



**FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL
TOUCHING LIVES, TRANSFORMING SOCIETY**

'ANNUAL REPORT OF COVA FROM 1ST APRIL 2017 TO 31ST MARCH 2018

We are pleased to report that COVA has been able to continue the tradition of introducing Innovative Programs for social transformation during 2017-18 also. Our gratitude to over 500 organisations in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Philippines, Singapore and Canada who collaborated with COVA in organizing programs with a wide diversity ranging from formation of COFI Networks, Peace Now and Forever Campaign , Citizens Entitlements Campaign to charting a new Grammar for engagement with Multilateral Bodies like G 20 etc. to secure space for peoples' agendas, enabling poor and marginalised to access loans from banks, accessing civic services through Citizens Charters, promoting Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism among students of Hyderabad and work with refugees from 12 countries as a Partner of UNHCR etc..

The star innovation for the year was 3rd Generation Philanthropy!

3RD GENERATION PHILANTHROPY

COVA has initiated the 3rd Generation Philanthropy Program to mobilise donations and resources from individuals, businesses and trusts / foundations to enable people to access resources of the government available through various schemes and budgeted for lakhs of crores. However most of these schemes and programs are grossly underutilised and the 3rd Generation Philanthropy is designed to enable people to access government schemes and programs that could make available lakhs of crores to people To Make Poverty History.

COVA has been able to mobilize Rs. 7 lakhs from 19 individuals for 3rd Generation Philanthropy programs for the year 2017 - 18. Our target for 2018-19 is at least Rs. 50 lakhs.

COVA has started three programs under the 3rd Generation Philanthropy Initiative namely Financial Inclusion, Enabling Students to Access Government Scholarships and Citizens Entitlements Campaign,. Through these programs COVA was able to enable 895 people to access bank loans of Rs. 1.91,58,500 crores through donations and contributions of just Rs. 17 lakhs; facilitate 2500 students to apply for government scholarships for an amount of Rs. 75 lakhs with the help of donations of Rs. 1.62 lakhs and achieved an increase of 46.7% in downloading of GHMC App to enable citizens to avail services from GHMC through the Citizens' Entitlements Campaign launched on 26th January 2018. Reports are appended below.

UNDERSTANDING 3 GENERATIONS OF PHILANTHROPY:

We are happy to share with you the Concept of **Third Generation Philanthropy**: From Charity to Facilitation that COVA has initiated to bring about attitudinal transformation in individual donors to channelize their donations from giving charity (First Generation Philanthropy) or providing services directly (Second Generation) to Third Generation Philanthropy that involves support to Facilitating Organisations to enable people to access the monumental resources allotted by the Central and State Governments for different projects in the social sector but remain grossly underutilized. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a Power Point Presentation explaining the Concept and Operations:

3RD GENERATION PHILANTHROPY PROGRAMS: IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

COVA has initiated the implementation of the following 3rd Generation Philanthropy Programs in partnership with 20 organisations in Hyderabad and more are expected to join this unique initiative from other cities also.

CITIZEN'S ENTITLEMENTS CAMPAIGN

The Citizen's Entitlements Campaign is part of the 3rd Generation Philanthropy Initiative of COVA. The Campaign has achieved a phenomenal increase of 46.7% in download of GHMC App by members of the public. Pamphlets were distributed and general public was encouraged to download Mobile Apps and lodge their grievances and complaints with concerned departments for the 56 services offered by GHMC, Water Works and the Electricity Departments as part of their Citizen's Charters. Data received from GHMC for the months of December 2017 and January and February 2018 illustrates the impact of the Citizens Entitlements Campaign as follows:

STATISTICS ON DOWNLOAD OF MYGHMC APP

Per Day	Per Month
Average downloads in Dec. 2017 and Jan 2018 (had CEC not been launched on 26th Jan): 1088	Total downloads in Jan. 2018 (had CEC not been launched on 26 th Jan): 29512
Average downloads from CEC launch till 28th Feb. 2018: 1596	Total downloads in Feb. 2018: 40732
Increase in number of downloads: 508	Increase in no. of downloads: 11220
Percentage increase: 46.7%	Percentage increase: 38%

The Citizens Entitlements Campaign was launched on 26th January 2018 on the occasion of 69th Republic Day of India under the Theme '**Let's Celebrate Citizenship**'. About 400 networks, organisations and groups across twin cities who had organised Flag Hoisting Functions also spoke about the Citizens Entitlements Campaign during the functions and distributed pamphlets and assisted participants to download the Mobile Apps. The range of places covered included slums, colonies, schools and events like the Hyderabad Literary Festival and the All India Industrial Exhibition (Numaish) where 50 to 80 thousand people attended each day. The objective of the Citizens' Entitlements Campaign is to enable citizens of Hyderabad and Secunderabad to easily avail 56 services that are provided by GHMC, Water Works and the Electricity Departments as part of their Citizen's Charters.

Over 40,000 pamphlets were distributed during the different flag hoisting celebrations and people were encouraged to download the Mobile Apps and make calls to call centers to register their grievances. Links to GHMC, HMWS&SB, TSSPDCL respective Citizen's Charter on COVA Website were included and inaugurated by the GHMC Commissioner Mr. Janardhan Reddy who also released the pamphlets, posters and standees of the campaign.

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INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

Citizens Entitlement Campaign launched

Citizens have duties too, says GHMC Commissioner

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The GHMC Commissioner B. Janardhan Reddy has reminded that citizens also have duties apart from their entitlements, and lamented the lack of adherence to the same.

Kick-starting the Citizens Entitlement Campaign by civil society organisations from Shantinagar here on Friday, Mr. Janardhan Reddy said that the number of downloads of various GHMC apps remain much lower than what was anticipated.

'My GHMC' app, which acts as grievance redressal interface between citizens and officials, has merely three lakh downloads, even though it would help citizens in doing away with the need to meet the officials for problem-solving. GHMC is even providing services such as issuing birth and death certificates online, through the app.

'Swachh Dhooth' app has only 10,000 downloads, despite the prize component of ₹one lakh, if the citizens upload their waste segregation pictures. Similar is the case with Mosquito App.

Explaining the efforts by GHMC for developing fool-proof monitoring mechanisms, Mr. Janardhan Reddy informed that a centralised



GHMC Commissioner B. Janardhan Reddy launching Citizens Entitlement Campaign at Shanti nagar community hall at Masab Tank in Hyderabad. • K.V.S. GIRI

monitoring system will be in place from next month, to ensure that street lights function to the maximum.

Self-assessment by property owners has been introduced after it came to the notice that officials were taking enormous time in fixing property tax. Mechanisms are also being developed to enable the citizens to reopen the complaint if it is not redressed.

Citizens' apathy is manifest also in use of plastic covers despite the ban, and lack of maintenance of water harvesting structures.

The Citizens Entitlement Campaign has been launched by civil society organisations and NGOs to en-

able citizens of twin cities to easily avail 56 services that are provided by GHMC, Water Works, and the Electricity department as per their citizens' charters.

The partner organisations are APSA, Arya Samaj, ATHMA, Basti Vikas Manch, CHATRI, CONARE, COVA, Dalit Stree Shakti, ICAN, Janani Foundation, Kriya Sangh Society, MARI, MSI, Nsheman Nagar Welfare Association, PUCAR, POW, SUPER, UFERWAS and others.

Awareness campaigns, padayatras, rallies, street corner meetings, wall paintings and other such activities will be taken up during the year, under the campaign.

