

## **Field visit to Inchudi, Srijung and Satyabhamapur**

First field visit of Maa Rama Devi Chair was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 2023 to Srijung and Inchudi in Balasore district and Satyabhamapur in Cuttack District of Odisha.

### **TEAM MEMBERS:**

The members who went on the visit are:-

1. Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, Chair Professor, MRDC
2. Jyotatsi Jangyanseni, Research Assistant, MRDC
3. Mr. Sabyasachi Nayak, Guest faculty of Hist. Dept, RDWU
4. Ramakanta Mandal, a social activist who is associated with Bari Ashram, Inchudi Museum and Satyabhamapur Ashram at Rama Devi's residence.

### **REPORT:**

Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, Jyotatsi Jangyanseni and Sabyasachi Nayak started the journey at 6.30 a.m. from Bhubaneswar by road and next they picked up Ramakanta Mandal, a social activist who is closely associated with Rama Devi's family and ashrams at Satyabhamapur, Bari and Inchudi, from Cuttack and started their journey towards Srijung, a place of historical relevance. They reached Srijung around 10:45 am. Here, they visited a museum that housed a priceless collection of images and stories depicting the fearless freedom fighters of Odisha who had participated in the historic Salt Satyagraha. Few pictures of relevance were collected from there. Then the team visited Pradipta Das, who has written a book on Inchudi's history. After collecting a copy of the book, the team proceeded to the Salt Satyagraha memorial. It had series of pictures related to the salt movement. Some pictures were collected and discussions held with the curator, Sarbeswar Das. In the afternoon, the team headed to the birthplace of Maa Rama Devi, i.e., Satyabhamapur in Cuttack and reached there around 5:15p.m. This place is popularly known as Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das's birth place. Some pictures were collected from the ancestral house of Rama Devi and family and also visited the museum there. The team returned to Bhubaneswar around 7:15p.m.

### **OUTCOME:**

Covering of places which are closely associated with Maa Rama Devi and collection of relevant data and pictures for future reference.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Need to raise awareness among people, especially the students about Odisha's rich historical/cultural heritage and the stories of Odisha's freedom fighters.
2. There are many unsung heroes who are tirelessly working on the ground and conducting extensive research on the subject. Their efforts can be formally recognised and their data utilized for further research.

- The students of RDWU can visit such places as part of their field study for better appreciation of the history of Odisha.

**PICTURES:**











