

**TOUR NOTE OF DR.RAMESHWAR ORAON, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES, NEW DELHI FOR VISIT TO ORISSA
FROM 26.03.2011 TO 28.03.2011.**

1) **Interaction with ST Youths:** A delegation of ST youths met and informed that reservation for tribal students in educational institution is not equivalent to the percentage of tribal population in the State. Percentage of tribal population in the State is 22.50%. While same percent of reservation has been kept in Government jobs, there is only 12% reservation so far admission in educational institutions is concerned. Result is that majority of tribal students are not able to get admission in educational centers. Furthermore, though there is State level reservation, no such policy exists for district level reservation, as it is in other states.

2) **Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), a sister concern of KIIT:**

A) I visited KISS and was apprised that it started as a Primary School in the year 1993, having about 125 ST children, with the financial assistance from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and over a period of time it has become unique free residential educational institution for STs in the country offering complete educational solution to tribal students. The Organization has qualified team of faculty and a group of dedicated and committed non-teaching staff, who are taking adequate care for all round development of the children. The environment in the institution is conducive for studies. Students are getting quality food, quality education, proper health care, ample scope for cultural, game and sports activities, vocational training in various trades as per their choice, opportunity for exhibiting talents possessed by them and also getting a lot of exposure by interaction with high dignitaries from different parts of this country and other countries of the world.

b) It has also been apprised that the vocational training products are marketed and the sale proceeds directly go to the concerned students. It gives an opportunity to the students to "earn while they learn". In this way some students are able to supplement their family income. The vocational training skills will, no doubt, help the students to earn their livelihood either by job or self-employment after completion of their studies. KISS is **achieving cent percent success** in the Annual High School Certificate Examinations conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Orissa for last 9 years. It is also achieving cent percent success in +2 Arts and Science examinations. Five percent seats in different professional courses of KIIT University are reserved for the students from KISS. This provides scope for technical and professional education to tribal boys/girls.

c) It was also informed that students of KISS participated in the National Children Science Congress four times and received awards every year. One student of Class-XI namely Shri Laxman Hembram participated in the International Children Conference in South Korea organized by United Nations Environment Programme in the year August,2009. Four boys and three girls were selected in National Rugby team which won U-14 World Rugby Championship, 2007 in London. Four girls were selected in National Senior Women Rugby Team for Asian Games. Students of KISS have shown outstanding performance in the National School Games, Sub-junior National Soft Ball Championship and the National Sub-Junior Valley Ball Championship. These are some of the major achievements of tribal students of KISS in academic and sports field.

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may consider their proposal and sanction funds for opening more such Schools for wider coverage of STs. Requirement of funds for introduction of vocational trainings for ST students in high Schools and for imparting coaching for admission into medical and engineering courses was also brought to the notice.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary wanted that the funds may be provided by the MoTA for the said purposes. While speaking on the issue of Caste Certificates, undersigned raised the issue of difficulty in getting caste certificate by tribals, who do not have land records. The State Government should develop some mechanism to avoid difficulty being encountered by tribals in getting caste certificate. There should also be a proper and adequate mechanism to check the issuance of false caste certificates. The Director of the ST/SC Development Department pointed that the State Government was planning to make law, like Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, to curb the cases of issuance of fake certificates.

It was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister, ST/SC Development that the State government may consider setting up of a State Commission for Scheduled Tribes, like others States, so that the ST people can get a platform for redressal of their grievances.

6) Visit to Tribal Museum of the SC/ST Training and Research Institute : It was noted that there are good collection of tribal art and artifacts relating to socio-cultural and economic life of the 62 tribal communities of Orissa, including **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs)** and thus museum is reflecting the Tribal World of Orissa.

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Chairperson
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