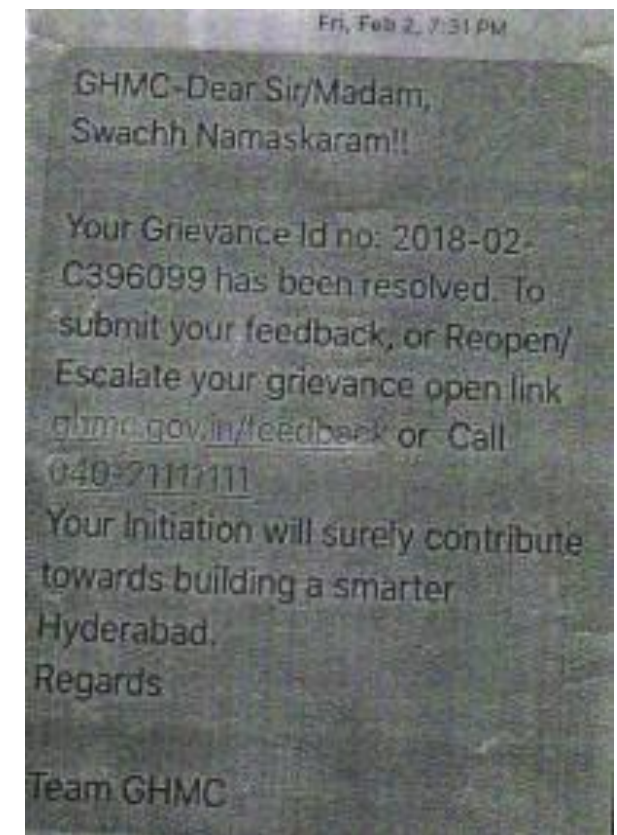
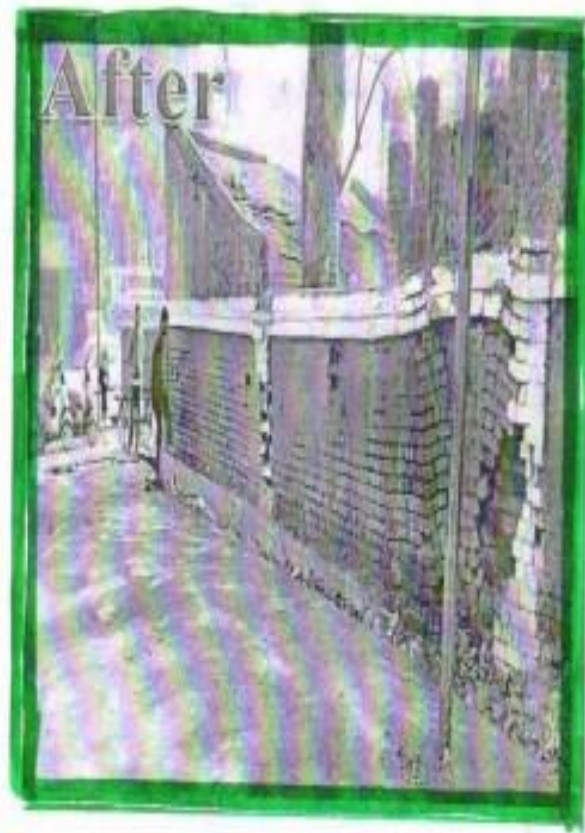
THE TIMES OF INDIA

Hyderabad: Civic authorities on Friday launched the Citizens' Entitlements Campaign at Shanti Nagar in Masab Tank. The campaign aims to enable citizens to easily avail 56 services provided by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) and the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL).

GHMC commissioner B Janardhan Reddy launched the campaign by releasing pamphlets, posters and websites. "My GHMC app is simple, but there are hardly three lakh downloads compared to the 90 lakh population and 1.5 crore mobiles in GHMC area," he said.

"The complaints pertaining to GHMC, water board and electricity department, which have been closed without a solution can be reported and we will follow up with the departments," said BT Srinivasan, general secretary of United Federation of Residential Welfare Associations.

CASE STUDY: STUDENTS ACCESS CIVIC SERVICES FOR SOCIETY AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS



Ghousiya Yasmeen, Tabassum Sultana, Ayesha Omar & Zaheda Kulsum, all girl students of Hyderabad Mission High School, undertook a Project Work on accessing civic services from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) as assured by the Citizens Charter. This was part of the Compassionate Citizenship and

Responsible Activism Program being implemented by COVA in 80 schools of Hyderabad and the Citizens Entitlements Campaign of COVA to enable people to access civic services from different government departments.

The students researched about responsibility and range of services offered by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the time frame within which each of these services are to be offered as part of the Citizens Charter. They also learnt about the different ways for registering their complaints and grievances like mobile App, call centres, Facebook, email etc. They did a field survey to identify issues that need attention and decided to file a complaint about littering and a pile of garbage lying uncleaned in Shakeer Gunj near their school. They downloaded the GHMC app and submitted their grievances with the department for which they received an acknowledgement detailing their complaint number, name and number of the concerned officer and the time frame within which the issue will be addressed.

The pile of garbage was cleaned up by GHMC within 30 hours of the complaint and they received another message saying that the complaint is addressed and if they have any issues or dissatisfaction, they can reopen their complaint again..

One of the students Tabassum Sultana said that the “major learning for them was about Citizens Charters, the functions of GHMC, the time frame in which the complaints have to be resolved, different modes for registering complaints and also how important it is for every citizen to participate and contribute to keeping their environment and city clean”.

These twin programs of COVA viz. Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism and Citizens Entitlements Campaign when brought together enabled students to learn the possibility of being responsible and active citizens and the benefits to society at large and for their own confidence building and self-satisfaction.

Activities Planned for 2018: Awareness Campaigns in localities, Rallies, Street Corner Meetings, Distribution of Pamphlets, Display of Posters, Wall Paintings, Mobile Audio Visual Publicity etc.

Links to Download information on GHMC, Water Works and Electricity Department

GHMC	http://www.covanetwork.org/GHMC/
TSSPDCL	http://www.covanetwork.org/electricity-department/
HMWS&SB	http://www.covanetwork.org/waterworks/

For more information please visit: <http://www.covanetwork.org/cec-report/>

ACCESS TO PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Information from 6 out of 32 schools of Hyderabad about Pre-Matric Scholarships							
Name of the Schools	Fresh Applications	Renewals	Total	Fresh Scholarships Received	Renewal Scholarships Received	Total	Percentage
Rising Sun High School	127	120	247	126	119	245	99.19
St. Stephen High School	63	49	112	63	46	109	97.32
Jamia Darul Huda High School	48	18	66	44	15	59	89.39
Faizan Islamic High School	60	72	132	55	70	125	94.69
Scholars Modal High School	158	115	273	140	106	246	90.10
Totals	456	374	830	428	356	784	94.13

Total Amount received as scholarship for the year 2017-18 is Rs. 75 lakhs for 830 students from 5 schools so far with an average sanctions of 93%. Information is awaited from about 1670 students from 27 more schools whom COVA had facilitated in online application for Government scholarships. Advocacy with authorities will be undertaken by COVA to understand why some applications are rejected, if these can be reopened and sanctioned or else steps to be taken to ensure the applications of these students are not rejected in future.

The Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme and COVA Facilitation

Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme by Central and State governments have large budget allocations. In 2015-16, Rs.5482 crores were allocated for scholarships by the Central Government alone, however, the scheme remains grossly underutilized by students from economically disadvantaged sections. Reasons for under-utilization are lack of awareness about schemes & limitations in accessibility to internet, Aadhaar card linkages, not having a bank account & registration of schools with the concerned Ministries.

Mr. A. K. Khan, IPS, Advisor to the Government of Telangana inaugurated the Free Online Scholarship Applications Program of COVA & ICAN for Pre Metric Scholarships on 4th July 2017.

This is a 3rd Generation Philanthropy Program designed to access the very large sums of government funds that are available for development of people but mostly remain unutilised.

COVA facilitates students to avail these scholarships by enabling them to:

1. Obtain Aadhar cards, income certificates, caste certificates etc.

Danish is a student of 8th standard at Jamia Darul Huda Hyderabad. His father works as washer man in the same school he is studying at. Last year Danish applied for a scholarship through an agent where he had to pay Rs. 200 for uploading his application at the national Scholarship Portal. He did not receive any message and could not get the scholarship during 2016-17. Danish said that “disappointed at not receiving the scholarship despite spending over Rs 250 for agent’s fee and documents my parents thought it is a waste of money and time and were not planning to apply for scholarships again”.



