

The People Awareness Programme went Successfully

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On 06th October'2000, A People Awareness Programme was organised by AAJVS at Kadamtala on the auspicious occasion of Durja Puja, when people of Kadamtala, Uttara and other adjacent villages in large number gathered at one place. At this juncture of time their gathering at one place was objectively utilised by the AAJVS team.

Looking to the present rough knowledge of the villagers about the Jarawa and the present existing bitter thinking of the Jarawa affected people towards the Jarawa, it was felt essential to make the people aware of the tribal issues of significance in comprehensive manner and make the relationship more better between the Jarawas and non-Jarawas. The selected day was the best day for the AAJVS to establish a direct communication with the people of the Jarawa affected areas and tell them about what they should do and not to do in the context of Jarawa welfare under the prescribed policy.

We departed from Port Blair on 06th October'2000 at about 12.15 P.M and reached Kadamtala at 1700 hrs on the same day. First of all on reaching, Shri Jyotin Bawali, Panchyat Pradhan came forward and greeted us. He made us satisfied by informing about the arrangements made and assured for extending all possible helps in conducting the awareness programme. He was priorly intimated telephonically about the programme. The people were thickly gathered there in and out of the Puja Pandal. It was the time for Arati to perform before the Goddess Durga. Dozens of the people took part in Arati dance with great pleasure and devotion. After the Arati finished, a Puja Committee member gave an introductory speech on People Awareness Programme before the large gathering of people in his mother tongue Bengali.

The public awareness speech was delivered by me in my mother tongue Bengali, looking to the existing dominance of the Bengali people in the areas concerned.

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