

# SARVA VIKAS DEEP

## Mangaon, Raigad, Maharastra-402104

### Mission Mangaon Extension

The decennial jubilee of Mangaon Mission (2006-20017) has been marked with two major resolutions viz. extension of the mission activities to the neighboring civil block, Mhasala and screening of tribal children from the age group of 1 to 6 for malnourishment. Accordingly two rooms have been taken on rent to house all the extension activities. On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Fr. Paul Vattathara SVD & Fr. Richard Quadros SVD inaugurated the office and Fr. Richard Mathais SVD, the provincial superior, INM province blessed the rented office in the presence of about eighteen confreres from Mangaon, Tala, Bandra, Vasai unit along with Sarva Vikas Deep (SVD) staff and the Sisters.



Mhasala is about 26 k.ms west of Mangaon. The total population of the block is about 56,000. Out of which about 6500 tribals live in 28 villages. In the initial survey done by the SVD staff members, it has been found that about 70% of the tribals are still deprived of the government documents viz. tribe certificate, BPL ration cards, forest land rights and government schemes. The survey has put the SVD in perspective to address the issues on a war footing. The work is already in full swing.

In a week at least 3 to 4 days, the confreres and the staff members are in Mhasala to network with the government officers. Before the blessing and inauguration of the office, in the past 4 months, the confreres worked relentlessly with all the government officers to obtain a green signal to work in the remote villages in order to avoid any such misunderstanding leading to communalism. The government officers are working in tandem with the SVD staff and the confreres. We are grateful to the INM administration and the Society of the Divine Word for creating another opportunity to serve the last least and the lost.

**-Richie Quadros SVD**