But in 2017-18 COVA facilitated the online uploading of his scholarship form on the National Scholarships Portal free of charge and followed up with the authorities. His application is approved and transfer of scholarship amount to his bank account is expected any time now.

2. Opening of bank accounts
3. Enrolment of schools with the concerned departments &
4. Online submission of forms by data entry operators equipped with laptops and dongles.
5. And follow up with authorities for release of funds.

As stated earlier, COVA facilitated 2500 students from 32 schools to apply for government scholarships with the help of donations of Rs. 1.62 lakhs during the year 2017-18. The scholarship amount are being released by the Government and it is expected that the students will get scholarships worth Rs. 75 lakhs at an average of Rs. 3000 each.

It is proposed to scale up the program from 2018-19 targeting at least 30,000 students to avail scholarships worth about 9 crores.

CASE STUDY: FROM DISAPPOINTMENT TO HOPE: ENABLING POOR STUDENTS TO SECURE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT

COVA started Pilot Project for Financial Inclusion in 2015 in association with State Bank of Hyderabad and Syndicate Bank in Hyderabad. The Program was also extended to Karimnagar in Telangana State from 2016. The objective of the Project was to provide financial literacy to the people to enable them to directly access loans from banks. It is the right of each citizen as stipulated by the Government of India and Reserve Bank of India under various schemes like DRI (Differential Rate of Interest) Loans, Priority Sector Lending, and Prime Minister’s 15-Point Program for Minorities and MUDRA, etc. to avail loans from banks.

The Economic Survey and Union Budget for 2016-17 and related stipulations of the government require that bank credit of at least 11.26 lakh crores should be advanced to 14.2 crore Nano and Micro businesses and agriculture initiatives - each getting an average of Rs. 1.09 Lakhs! At 5.5 persons per family in India, this

Chandrakala of Uppu Guda, a deprived area in the old city area of Hyderabad, had started with sale of sarees as a door to door sales person and now has a small Boutique. She says “I took my first loan of Rs. 15,000 in September 2014 and repaid the same by the end of 2014. I applied for the second loan for Rs. 1,00,000 in January 2016 and I am still in the process of repaying it to the bank and ensure regular payments. Both the loans I took, were to expand my Saree business. After taking the second loan I have succeeded in increasing the stock of sarees and dress materials in my shop and have also started to sell designer and fancy women’s wear which I couldn’t afford to do previously.



The expansion of my shop made me capable of contributing to my household income which instils in me a feeling of self-confidence and independence. It’s a great feeling to be able to pay for a lot of expenses of my children and family on my own without having to ask for money from my husband.

means that 78.1 crore or 62% of India's population would benefit.

COVA has been able to secure loans for 895 persons from State Bank of Hyderabad and Syndicate Bank amounting to Rs. 1,91,58,500 with a Repayment of 99.7%. However, after demonitisation in November 2016, the repayment steadily came down to reach the lowest figures of 92.17% for SBH and 79.68 % for Syndicate Bank in September 2017. In Karimnagar there was a remarkable repayment rate of 99.6 % despite demonetization in November 2016 that is reported to have adversely affected recoveries of all banks across different segments.

CASE STUDY: A BOUTIQUE AT LAST!

CASE STUDY: WOMEN POWER TO THE FORE

Fahmeeda Begum, Vazeer Bee, Raziya Sultana, Shabana Begum, Parveen Begum and Raziya Begum, aged between 29 and 40 years, are engaged in different businesses like tailoring, Karchob and Bangle Making. COVA facilitated them to take loans from State Bank of Hyderabad under the DRI (Differential Rate of Interest) Scheme with just 4% interest per annum and through the Group Guarantee system that does not require any collateral.



Each received a loan of INR 15,000 in 2014 that they successfully repaid within time and got a second loan for INR 30,000 under the MUDRA Scheme that was also repaid by all of them without delay. Now they have applied for the third round of loans for Rs. 50,000 each and State Bank of India has sanctioned the loans. The loan amount is already released for Ms. Fahmeeda and others are expected to get sanctioned amounts in the first week of April 2018.

One of the borrowers, Fahmeeda Begum, aims to expand her wholesale business of making and selling fancy bangles and start a shop in Laadh Bazaar, the main bangles market of Hyderabad. The husband and wife also participated in Reserve Bank of India's "Artisans Event-2014: Empowering with Collateral Free Loans" and showcased their products that were also inspected by Mr. Raghuram Rajan, the then Governor of RBI. Vazeer Bee, another member of this group of five, says the biggest benefit for her from the loans was that the increased earnings helped her for her daughter's marriage and now her daughter also wants to learn and

support the business). *"Main apne beti ki shadi kar paayi iss loan ki suvidha se aur meri beti bhi yeh kaam seekhna chahti hai"*

All the women shared that they felt a sense of dignity reviving in them since they could bear their own expenses and also supplement their family incomes that makes them feel empowered.

ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE FRIENDLY POLICIES

Apart from enabling Nano and Small entrepreneurs to access loans from banks, COVA has also successfully undertaken advocacy for Financial Inclusion of the poor and Government of India accepted 8 of the 12 Recommendations of COVA for Financial Inclusion in the years 2015-16. Please see the section at the end of this report on Advocacy for details.

For more information on the Financial Inclusion Program of COVA please visit: <http://www.covanetwork.org/portfolio/empowerment-programs/>



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

PEACE NOW AND FOREVER CAMPAIGN BETWEEN PAKISTAN – INDIA

The Peace Now & Forever Campaign was launched on 1st July 2017 covering 60 cities and towns of India and Pakistan with the objective of addressing the steadily deteriorating relations between the two neighbors and to provide platforms to enable civil society to demand peace and condemn war mongering without feeling apologetic or guilty about their stand. The campaign saw enthusiastic participation from people from different walks of life including students.

Some of the cities covered were New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmadabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Ranchi, Saharanpur, Shimla, Kolkotta, Khatua, Imphal, Vijayawada, and Ayodhya etc. in India and Karachi, Lahore, Hyderabad etc in Pakistan.

JOINT SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN FROM 1ST JULY TO 15TH AUGUST 2017

Eminent personalities who participated in initiating the Signature Campaign as part of the Launch Program in different cities in India include Admiral Ramdas, former Chief of Indian Navy, Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Dr, Sayeeda Hameed, Tapan Bose, Harsh Mandar, Kamla Bhasin, Gagan Sethi, Azeez Pasha, Satya Paul, Julson Soy, Rajesh Joshi, and L.S. Herdenia. The Pakistan campaign was led by Asad Iqbal Butt, Ms. Anis Haroon, Ms. Sheema Kermani, Mahnaza Rahman, Dr. Jaffar Ahmed, Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Habibuddin Junaidi, Aabida Ali and others.

Thousands of signatures were collected online and in the cities and towns of India and Pakistan and also in other countries where Indians and Pakistanis live.

The signatories include former generals and admirals and other ranking military officers of India and Pakistan, film and sports personalities, political leaders, academics, activists, journalists, professionals and eminent persons and thought leaders from all walks of life.

The Signature Campaign provided common people from all walks of life a platform to express themselves to condemn war and violence and demand peace between India and Pakistan.

Apart from the Joint Signature Campaign, many other simultaneous programs in different cities and towns were organised as part of the Campaign including Young Art for Future of Humanity: through Platform for Children and Youth – Film and Documentary Festivals, Culture Camps, Interfaith Prayer Meets, Peace Caravans, Rallies and Marathons, Outreach to Political Parties and Elected Representatives etc.



Ahmedabad



Karachi, Pakistan

- Interfaith Prayer Meets
- Peace Caravans, Rallies and Marathons
- Outreach to Political Parties and Elected Representatives etc.

