

Fr Superior General's Visit to SAMMAN

“The Value of man is not measured by what he does for himself to make his life better, but measured by what he does for others to make their life better.”

SAMMAN (Social Animation of the Migrants, Marginalized and Nomads), an SVD Mission endeavor which aims at improving the life of slum dwellers in Bhopal city was eager to receive and welcome the superior General, Rev Fr. Henz Kuluke SVD, on 18th October 2014. The Superior General along with Fr Xavier T, the Provincial Superior of INC and some of the SVD confreres reached SAMMAN office at 2.00 pm. They were welcomed with arthi (traditional way of welcoming guests) followed by lighting of the lamp. There were around 250 women, children and men gathered at the SVD Vidya Bhavan auditorium. Fr S. James the director introduced the Superior General to the people and reported the activities and achievements of SAMMAN over the years. A short colorful cultural program was presented by the women and children organized by Frt. Sadananth Singh SVD the EIP student. It was a great opportunity for the general to meet and interact with a large number of people who are the beneficiaries of SAMMAN. He was quite impressed with sharing of the people, about their struggles as they are involving in door to door waste collection and the contributions of SAMMAN for their better life through organizing them, educating their children, forming Self Help Groups, etc.

Fr General admired and appreciated the Indian missionaries for our commitments and selfless service that we render to the poor and the marginalized. He insisted that the priority of each and every SVD should be service ‘to the poorest of the poor’ and ‘bringing the last to first.’ He assured the people saying “We love you all, we are for you and we are ready to help you to come up in life, provided you are ready to cooperate with us.” He added further, “SAMMAN is for you, for your well being, and you are not poor, for you are very rich in our hearts.” The provincial superior also addressed the gathering and assured them that SAMMAN is ready to enable them to make their life better and expressed his best wishes to the management and its associates of SAMMAN.



Overall, the short visit had an incredible impact on the people whomever he met, including SVD Scholastics who are involved in SAMMAN ministry. Some of the people commended that Fr Superior General was very personable, warm and there was tone of passion for the poor and marginalized.

