

Training for lay leaders in INE

Keeping in mind the thrust during the 17th General Chapter to promote JPIC in our ministries and as a part of implementing the Province Pastoral policy, a training program was conducted for lay leaders from our SVD run parishes on 14th and 15th March, 2013, at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda, Odisha.



Forty Five tribal leaders participated from fourteen parishes, of them ten were women leaders. The workshop was inaugurated by the Provincial Superior, Fr. Telesphore Bilung, SVD, who invited the participants to become aware of their rights and fight fearlessly for their rights. The resource persons dealt with the topics of RTI (Right to Information), RTF (Right to Food), FRA (Forest Right Act) and made the participants aware of the present day problem of migration and human trafficking. It was also an occasion to conscientize the participants about superstitions like witchcraft which raises its ugly head time and again in the tribal communities.



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The workshop concluded with the action plan for various areas and suggesting more of such training programs at village levels to make it more effective at grass root level.



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