Some key events organised were

- Peace songs
- Candlelight vigil
- Unique live painting on “Partition” by Prof. Pravin Mishra in Ahmedabad
- Live performance by 60 musicians from 6 Bands in Bengaluru
- Young Art for Future of Humanity
- Lectures on Peace including need for cordial India - Pakistan relations in schools, colleges and universities
- Film, Documentary festivals and Poetry recitals
- Culture Camps



Bengaluru

The highlight of the Peace Now Campaign were the emergence of the idea of a mobile app ‘Dil Se’ to enable Indians and Pakistanis who have visited the neighboring country to upload a ‘one minute’ video statement of their experiences in that country and a web based online initiative ‘Connecting a Million’ that will help citizens of both countries to connect online. These ideas are being operationalized and could be rolled out in 2018.



Bengaluru



Hyderabad

The Objectives

- To sensitize people to the scale and devastation from violence in the world today,
- To demonstrate unity across different faiths in challenging violence in all forms and
- To use spirituality and religiosity to promote values of inclusion and peace and not to divide, promote hate and spread violence in the name of religions.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As 21st September is declared as International Day of Peace by the United Nations, Prayers for Peace Programs were organized on this day in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Manipur, New Delhi, Saharanpur and Srinagar in India and Karachi in Pakistan.



Prayers for Peace Meeting at USTM @ Meghalaya



Prayers for Peace @ Mumbai



Songs for Peace @ Srinagar



Book release on Hindu-Muslim Unity and Peace



Prayers for Peace @ Saharanpur



Prayers and Pledge for Peace @ Bengaluru



Prayers for Peace @ Charminar, Hyderabad



Prayers for Peace @ Lahore, Pakistan

LOCATIONS OF 'PRAYERS FOR PEACE' EVENTS

Hyderabad

Prayers for Peace by Faith Leaders of Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Zoroastrianism were organized in front of the historic Charminar in presence of hundreds of people.

Karachi

Vigil Prayer for Peace was Organised at the Karachi Press Club on the occasion of International Peace Day. Representatives of Civil Society, Students, Trade Unionists, Journalists and Academicians participated in the vigil

New Delhi

The Temple of Understanding India Foundation hosted a Multi-Religious Prayer Service at Ramayan Vidyapeeth, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Hon'ble Dr. Karan Singh, MP Presided. Representatives of Baha'i Faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism offered greetings and recited prayers from their Holy Books. Dr. Karan Singh also released two books on Hindu - Muslim Unity and Peace on the occasion.

Bengaluru

Prayers for Peace were organized at GFG College, K.R. Puram Bengaluru in which hundreds of people participated. The function started with the long bell (in line with the United Nations celebration protocol) followed by one minute of silence to pay respect to the soldiers of peace who are still championing the cause of peace. The Program also included music and songs and concluded with peace wrist band tied to all participants.

Meghalaya

Prayers for Peace were organized by USTM (University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya) where thousands of students participated. Prayers were led by priests for Christianity, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism in the presence of Mr. Mahbulul Haque, Chancellor of the University.

Srinagar

The Peace Gong Jammu and Kashmir team organized a day long program on Prayers for Peace in a Boarding School in Srinagar. Besides discussions on how children can take the lead in promoting peace, the students discussed on how peace between communities can be fostered.

Mumbai

Prayers for Peace were organized at the Astana of Makhdum Mahimi by PMSCT. In the presence of Mr. Suhail Khandwani Managing Trustee Mahim Dargah, priests representing Christianity, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism recited from Holy Scriptures and prayed for peace.

Saharanpur

Disha Kendra organized Prayers for Peace Program involving members of all local communities. The Prayers were led by Mr. K. N. Tiwari and included invocations for peace in the world.

ART FOR PEACE



The Art for Peace Program was organised on 29th July 2017 from 10:30AM to 9:00PM to showcase the love for peace and hate for war in various forms of art and culture like; Paintings and Cartooning by artists, English, and Telugu Poetry recitation; Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan, Play, Music, Documentaries and Panel Discussions as part of Peace Now and Forever Campaign between Pakistan and India.

The Art for Peace program was organised in Hyderabad by Aman Vedika, Caring Citizens' Collective, Chindu, COVA, Hyderabad Literary Festival, Sutradhar and The Little Theatre.

Four documentaries on India- Pakistan issues viz. Ek-One; Milne Do; The Bloody Line and Mukund and Riaz were screened followed by Two Panel Discussions Chaired by Sardar Nanak Singh Nishtar and Mr Kingshuk Nag. Panel Members were Dr Anand Raj Varma, Dr Mazher Hussain, Prof Sumanta Banerjee & Ms Chandana Chakraborty. Members of The Little Theatre Hyderabad comprising Mr Shanker Melkote, Ms. Chandana Chakraborty, Mr. Vijay Marur, Bizat Banerjee and B.S. Prakash read Sadat Hasan Manto's Titwal Ka Kutta, Poem on Radcliff Line by W.H. Auden, Excerpts from Urvashi Butalia's Partition Stories and concluded with the classic poem by Faiz Ahmed Faiz titled Subah- e- Azadi.

Ms. Shakila and her team enthralled the gathering with Peace Songs and eminent Painters and Cartoonists from Hyderabad expressed their anguish against war and desire for peace through their art.

Poetry Recitation in English was moderated by Prof. T. Vijay with Ms. Sridala Swami, Dr. Usha Raman and Ms. Vasanth Kannabiran reciting their poems on the themes of war, violence and peace. Ms Gogu Shayamala anchored the Telugu poetry session where poets Renuka Ayola, Sky Baba, and Shanthi Prabhodha presented their poems. Hindi Kavi Sammelan and Urdu Mushaira included poets Bhanwarlal Upadhyay, Laxminarayan Agarwal Atyab Ejaz, Mumtaz Sultana and Shahid Adeeli. Mr F M Saleem moderated the Kavi Sammelan and Mushaira.

The Day Long Event concluded with Siyah Haashiye a play based on the stories by eminent writer Sadat Hasan Minto and presented by Vinay Verma and his team from Sutradhar.



For more information please visit: <http://www.covanetwork.org/portfolio/peace-initiatives/>

COFI NETWORKS INTERNATIONAL: TO SECURE CYBER SPACE FOR PEACE

The COFI (Cyber Operations for Fraternity and Integration) Networks Program aims to reach out to persons from fields of religion, media, civil society and social media who are concerned by the growing phenomenon of misuse of social media spaces for spread of hate campaigns leading to fanatic indoctrination- especially of youth. These persons, who are well versed in religious and social issues but are unable to respond to this growing menace of online indoctrination (due to their technical limitations in using Social media), are enlisted as Partners and provided technical skills and ability in handling a range of social media platforms and tools.

COFI Program use Format of DLIT (Digital Literacy and Intervention Techniques) that trains Partners in gaining competence in using social media to counter hate campaigns and indoctrination and propagate understanding and peaceful coexistence through training programs of one and two days.

COFI Networks started as a follow on of an International TechCamp organised in Hyderabad from 26th to 29th November 2016 with active participation of youth leaders, civil society activists, religious leaders and journalists. In all 33 foreign participants from seven countries and 16 participants from 6 cities of India attended the program. 5 foreign Resource Persons from 4 countries and 6 Indian Resource Persons conducted the program with great expertise. The countries represented were Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Romania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, USA, and India. Participants from six Indian cities of Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Lucknow, Guwahati, Mumbai and New Delhi also attended.

After this TechCamp in Hyderabad, COVA in association with other organisations and participants of the TechCamp started many initiatives and programs.

