gathering with a message so heartwarming and congratulated the women of the unorganized sector. His Excellency motivated the children to make the best use of the opportunities of studies and become good humans and partake in nation building. Fr. Nicholas Martis SVD, Provincial of INC Province, also addressed the gathering conveying the dream of a world with no grays of sadness and injustice. Fr. George Paytikatt the former director stated that it is very pleasant to see all the efforts bearing fruits that is continuously put forward by the organization.



Certificates were distributed to women who completed three months course in Tailoring conducted in Janvikas. Later Dr. KC. George, Project Director, National Children' Fund, New Delhi, while interacting with women stated the need for the unorganized women to get organized. He said "We are never less than anyone, we have our dreams, our thoughts and future, so let us live it fully and together partake in the nation building and educate the next generation for grater tomorrow". Both the former and present staff was also felicitated for their unceasing efforts by His Excellency Bishop Chacko Thottumarickal SVD. Fr. Roy SVD the present director of Jan Vikas presented the gathering with the report of various activities carried out for the women and children for the past ten years right from the very stage of the birth of Janvikas Kendra.





The celebration also gave space for the Photo and poster exhibition *Painting Lives* behind the heaps of rags. The program also brought forth a message through "*Bhanai*" the street play by *Natak India Company* Sendhwa and Dances of children from bridge school an initiative for the drop out and working children which facilitate children back to school from slums. The program ended with vote of thanks and national anthem promising to partake rigorously in the process of nation building and eradication of social maladjustments which pose a major threat in development of the nation. The program was witnessed by over 500 people including dignitaries, representatives of women and children from the slums of Indore city.



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