

## Visit to AIM For Seva Hostel, Haridwar

Right before Deepavali celebrations, a group of the 6-Month course students had the great fortune of paying a visit to AIM for Seva Girls Hostel in Haridwar. The visit was beautiful with lots of lovely memories to take with us. Grateful to Divine that I could be part of it. Also, heartfelt thanks to Rekha Ji, the current coordinator (who has taken the previous 6-Month course), for inviting us all. Few Snippets below:

1. Started the gathering with a special Welcome song which the girls had prepared with Rekha Ji. Post which, each girl introduced herself. Each one had a unique, yet big dream about her future, which was very interesting.

2. After which, all the girls danced. The youngest Cutie pie gave the Solo performance. Rest everyone danced in groups on different songs. They invited us to join, and so I, along with few others joined them for dancing... 3. Following that, they sang beautiful songs - some Punjabi, some Gharwali. And yes, we all joined them again, learning from them.

4. They have shared about their daily routine, which besides school includes time for self study, time for puja, time to play/dance etc. We also replied some of the questions they had for us. We wrapped it all up with some gifts and sweets we have brought for them, and than enjoyed together Samosas, laddus and Chai, followed by some games such as Antakshari, Kho Kho and group dancing of course... It was all so sweet but too short a time and was really difficult to say GoodBye, was teary eyed. Aarti, Tamanna, Diya, Radha, Ekta (the youngest Cutie Pie), Asmi (Chess Champion) are few of the names I still remember, though do and shall always remember each one of their beautiful faces and souls. Rekha reported that the sweet memories of the visit lingered for days after. Girls kept asking if we will come again and she said "hope so". Glad we all captured some wonderful moments in pictures. Gratitude for Pujya Swamiji for starting this extraordinary organization, for helping so many girls, and for bringing hope to this world.

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