TEHCAMPS AND MINI TECHCAMPS ORGANISED BY COVA

S.No	Date	Two Day TechCamps	Participants
1	26 - 29 Nov. 2016	Hyderabad TechCamp	49
2	6-7 May 2017	Bengaluru TechCamp	35
3	8-9 July 2017	Mumbai TechCamp	38
4	5-6 Aug. 2017	Delhi TechCamp	35
5	9-10 Sept. 2017	Guwahati TechCamp	37
6	16-17 Dec. 2017	Kolkotta TechCamp	40
Sub-Total			234

S.No	Date	Two Day TechCamps	Participants
1	20 May 2017	Hyderabad BootCamp	38
2	28 Oct 2017	Ahmadabad TechCamp Mini	35
3	4 Nov 2017	Bhopal TechCamp Mini	33
4	12 Feb 2018	Bhubaneswar	24
Sub-Total			154

S.No		Trainers	No. of Trainers
1		International Trainers	5
2		Indian Trainers	32
Sub-Total			37
COFI Parnters: Total			401

A TechCamp was also organised in Dhaka Bangladesh with 40 participants on 13-14 February 2018. Process is being initiated to enlist participants of the Dhaka TechCamp as members of COFI Networks. Organisations in other cities of India and other countries are showing interest in organising TechCamps and enlisting with COFI Networks.

FORMATION OF COFI NETWORKS



A TechCamp in progress in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Taking advantage of a strong and enthusiastic pool of over 400 trained partners and trainers in different TechCamps, COVA has started COFI Networks in different cities where the TechCamps were organised under the banner of COFI (Cyber Operations for Fraternity and Integration) Networks International with Chapters in different cities. Members are active in dedicated WhatsApp Groups and Facebook Group. Meeting of the Local COFI Networks have also started in different cities.

The COFI Networks Program aims to provide technical skills and ability in handling a range of social media platforms and tools to persons from different fields like religion, media, civil society and social media etc. and who are well versed in religious and social issues and who can therefore effectively counter online fanatic propaganda (against different religious groups and communities) in social and mainstream media spaces both as individuals and also through organised groups to secure cyberspace for peace.

Support Mechanisms:

1. **COFI Website:** A dedicated website is created and is now functional to provide a common platform for all COFI Networks across different cities and countries to connect, share information, engage in discussions and plan/ facilitate collaborative activities etc.
2. **E- Learning Platform:** The COFI website also features an E- Learning Platform that will provide interactive tutorials and learning opportunities to master social media and its application- especially to counter online hate campaigns and check radicalisation along with promotion of peace.
3. **The HUB:** This is a unique program developed by COVA and designed to enable eminent personalities dedicated to promotion of informed understanding of issues, social harmony and peace

to propagate their writings, videos and public expressions through social media. This will be done through creation of customised, individual Blogs that enable automatic propagation on a range of social media platforms like whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter etc. reaching out to a 100,000 or more people in the first post. Onward shares could take a post to limitless numbers. COFI Partners trained in TechCamps are being enlisted as Blog Managers for the eminent personalities enlisted with The HUB Program to facilitate propagation of their speeches and writings on social media.

Expected Impact: Proliferation of positive and informed content in social media that promotes mutual understanding and unification of society. This could counter hate campaigns and indoctrination for extremism and violence that is dominating the virtual reality today and secure cyberspace for peace.

For more information please visit the dedicated website of COFI Networks at: www.cofinetworks.org



A TechCamp Session

MULTILATERALS: A NEW GRAMMAR FOR ENGAGEMENT

Multilaterals & Civil Society New Grammar for Engagement

Presentation by
Dr. Mazher Hussain
COVA

COVA has been engaged with the G 20, BRICS, Common Wealth, MDGs, SDGs and other UN and Multilateral processes and also with UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) as an implementing partner and at international policy Fora.

COVA has undertaken two Studies, Critical Study of Financial Inclusion in G 20 countries in 2013 and Study of MSMEs in BRICS Economies in 2016 as part of its engagement with Multilateral Platforms.

With experience through engagement with many Multilateral Platforms over the years, COVA is working for formulating a new grammar of engagement of civil society with governments and Multilateral bodies to ensure space for people centric discourse and policies. This proposal is

being received well and COVA is hopeful of good results in the coming years. The PPT and the Note appended below will explain the concerns and strategies for action. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for **PPT**:

INTERNATIONAL IN THE LOCAL : COVA-UNHCR REFUGEE FACILITATION CENTRE SNAPSHOT OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

As Partner of UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees), COVA works with 5000 Refugees and Asylum Seekers from 12 countries living in Hyderabad. As part of its range of services for the Refugees and Asylum Seekers COVA

- ✓ Helps Asylum Seekers and Refugees to acquire required legal documentation like Refugee Card and Long Term Visa (LTV) to enable their stay in India
- ✓ Provides training to police officials on Refugee Law and legal assistance to refugees whenever required as part of Protection
- ✓ Provides legal counselling and assistance whenever required
- ✓ Works for enrolment of refugee children in schools,
- ✓ Facilitates support for medical care,
- ✓ Mobilises grants for livelihood activities
- ✓ Provides capacity building through training and counselling for their Empowerment
- ✓ Organises cultural programs and sports events for Receptions
- ✓ Finally, provides Monthly Ration Support to 120 destitute refugee families through the Adopt a Refugee Program.



Monthly Rations for a Destitute Refugee Family



Community Interaction in Progress

**Support to Refugees in Cash & Kind Mobilised by COVA during 2017-18
At a Glance**

In Kind	Value in INR
South Sudan Schlarship supported by Telangana Government	18,90,000
BConstruction of Huts	2,50,000
RFlooring Renovation	40,000
RTarpaulin	40,000
MRamazan Dinner	2,80,000
TMeat (Bakri Eid)	4,50,000
FPipe line and Water tank	12,000
Medical Support	2,00,000
Total:	31,62,000

In Cash	INR
Ration	11,03,389
Ration and Utensils	4,75,570
Construction of Huts	1,57,000
Total:	Rs 17,35,959

Total amount mobilized in cash and kind during 2017-18: **Rs 48,97,959**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM SOUTH SUDAN: A REPORT

Sixty three students from South Sudan aged between 20 & 25 years and studying Engineering and B. Pharmacy in Guru Nanak Group of Institutions in Hyderabad are paying a very heavy price for the civil war that has erupted in their country since 2014 and were facing threat of discontinuation of studies and starvation. These students were provided full scholarship for higher education by Government of South Sudan in 2014. However as civil war broke out in South Sudan and there is no functional government in their country, they have not receive any scholarship after a small initial payment in 2014.



A Newspaper Story on release of Scholarship Cheques to students of South Sudan

After 2 years the college had given notice that they will not be able to support any longer and the students faced the challenge of denial of access to basic needs including food, shelter and also discontinuation of their education midway.

COVA a Partner of UNHCR, was approached by these students for getting refugee status and also for support to enable them to survive and continue their studies.

After consistent advocacy with the Government of Telangana and Government of India by COVA, MSI and National Workers Movement, Government of Telangana sanctioned an amount of Rs. 30,000 for each student as Scholarship for 6 months amounting to a total of Rs. 18,90,000 for a Semester. There is an understanding that the support from Government of Telangana will continue till the conclusion of their studies.

[Link to UNHCR section on COVA website](#)

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Bharat Yatra Led by Nobel Peace Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi

Nobel Peace Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi launched Bharat Yatra from KanyaKumari on 11th September 2017 with the call for 'Surakshit Bachpan, Surakshit Bharat (Safe childhood, Safe India)'. The Bharat Yatra would concluded on 16th October 2017 at New Delhi after covering 22 states of India. This Bharat Yatra was organised as part of 'The 100 Million for 100 Million Campaign' led by Mr. Kailash Satyarthi globally to involve 100 million youth and children in good living conditions to work for and protect 100 million children worldwide who are subject to various forms of exploitation and abuse.

The Bharat Yatra reached Hyderabad in the evening of 20th September 2017 and The Telangana Organising Committee for Bharat Yatra comprising 35 organisations along with many associates from civil society, religious organisations and business groups organised Programs on 20th and 21st September 2017. COVA served as the Secretariat for the Telangana Organizing Committee for Bharat Yatra.

