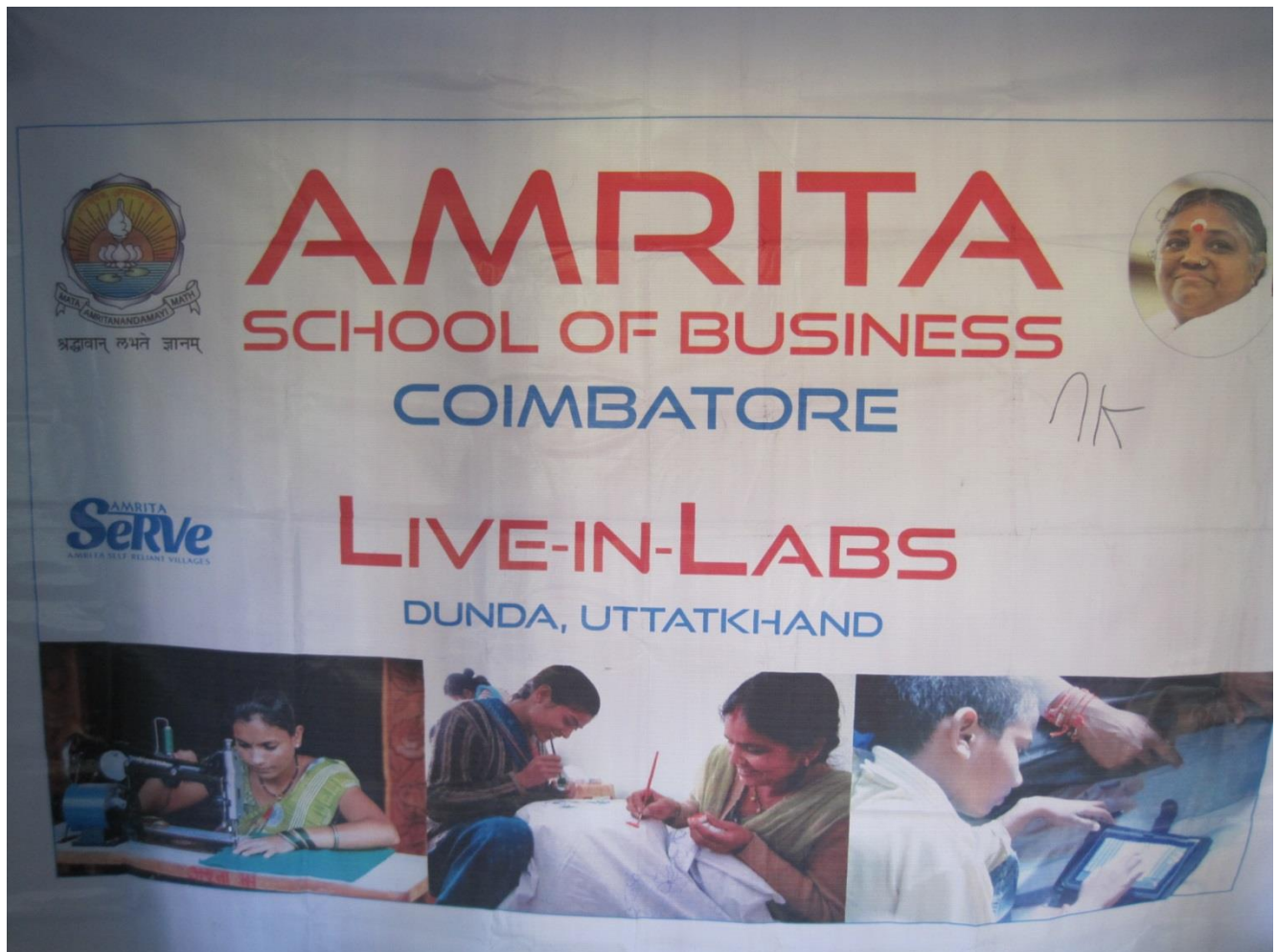


**INDIVIDUAL REPORT ON VISIT TO**  
**DUNDA VILLAGE**



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## **Day 1:**

This was my first visit to north India and it was a long journey in train. I and my friends reached Dunda village near Uttarkashi after 65 hours of travel. The way to this village was wonderful with natural sceneries everywhere. After reaching ashram in Dunda village we were welcomed warmly by a foreigner and devotee of Amma, Ms. Ursula Luciano who is a facilitator now there in Dunda village. We reached around 2.00 pm to that village; we started our first activity on same evening itself around 4.45pm. We had an Amrita tuition teacher Mr. Pradheep who arranged a meeting with villagers near tuition centre. I met some kids there they were all going to government school near Dunda village. It was nice to be with kids because they got along with us so quick and even started calling us by names. The only barrier I faced was language I had to depend on my friends to convey even a small message. Then I had interaction with the village ladies who were just coming back from fields. I had learnt one thing from this conversation that they work more comparing to men in that village. I also understood their basic problems in agriculture like lack of rain and lack of permanent source of water. I and my friends came back to ashram and had a brainstorming session with Dr. Rajiv Prasad (mentor).

## **Day 2:**

We divided our self into groups, I was assigned to collect financial details of village from the financial institution near the village and there were totally two banks (SBI & PNB), one cooperative bank and a post office. I got lot of details from these financial institutions about the current financial status of the people in Dunda Village and I also invited the bank managers to come and have an interaction with villagers. Finally in afternoon I went for

education survey with my friends to the houses and we were able to complete 12 houses till late evening. Villagers all responded to our question without hesitations they also invited us inside and offered us tea. I was surprised with the way villagers behaved, they were so friendly. They started to share their problems with us and they showed us their land, what they crop in it. They also showed interest in village development and said us how they want develop their children. In late evening we had session with kids and my other friends were teaching them with tablet given to us. I found few kids were actually aware how to use a tablet that surprised me a lot.

Day 3:

We had a brainstorming session with our mentor in the morning about the survey taken on day 2 and I again went to take survey in afternoon another 8 houses were covered. I meet Mr. Ramjee Chandra Mohan site engineer of uttarakhand disaster recovery project near a tea stall, he took us to the relief site and showed us work which was in progress. In evenings we decided to visit a market place near that village to see how they trade goods and what other famous business there.

Day 4:

We had a meeting with villagers in ashram and Rajiv sir explained them how to develop the village. He made them to form a society where they can work for village development, I found that the people there are have interest to develop only thing is that don't have support.



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