

Dear friend,

Namaste!

Thank you for your letter. We are extremely happy to know that our friends in Sweden are safe and healthy.

Despite all restrictions the Corona virus infection is spreading very fast in India. Nearly three million people are infected with this virus in India. Poverty and the fear of losing jobs added fuel to the fire. After unlock one the situation have become uncontrolled. One can see the crowd in the weekly markets. The lack of sense of hygiene has also been a big problem in India. In Jharkhand the rate of spread of infection is very high. Everyday about 1000 people are getting infected. The isolation centres and the quarantine centres are full with patients. Now the new patients are advised to stay at home in isolation and are being given treatment at home. But the problem is how many people have separate rooms in their houses where the infected person can live in isolation. The situation is worsening. About 100 meters from my residence in Ranchi some Covid positive patients have been identified and they are getting treatment at home. In this difficult situation it is very hard for us to maintain a safe and healthy life. So far we all are safe and healthy and trying our best to keep ourselves safe and healthy. The government of Jharkhand has now decided to go for a rapid test in the most affected areas in the state. Hopefully the government will take all necessary steps to control the spread of virus in the community.

People at Jagriti Vihara and in the villages around Jagriti Vihara are fine. We do not have any information about the spread of Covid infection in the villages. A few Covid positive patients were found in Khalari and they were taken to Ranchi for treatment. But mostly the people are safe in the rural areas so far. We are always in touch with our people in the villages and providing them all information regarding Covid. We have distributed a large number of face masks, gloves and sanitizers to the volunteers and the Covid Warriors in the villages and in Ranchi. At some places we have distributed dry ration (food articles) to the poor and needy people.

The educational and vocational organizations have been advised to keep the centres closed till further notice by the government. All examinations have been postponed. Students are getting lessons online.

It has been raining for a few days in Jharkhand. It is good for the farmers. Farmers are now busy in farming. Hopefully we will have enough rain this year. But the dark side of monsoon is that some part of India is flooded with water. Many people have lost their life and property.

Friends at Jagriti Vihara are sending their warm greetings to all our friends in Sweden.

For Jagriti Vihara

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