Bharat Yatra
For 'Surakshit Bachpan, Surakshit Bharat
(Safe Childhood, Safe India)
Led by
Nobel Peace Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi
11th September 2017 to 16th October 2017
Public Meeting - Hyderabad
21st September 2017
Interfaith Declaration of Action by Faith Leaders
For Protection and Empowerment of Children

*We, the Leaders of different Religious Communities
Participating in the Public Meeting organised in Hyderabad, on 21 September, 2017,
in the presence of Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, Civil society leaders,
elected representatives, youth and children,*

Pledge our support and action to make India safe for children

1. On behalf of my community, I pledge to use our Friday Prayer gathering to create awareness among people about teachings of the Koran and Sunnah for protection and rights of children to make our communities and society a safe place for children.

*Islam: Mufti Omer Abideen
Al Mahad Al Aali Al Islami*

2. On behalf of my community, I pledge to use the Sunday Worship and Faith Education as an opportunity to make known the privileged place of children in the coming of God's Kingdom, and their safety a central aspect of our work towards the coming of the Kingdom.

Christianity - Catholic: Sister Babita Abraham FMM

3. On behalf of my community, I pledge to make our meditations and Satsangs, occasions for creating a new awareness among people to stand up for children.

Hinduism: Brahma Kumari Sister B.K. Anjali

4. On behalf of my Community, I pledge to use every opportunity to talk about abuse and exploitation of children in our societies, and urge parents and relatives, and everyone else concerned to take appropriate action to protect them.

*Parsi: Mr Omim Maneckshaw Debara, Trustee,
Zoroastrian Anjuman of Secunderabad and Hyderabad*

5. On behalf of my community, I pledge to bring together religious leaders from different faiths to visit schools, colleges and other educational institutions to talk about child abuse and action necessary to prevent it. Thus shall I promote unity of faiths for the cause of children.

Christianity - Protestant: Shobha Gosa, Anglican Church

6. On behalf of my community, I pledge to use popular art and culture in places of worship as well as in other public spaces to prevent child abuse and create child friendly atmosphere.

Arya Samaj: Pandit Harikishan Veda Alankar

7. On behalf of my community, I pledge to promote collective engagement of leaders of different faith communities at the local level to become child friendly neighbourhoods.

*Sikh: Shri Nanak Singh Nishar
President International Sikh Centre for Interfaith Relations.*

8. On behalf of my community, I pledge to engage with mainstream and social media, to educate people especially youth, on teachings of different faiths about the rights and protection of children.

*Islam Shia: Moulana Aga Mujahid,
Idara-e- Jaferia*

9. On behalf of my community, I pledge to engage with the government for the formulation, implementation and monitoring of child protection and empowerment policies that are rooted in the teachings of different faiths.

*Christian, Catholic: Bro. Varghese Theckanath,
Montfort Social Institute*

Commitment from Interfaith Forum
We promise to facilitate Faith Leaders of Hyderabad in every possible way for the implementation of these pledges through the Interfaith Forum.

We shall also endeavour to solicit partnership from leaders of different faiths in different cities and towns of India in coming together to work for protection, safety and empowerment of children in the light of their sacred texts and teachings.

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Release of Declaration of Religious Leaders at the Public Meeting

Report of Public Meeting at Hyderabad

21st September 2017

The Public Meeting organized in the morning of 21st September and addressed by Kailash Satyarthi had participation of over 3,500 children, youth, activists, media persons and eminent personalities including Dr. K. Keshav Rao, Mr. B. Vinod Kumar and Mr. K. Vishweshwar Reddy. Members of Parliament spoke and pledged their support to the mission of Bharat Yatra for safety, security and empowerment of children. The highlight of the Public Meeting was the Interfaith Declaration of Action by Faith Leaders of six different religions for Protection and Empowerment of Children.

Programs of the Bharat Yatra in Hyderabad:

20th September 2017 –

Reception of Bharat Yatra and Candle Light Marc from Aram Ghar Hyderabad. Facilitated by PRAJWALA, Divya Disha, MSI and Others.

Reception Dinner for Bharat Yatra and Qawwali Program at Salarjung Museum Hosted by COVA, Helping Hands Foundation and MESCO.

21st September 2017 –

Breakfast with Business Leaders. Facilitated by DiSRUPPt, SAHE and others.

Flag off of Rally from Mouzam Jahi Market by Mr. Nayani Narasimha Rao, Home Minister, Government of Telangana and Ms. Amala Akkkineni, Film Star and Animal Rights Activist Facilitated by APSA, MAHITA and others.

Lunch Hosted by the Speaker of Telangana Legislative Assembly and attended by two Deputy Chief Ministers, five Ministers, three Members of Parliament, Mayor of Hyderabad, many members of Telangana Legislative Assembly and Council, bureaucrats and members of civil society and media facilitated by COVA. Awareness Program on Child Abuse and Empowerment at Ravindra Bharati organized by Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, Government of Telangana.

Prayers for Peace between Pakistan-India-China and in the World at Charminar by leaders of 8 different Faiths. This is part of Peace Now Campaign initiated by COVA in partnership with organisations in India and Pakistan. Prayers were organized across India and Pakistan. Due to traffic jam in Charminar area Kailash Satyarthi Ji could not reach the venue of prayers and had to turn back. Facilitated by COVA, MSI and Interfaith Forum.

Meeting with the Chief Justice and Judges of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh High Court. Facilitated by PRAJWALA and others.

Dhum Dham: Cultural Events of Telangana at Sundaraiah Vignan, Hyderabad. Facilitated by MV Foundation and others.

Talk on “Leveraging 3rd Generation Philanthropy for safety and empowerment of children” organized by YPO (Young Presidents Organisation comprising of heads of Top Corporate bodies in Hyderabad. Facilitated by COVA.

Bharat Yatra Telangana Programs: Partner Organizations

ACTION AID, AMAN VEDIKA, APSA, ARYA PRATINIDHI SABHA, BALYA MITRA NETWORK, CARING CITIZENS' COLLECTIVE CHATRI, CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE, COVA, DiSRUPPt, DIVYA DISHA, DON BOSCO, Helping Hands Foundation, IICD, INTER FAITH FORUM, MAHITA, MESCO, MONTFORT SOCIAL INSTITUTE, MV FOUNDATION, MY CHOICES FOUNDATION, PRAJWALA, SAHE, SANKALP FOUNDATION, TELANGANA PARENTS ASSOCIATION, WORLD VISION, YOUNGISTAN, YOUTH FOR BETTER TELANGANA and others.

In Association with:

Women Development and Child Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, Department of Juvenile Welfare Correctional Services and Welfare of Street Children



STATE PROGRAMS

LAUNCH OF CHILD FRIENDLY TELANGANA CAMPAIGN BY KAILASH SATYARTHI



Release of Poster by Kailash Satyarthi and others

The Child Friendly Telangana Program is initiated by the Administration of Karimnagar District under the leadership of Mr. B. Vinod Kumar, Member of Parliament from Karimnagar and will be developed to cover Telangana State. Over 30,000 school students along with teachers, parents and dignitaries in large numbers participated in this landmark launch function. Posters prepared by COVA and Kailash Satyarthi were released at a public meeting by Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, B. Vinod Kumar, Member of Parliament, Dr. Mazher Hussian, Executive Director of COVA and Dr. B. Harini of Prathima Foundation on 28th February at Karimnagar.

Civil Society Organisation, Government Officials, Judiciary and Religious Leaders have come forward for the Child Friendly Telangana Campaign. Members of the Interfaith Forum of COVA have agreed to display posters for Child Protection in their places of worship in large numbers and also speak about the issue in their sermons and preaching at the community congregations.

