

Visit Doishingri, Borpeta District, on 10th January 2019

A team of four member from ChandraprabhaSaikiani Centre for Women Studies visited ChandraprabhaSaikiani's birth place Doishingri, Borpeta District, on 10th January 2019. The team member visited a School in Saderi, Borpeta, which is named after ChandraprabhaSaikiani as PadmashreeChandraprabha Balika Vidyalaya, established in the year 1973, in the interaction with the teachers and students of the School. It was found that they are well aware about the life of ChandraprabhaSaikiani. The School also observes birth and death anniversary of ChandraprabhaSaikiani each year and published various souvenir, collections of essays and magazines in the name of ChandraprabhaSaikiani. The school will be co-educational from the year 2019.

After that team visited Doishingri and found a school established in the name of Rajaniprabha Das, sister of ChandraprabhaSaikiani where team found a bust of ChandraprabhaSaikiani. In an interview with the women (who had seen ChandraprabhaSaikiani), She told that ChandraprabhaSaikiani was a woman of a very Strong personality. She was the single woman who travel far to reach the school. She was the first woman who rode bicycle in that area. She encouraged all the women to weave their own cloths. She established a weaving centre at Doinshingri and engaged women in it. But after her demise women brought back all the looms and stopped the weaving Centre. Later people of the area established a school in the place where weaving Centre was located.

In the interview with Chandraprabha's relatives, they told that she contributed a lot to the society. She constructed Saderikatharal, Doinshingri by selling her own bangles. They also revealed that she was very kind to orphans. ChandraprabhaSaikiani adopted two child one girl and a boy. She named the girl Charu and nurtured and cared her. Charu is a retired teacher who stays in Patsala, Titka, Borpeta. Mahadev, an orphan was also adopted by ChandraprabhaSaikiani who was later given plot of land to settle.

Her relatives told that ChandraprabhaSaikiani was very kind whenever she found orphan child she used to bring then home and took care of them.

In her grandson's place the team found an iron kettle, a wooden table and an iron trunk which belongs to ChandraprabhaSaikiani.

At last team visited BorshingriMajaliya Vidyalaya from where Chandaprabhasaikiani passed out. Team member checked old documents since 1918 but there was no single document found where ChandraprabhaSaikiani's name was written down. The School headmaster, students and other staff of the School were not aware of the fact that she was their alumni.