

Samman Samaroh & Meeting with Swami Awdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj

On 4th October 2021, the Astha Charitable Trust New Delhi which is headed by Mr Shyam Jaju, Ex National Vice President of BJP, organized "Samman Samaroh" for "Aajivan Samajik Sewa Yogdan" at Nishkam Sewa Trust Bhawan Bhupatwala, Haridwar. Amongst the dignitaries present were - Pujya Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, Head Juna Akhara, Swami Rupendra Prakash Mahamandaleshwar, Sri Prem Chand Agarwal, Speaker Vidhan Sabha Uttarakhand, Sri Naresh Bansal Rajya Sabha MP, Sri Yatishwaranand, Minister Govt of Uttarakhand and MLA Sri Aadesh Chauhan.

Around 150 esteemed persons from Haridwar, Dehradun and Rishikesh were honored with a certificate and shawl for their lifelong devotion for the social service.

Among recipients of this coveted award were 7 from Senior Citizen Forum Haridwar. Sri Sarvesh Gupta, Sri M.K.Raina, Sri P.P.Dhasmana, Sri A.K.Rastogi, Dr R.K.Goel, Dr Vinod Kumar Chouhan and Mrs Saroj Jain.

Sri M.K.Raina was called on podium to give his talk in 2 minutes due to time constraint. In his speech, Sri Raina drew the attention of Pujya Swami Ji on declaring Haridwar as "Destination for Senior Care and Living" while not to wait for their Ashes to come to Haridwar. He emphasized that senior persons want to come to Haridwar from all over the world. Creating due facilities will definitely be a unique step for Govt to really do something for the Senior Citizens. Pujya Swami Ji, in his address, mentioned the points raised by Sri Raina and thanked for giving a very thoughtful issue for implementation through Govt authorities and would be very pleased to be associated for this cause.

Looking at the very positive response from Swami ji, a team of Senior Citizen Forum Haridwar - Sri Jagdish Pahwa, Sri Sarvesh Gupta, Sri M.K.Raina and Sri Suresh Palgay got the appointment of meeting Pujya Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj on 13th October evening 6:30 PM at his Kankhal Ashram in Haridwar.

We were escorted to the open green field where Swamiji Ji meets general public. After our brief introduction, he took us to his meeting Chamber. He praised Sri Pahwa ji for his omnipresence in social activities. Sri Sarvesh Gupta briefly told about Forum's objectives and goals. He also shared the various correspondence done with regard to the Haridwar Destination Center. Looking at the Swami Ji's response, we were encouraged to open ourselves for giving all details which was very nicely done by Sri M.K.Raina. Swami Ji, after careful listening, asked to submit brief note on what we want as facility in Haridwar, what Government policies are and what is the current status of policy implementation and actions in Uttarakhand and Haridwar. He was also interested in knowing the details of "Senior Citizen Commission" appointed by M.P.Govt. As he has to proceed to Delhi on 21st October to join Mr Amit Shaha for taking a Sufi discussion in Kashmir, he wanted to mail all details before his departure so that he could make use of information sharing and discussion with top Govt ministers.