**CAMPAIGN FOR
CHILD FRIENDLY
TELANGANA**

**CHILDREN
Their Rights and Punishment for Violations**

24/7 HELPLINE FOR CHILDREN



ANYONE CAN CALL

All children have the right to be fed, clothed, and protected until they reach adulthood. Children also have rights to education, protection from child labour sexual abuse, child marriages and trafficking as determined and guaranteed by law and any violations is punishable with fines and imprisonment ranging from 6 months to life. Children deserve and require shelter, recreation, access to medical assistance, protection from abuse, emotional support and guidance to grow up into responsible adulthood and contribute to progress of society.

Crime	Punishment	Law
Engaging a child under 14 in any employment or engaging a child between 14 to 18 years in hazardous employment.	Not less than six months but upto two years, and fine upto fifty thousand rupees, or with both.	Child Labour and Adolescent (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 2016.
Sexually abusing a child.	Imprisonment upto life and fine	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012.
Trafficking of a child	Imprisonment upto life and fine	Section 370 of the IPC
Solemnising a child marriage or promoting or permitting solemnising of a child marriage.	Upto two years and shall be liable to fine which may extend to one lakh rupees	Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

Offences and Punishment under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015.

Offence	Punishment
Cruelty to a Child	Upto three years or with fine of one lakh rupees or with both
Employing or using any child for the purpose of begging or causing any child to beg	Upto five years and shall also be liable to fine of one lakh rupee
Amputating or maiming the child for the purpose of begging	Upto five years and shall also be liable to fine of five lakh rupee
Exploitation of a child employee, including keeping in bondage or withholding earnings	Upto five years and shall also be liable to fine of one lakh rupee
Corporal punishment	On the first conviction, a fine of ten thousand rupees and for every subsequent offence, liable for imprisonment which may extend to three months or fine or with both
Offences committed on disabled children	Liable to twice the penalty provided for such offence

"Half the children on earth go to bed hungry — millions more have retarding and stunting pro-tein deficiencies. Instead of building the peace by attacking injustices like starvation, disease, illiteracy, political and economic servitude, we spend a trillion dollars on war since 1946, until hatred and conflict have become the international preoccupation." — **Daniel Berrigan**

"Child exploitation, illiteracy and poverty form a vicious circle of violence against children. The circle blocks national development and weakens democracy" — **Kailash Satyarthi**

"What's done to the children is done to society." — **Gautama Buddha**

"I ask you all so earnestly to open girl's schools in every village and try to uplift them. If the Conditions of women are raised, then their children will, by their noble actions, glorify the name of the Country." — **Swami Vivekananda**

"Be fair and just in terms of the gifts you offer your children. If I was to give preference to any (gender over the other) I would have preferred females over males (in terms of giving gifts)." — Reported saying of **Prophet Muhammad**

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and in-instruction of the Lord." — **Ephesians 6:4**

"Experience gained in two schools under my control has taught me that punishment does not purify, if anything, it hardens children." — **Mahatma Gandhi**

Other Punishable Offences against Children: There are also laws prescribing fines and punishment up to 7 years for any violations for adoption without following prescribed procedures, exploitation of a child employee including keeping in bondage or withholding earnings, giving intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug or psychotropic substance to a child, using a child for vending, peddling, carrying, supplying or smuggling any intoxicating liquor, narcotic drug or psychotropic substance, sale and procurement of children for any purpose, exploitation of a trafficked person and use of child by militant groups or other adults.

CHILDLINE is India's first 24-hour, free, emergency phone service for children of all classes and backgrounds in need of aid and assistance. Guidance, care and protection is provided to children to access medical assistance, shelter, repatriation, protection from abuse, emotional support and guidance and help to trace missing children etc.

Whether you are a concerned adult or a child, you can dial **1098**, the toll free number to access all services of **CHILDLINE**.

Success will be when every child in the world has access to a service like Childline and knows that someone who cares is just a phone call away—Jerro Billimoria



CITY PROGRAMS

COMPASSIONATE CITIZENSHIP & RESPONSIBLE ACTIVISM PROJECT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

COVA and ICAN (Indian Children's Action Network) organised 13th Annual Display of Project Works on different Social Issues by school students on 27th February 2018. The objective of the program is to sensitise people, especially school, college, university students and young professionals to social issues and concerns to inculcate in them compassion and responsible citizenship required of a good human being and enlist their commitment to address social problems to make society humane and just. Students worked on 17 topics for Project Works for 2017-18 viz. Participatory Budgeting, Right to Civic Services through Citizens Charters, Sports & Recreation, Environment, Health, Old Age, Menstruation, Effects of Mobile Towers, Anti- Dowry, Girl Child Safety, Child Labour, Child Marriages, Homelessness, Corruption, Tobacco Factory in Residential Area, Survey of Aadhar Card and Problems faced by Government Schools. Around 365 students from 20 schools working in groups submitted 80 projects. The objective of the program is to sensitise people, especially school, college, university students and young professionals to social issues and concerns to inculcate in them compassion and responsible citizenship required of a good human being and enlist their commitment to address social problems to make society humane and just. Mr. Aditya Margam, Chairman, SLNS College, Bhongir & Ex-Honorary Secy. Exhibition Society inaugurated the Display of Project Works and inspected the works of the students.

Telangana Today

Making students aware of social issues

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

To provide an opportunity for students to become aware, compassionate and responsible citizens, Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) in collaboration with Indian Children's Action Network (ICAN) organised 13th annual display of project works on different social issues by school students here on Tuesday.

Topics selected for the projects works included right to civic services through citizens' charters, environmental health and problems faced by government schools and other social issues. Around 750 students were selected from 20 schools and submitted 70 projects.



COVA in collaboration with ICAN organised 13th annual display of project works on social issues on Tuesday. — Photo: Pranith Reddy

A team of three students from Polaris Interactive high school, Yakutpura, as part of their project on Child Labour extended help to a nine-year-old boy Zohaib working in a small shop near

Yakutpura Railway station and got him enrolled in their school. "To prepare a report on an issue, study alone cannot help in finding positive outputs but action-oriented awareness has to be created

A team of students extended help to a 9-yr-old boy, working in a small shop, and got him enrolled in their school

in the public" chief guest for the event. Aditya Margam, former secretary, All India Industrial Exhibition Society, said.

"The process of projects works started in November 2017 and the students undertook field visits, interacted with people and documented their experiences and then prepared projects under the mentorship of their teachers," COVA executive director Mazher Husain said.

Mr. Aditya Margam, Chairman, SLNS College, Bhongir & Ex-Honorary Secy. Exhibition Society inaugurated the Display of Project Works and inspected the works of the students.



The Chief Guest for the Valedictory Function in the afternoon was Mr. K.V Arjun Rao, Principal, Oakridge International School and Mr. Sunil Jain, Executive Director, Natural Bleach Earths Pvt. Ltd. and Ms. Usha Paliath, Co-Director – Potter’s Wheel and National Executive Member – COWE were the Guests of Honour.

CASE STUDY: PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING BY STUDENTS

Students of Unique High School prepared a project report on the topic Participatory Budgeting.

The students shared that they found this topic very interesting since they got the chance to decide upon budget concerns. The students carried out the activity of making budget for Children’s Day celebration at school. They were provided a stipulated amount of money to make budget decisions from as they planned how much they wanted to spend for which commodity. The students shared that they had never learnt the use of money and budget at school and learning to do the same through the project made them feel grown up.

