Feature Story: A $500,000 gift to AIM for Seva by Shri Jugal and Smt Bimla Kishor

Shri Jugal and Bimla Kishor, from Pleasanton California have committed to $500,000 towards construction of Swami Dayananda Residential School and Free Student Hostel (FSH) complex located in the Padali Khurd village, Badawah tahsil, Khargone district in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Jugal & Bimla’s own words: We had been praying very hard & earnestly to God to show us a way to help in the all India Movement for Seva in a meaningful way. Mainly because it was founded by Pujya Swamiji Dayananda Saraswati which needed no introductions and any credibility related assurances. We strongly felt that we must contribute towards the upliftment of human life through the process of education that gets imparted to those students who have no means in any sense of the worldly resources. It took us five years to decide. Finally, January 25th, 2018 was that historical day for us when our prayers resulted in the actual Bhumi puja in a village of MP named Padali Khurd in the vicinity of a well-known holy place & lord Siva’s iconic temple Omkareswar. It is an extreme backward tribal area about two hours’ drive from Indore and has potential to be a huge campus for educational opportunities for the genuine needy & economically deprived people. Both Bimla & I remain totally committed to fund it for an earliest possible launch, may be by 2019 end. That would be grand offering & a memorial for our parents late Sh. Dharma & Shanti Dogra of New Delhi.

We are enormously grateful to Jugal & Bimla for their vision and generosity. Our hope is that over time many of us can coalesce our support to similar undertakings like Padali Khurd in MP, which transforms the whole area around it and provide educational opportunities and other facilities to people living in these remote areas of India.

Bhumi Puja on 25th January, 2018: The Chief Guests of honor were Shri Jugal and Smt Bimala Kishor who flew from California to attend the puja. Other attendees were Smt Sheela Balaji (Chair Person and Managing Trustee of Aim for Seva), Shri Srini Raman (Chief Operating Officer of AIM for Seva, USA), Shri Radheshyam Julaniyaji (Chief Secretary of MP Government), Shri Ashok Varmaji (Collector of Khargone) and many more dignitaries from Indore and Khargone. There was lot of enthusiasm among 200+ plus villagers who also attended the function.

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