

B.K.MEDIA's PEACE MESSENGERS IN NAXAL INFESTED BASTAR's DENSE FORESTS.

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Truth is always stranger than fiction! These words of wisdom came out true when , accompanied by 35 more Brahmakumaris Media Wing's office bearers and members as peace messengers, we visited in the last week of April a Geeta Pathshala in a remote village Badanja bordering chintalnar forests in Dantewada in Bastar.(Chintalnar is that tragic site where 76 security personnel were martyred in an ambush by Maoists)

Geeta Pathshalas are nurseries where the B.K. philosophy is taught. Badanja's is one such pathshala. It is a predominantly Halbi(community) populated village. Halbis are an exclusive and rigid community. Inspired by the B.K. philosophy two teen-aged girls Subhadra and Savitri of this village resolved to become B.Ks in the face of stiff opposition from their parents, relations and community. They were beaten,chided, ex-communicated,tortured , threatened and sometimes insulted but these two girls did not budge an inch from their determination.They are now fullfledged B.Ks by their appearance,deeds,words and behaviour . When suggested that the easiest way to escape the community's humiliation and ex-communication is to desert Brahma Kumaris,Subhadra retorted atonce that if Dadis and Baba too had ever thought on these lines what would have happened to Baba's determination of delivrance of Paramatma? All of us were shocked to hear this because even the most devoted B.K. would not have responded with such determination. Savitri standing by Subhadra also responded in the same spirit. We are prepared to die for Baba , they echoed. When we encountered them about their knowledge of B.K. philosophy,they explained flawlessly in one go all about body,soul,super soul,corporeal,incorporeal,Rajyoga,meditation – the cardinal principles of B.Ks. Nobody knew how many such Subhadras and Savitris must be serving the society in the remote unapproachable predominantly tribal villages in experien cing GOD and his powers.

This situation in villages in the dense forests prompted us to investigate as to why in such a land where virtual Baba's Angels are around to convey the message of love,peace,brotherhood,purity , a violent and revengeful cult like naxalism could have its strong roots. As we probed we encountered with hundreds .But none was prepared to share anything about naxals. Everyone is scared and terrorised.But whatever could be shared under condition of anonymity in truncated

Versions could be pieced together which gives the first impression that all is not well in Bastar forests and Chhattisgarh Govt. must be ready to face tougher times ahead while dealing with the naxal problem.

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