

Interview with Dr. Satyah Prakash Tiwari during visit in the Keshwa Child Welfare Center in Robertsganj, November 2016



Q: Dr. Tiwari, our donators and friends in Germany want to know some background information about your life and what you did in the past?

It is a real story at that time when I was studying in class 6th. Our school was in rural area. In school I desired to distribute my own copies, books, lunch to my class fellows. It was a beginning of social vision. It was a true story of social vision. I was doing doctorate from BHU (Banaras Hindu University), that time I was waiting for some rupees of fellowship. I had spent some of rupees to sex worker's children in Shivdaspur, Varanasi. It was the time of 1985 that time I was alone, my daily work was to go in society of sex worker. I had collected some sex worker's children and started to give them free education personally and the half money of the fellowship spent to pencils, rubber, drawing material for this holy purpose. In my past an influencing story came into my life. I was studying in B.A. I was travelling by train, where I met a child beggar with his father. The child was asking for some money and some police persons were beating to that child. I feel the beggar child is very angry. I had given some rupees, when he had taken money for eating and some food to that child. I was shocked that the money has taken by police person. Next station beggar child has gone to another compartment and again police persons were gone behind of the child. I was surprised how the beggar child was treated by police person and all money forcefully has been taken by police person. There was no solution for me what to do.

Q: What was the motivation for you, to found "Creation India Society (CIS)" and your overall vision why you are doing social work at all?

I think that 1985 was the motivation time for founding CIS and it came into vision in 2003 and when CIS has been established in 2003/2004. Personally I like the human services from my childhood as to give the food and medical facilities to birds and dogs. I feel very good when in front of me dogs and birds are sitting and I am giving some food to them and they are eating together without any bondages. It is the notion of life as a vision of social work. There is a famous phrase in India: "Child is the father of man" and it means, that children should become great human beings in all areas. It is our duty to save childhood. In India children are suffering in different ways. I have seen different "faces" of children: sleeping on platforms and in drainage pipes, some children are singing songs and demanding money in trains as beggars, some are selling liquors, cigarettes, beedi, drugs and other stuff. In the whole world it is very dangerous for these children. For these different types of children we can use the term "outreach". I am doing social work and projects for these needy children. I had seen the golden dream in 1985, when I was working with the sex worker's children.

Q: What was the motivation to establish the Keshwa Child Welfare Center project in Robertsganj?

I think, my motivation was a beggar child in train, after that I was motivated by sex workers. I had seen the large difficulties and struggle of the children for one piece of bread. Children are fighting for the

bread and the bread is thrown by the shop-keeper. Boys are working under wrong hands of the society. Nobody wanted to work with the Outreach and needy children. When my wife Mala came in my life in 1994-1995, we both started some educational program for welfare of outreach children. Personally we had started work with slums children and ten percent of my salary I had donated to outreach families. It started in 1995-96 and continuously we worked with slums children in Varanasi within eight years. From 1995 to 2003 we met different type of outreach children and that time I thought I should start a planned way of working for welfare of those children. CIS has been founded in 7th Jan 2003 and society registration came in December 2004. In this vision I had started the “Below Poverty Line program (BPL)” with LIC of India in Sonabhadra district in 2008. That time I found that a large number of outreach children are suffering for basic facilities and need things like foods, medical, clothes, health and hygiene. I had started a program in every center and I had given a name Outreach Children School. Due to some lack of money, the program has been closed. When good time came back, the Keshwa Child Welfare Center project has been established end of 2015.

Q: What is the major goal for the Keshwa Child Welfare project?

One major goal is that outreach children have the right to get access to all facilities of Government and private sector program. Keshwa Child Welfare Center is a bridge to the society. KCWC is fulfilling the golden dream of the outreach children to become a great human being in all sectors.

Q: Which progress and achievements do you already see?

When we see that some of our very shy children are beginning to speak, playing together and singing good songs. When they start writing and speaking English and he/she maintains clothes and health hygiene. We think that it is a progressive achievement.

Q: What else would you like to see or get supported in the future in the Keshwa Child Welfare Center?

The support of the “Human Foundation” is our pillar for this dream project and we want to establish this project as outreach permanent project. The outreach school and shelter home for 25 to 50 children in combination with skill development is the plan for the future. We will develop an outreach village with all basic facilities.