

## "JHALSA - PARENTING THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE"

*(A report on Arrival of 19 Mentally ill patients from Kerala to Ranchi on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 for better treatment and reunion with their families)*

As per the direction dated 3/7/12 and 17/7/12 of Hon'ble Kerala High Court in O.P. No. 16667 of 1996, Nineteen Mental Patients belonging to Jharkhand and Bihar along with a team of four doctors and paramedical arrived at Ranchi on 6th August, 2012 from Kochi by Alappuzha Dhanpad Express.

Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority made all necessary arrangements at Ranchi Railway Station for the reception of the said 19 mental patients and for further safe and comfortable shifting to Ranchi Institute of Neuro Psychiatry and Allied Sciences (RINPAS) at Kanke, Ranchi.



On their arrival, all the 19 patients, Doctors and Para-medicals were warmly welcomed by **Sri B. K. Goswami**, Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority, **Sri Satya Prakash**, Deputy Secretary, JHALSA, **Sri S.H.Kazmi**, Principal Judicial Commissioner cum- Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi, **Prof.(Dr.) Amool Ranjan Singh**, Director, RINPAS, Ranchi, Staffs of JHALSA and officials from District Administration.

On their arrival, all the patients were escorted by staff of JHALSA and RPF persons who carried their luggage, led them to an enclosure at the station lobby, offered them flowers and refreshments and then helped them board a special bus which safely carried them to the mental hospital RINPAS.

Number of Media People(both print and electronic) were present at the Station and they had widely covered the scene. They were apprised of as to how these people were traced in Ernakullam, Kerala and how they were able to come to their homeland by virtue of the order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court. The steps taken by the Hon'ble Kerala High Court, KLSA and JHALSA and all concerned were appreciated by the Media people.



**Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.K. Merathia**, the then Judge, Jharkhand High Court & Executive Chairman, JHALSA and **Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N.Patel**, Judge Jharkhand High Court also later visited RINPAS and met the said 19 patients showing their sincere concern for them. Hon'ble Judges were pleased to give directions at the spot to Director, RINPAS as well as the Member Secretary, JHALSA for close monitoring of the ongoing treatment of the patients along with others who were already treatment at RINPAS. The Hon'ble Judges were also pleased to direct for the betterment of these patients by all means as also for taking steps for tracing out their family inmates and for rehabilitation of these patients after recovery from their ailments in case family inmates are not traceable.



A success in this regard has been reported by RINPAS, Ranchi when one female patient namely **Mrs. Sivamani alias Mrs. Shiromani Devi**, Age : 45 yrs, of Vill. + P.O- **Gangania, P.S. : Sultanganj Dist : Bhagalpur (Bihar)**, admitted at RINPAS on 6.8.2012 alongwith 18 other patients transferred from Palluruthy Relief Settlement, Kochi, Kerala was declared mentally improved and subsequently rehabilitated and handed over to her genuine guardian after verification of their identity.



## *Pictorial View*



**Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N. Patel, Judge, Jharkhand High Court & Executive Chairman, JHALSA visited the Male and Female ward at RINPAS, Kanke, Ranchi**



**Sri B.K. Goswami, Member Secretary, JHALSA welcomes the Medical team along with the Patients from Kerala at Ranchi Railway Station.**



**Mentally ill Patients from Kerala having refreshment at Ranchi Railway station after welcomed by JHALSA.**



**The Patients carried to RINPAS, Kanke, Ranchi from Ranchi Railway Station by a Special Bus.**