For an Overview of the Concept and Programs of Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism Program, please visit: <http://www.covanetwork.org/portfolio/empowerment-programs/>

Items	Quantity X Amount	Total Amount
1. Speakers	2 x 200	400
2. Banners	1 x 50	50
3. Cardboard	50 x 2	100
4. Ballons	3 x 30	90
5. Flowers	10 x 10	100
Food Items:-		
1. App	50 x 10	1500
2. Andries	100 x 25	2500
3. Juice	5 x 50	250
4. Cold drinks	5 x 100	500
5. Biscuits	40 x 40	1600
6. Pizza	30 x 20	600
7. Chips	10 x 10	100
8. Chocolate	5 x 20	100
Snacks:-		
1. Multigrains	10 x 50	500
2. Mithai and Sweets	25 x 100	2500
Total :-		8890

SAMBANDH: 14TH ANNUAL INTER SCHOOL & INTER COLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS

COVA, in collaboration with Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Indian Children's Action Network (ICAN), Youth TRAC; Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace; Center for People's Foreign Policy in South Asia and others has been organizing SAMBANDH Program in Hyderabad every year from 6-9 August; since 2002 to commemorate the nuclear holocaust in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The objective of this annual event is to sensitize students and youth to the issues of war, violence and promotion of peace all over the world in general and in the Sub Continent in particular. Around 1000 students from over 75 schools and colleges participate in this annual event. The event provides an excellent platform to sensitize students and youth to the issues of violence and need to promote and work for peace. Many participants from SAMBANDH Program enlist with COVA as peace activists and collaborate in our programs.



The Theme of 14th Annual **Praful Bidwai Memorial SAMBANDH -2017** was "**Preventing Wars: Securing Peace**" 1080 Students from 40 schools and 18 colleges participated in Essay Writing, Debate, Declamation, One Act Plays, Slogan and Poster making and Quiz on the following topics:

1. Dangers of War and Benefits of Peace
2. Effects of Conflicts on Common man
3. There are no Winners in War, only Losers

4. Defense or Health and Education: Where should our money go
5. Present Conflicts around the World
6. World After a Nuclear War
7. Life of a Family on the Borders during Conflicts and Wars.

ADVOCACY AND POLICY INTERVENTIONS

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

COVA has been striving since 2013 for creation of an environment conducive to ensure genuine financial inclusion of the poor through a pilot project for financial inclusion, articles, studies, and representations on the matter to Union Ministers, Members of Parliament and bureaucrats, along with other civil society organisations on the issue.

Ministry of Finance forwarded the Representation of COVA to the RBI and Indian Banks Association (IBA) the apex body of all banks in India. IBA in turn forwarded the Representation of COVA to the Managing Directors of all the Public Sector, Private Sector and Cooperative Banks in India for their expert opinion and feedback on the suggestions made by COVA. Consequently, the eight of the twelve administrative and policy recommendations by COVA were considered and incorporated by the Government of India in different policy formulations. Approximately 9 crores (90 million) hawkers, petty traders and micro enterprises across India can benefit if the provisions are implemented properly.

Four more provisions suggested by COVA and that are still to be considered are:

- 1) Online applications for DRI and MUDRA loans as is available for other loans
- 2) Notification and implementation of Turn Around Time for processing of loans
- 3) Intimation of reasons for rejection of loan applications and
- 4) Waiving of condition to procure No Dues Certificates from 8 to 10 neighbouring banks.

COVA has also proposed the concept of Bank Deposit Cards that could enable revolutionise the mode of interaction between the poor and Banks. This is also under consideration of the Finance Ministry, Government of India.

For more information on Bank Deposit Cards please visit: [Link to Bank Deposit Cards on COVA Website](#)

These five provisions could bring about optimal transparency, accountability and facilitate ease of transactions for the poor in securing credit from banks and ensure genuine Financial Inclusion. COVA is actively engaged in advocacy for these five recommendations with the Ministry, Parliamentarians and officials concerned and hope to get these Recommendations also accepted.

For more information please [CLICK HERE...](#)

TOWARDS ENTREPRENEURIAL ECONOMIES

“Study on Status of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in BRICS Economies: Review and Recommendations for Advancement” was undertaken by COVA in October 2016. The Study proposed Three Paradigm Shifts along with 12 Strategic Recommendations for promotion, sustenance and growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in BRICS Economies. The Recommendations were presented at the International Civil BRICS Meeting on 3-4 October 2016 organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and FIDC as part of the Processes towards the BRICS Summit in Goa, India on 15-16 October 2016.

The Indian Express Newspaper of India also published an article on the Recommendations. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the article.

COVA is engaged in advocacy with the Government of India for consideration of the Recommendations and some positive responses are being received. COVA is also seeking collaboration with other civil society organisations in India and other BRICS countries to undertake advocacy with all the concerned ministries of the Governments of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) for consideration of these recommendations.

Government of Telangana is also showing interest in the Proposals. We have started work on a Position Paper for the Pilot that we hope will be undertaken soon.

For more

For more information please [CLICK HERE...](#)

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

COVA's Initiative for 25% Free Admissions to Poor Students in Private Schools

Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA), Montfort Social Institute (MSI) and Dalit Bahujan Sharamik Union (DBSU). COVA had facilitated the formation of a Joint Action Committee for Implementation of Model RTE Rules in Telangana State comprising of over 25 Civil Society Organisations that have been struggling for the implementation of Free Admissions to poor and disadvantaged children in private schools for over 3 years. The State Government has to reimburse the fee to the private schools for all the children admitted.

If implemented properly, nearly 2 lakh children from poor and disadvantaged sections of society will be able to get free admission in private schools every year from June 2016 eventually leading to over 20 lakhs (2 million) poor students studying free of charge in private schools across the State of Telangana at any given time from 2022 onwards.

As the Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh were not responding positively for framing of Rules, COVA along with other partner organisations have filed a PIL in the High Court. Hearing are going on in the matter and judgment is expected soon.

For more information please visit: <http://www.covanetwork.org/portfolio/community-programs/>

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

TELANGANA RELEASE OF CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT ON INDIA'S PROGRESS ON SDGS: AGENDA 2030

Civil Society Report on Sustainable Development Goals: Agenda 2030 that critically examines India's progress on the Sustainable Development Goals was released for the State of Telangana on 25th September 2017 at a Press Conference held in Hyderabad and organised by COVA in collaboration with WNTA. This Civil Society Report was earlier released on 6th July 2017 in New Delhi and also at the side event during High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York on 12th July 2017 in the presence of a large gathering of eminent citizens, prominent civil society leaders, academia, activists and experts under the aegis of *Wada Na Todo Abhiyan*, a network of civil society organisations in India.

The Civil Society Report on SDGs: Agenda 2030 is a Civil Society initiative anchored by Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA) wherein large number of civil society organizations and networks working on SDGs have prepared a report on 'SDGs: Agenda 2030' which focuses on ten goals and is prepared through secondary research by individuals, academicians and members of civil society from more than 15 states as well as consultations with local communities, particularly, the marginalized communities. The report has used the lens of 'Leave No one Behind' and 'A Life of More than 62 organisations took leadership in preparing this report and 300 civil society organisations have endorsed this report.

The Civil Society Report on SDGs aims to highlight the status of SDGs in India with the UN and different stakeholders and to create traction on SDGs: Agenda 2030. The Report is an initial attempt to map the existing government interventions at national, state and local levels as well as to identify the gaps and challenges to achieve the SDGs in order to actively engage with the government and create a platform for dialogue between the Civil Society, the Government and other stakeholders on SDGs.

For Main findings of the Study on SDGs with respect to the issues with implementation of different Goals please visit: [Link to be included](#)

For more information please [CLICK HERE](#)

RALLY FOR RIVERS IN HYDERABAD

Siasat, the largest circulated Urdu daily newspaper of Hyderabad and **COVA** organized a meeting in Hyderabad on 15th September 2017 as part of the Rally for Rivers Campaign launched by Sadhguru from 3rd September to 2nd October 2017 in India to spread awareness for saving rivers.

The meeting was attended by leaders as well as many students of the Muslim community. Present were Cleric Maulana Sadiq Mohiuddin; Zahid Ali Khan, the Chief Editor of Siasat; and Vishweshwara Reddy, MP, TRS. Mazhar Hussain of COVA welcomed Sadhguru to the event saying "We called you to a meeting, this is now a mission".

For an outstanding presentation on perils of not being careful with our rivers and our water, please [CLICK HERE](#).

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

DATE	NAME OF CONFERENCE	LOCATION
22-23 April 2017	Meetings for introduction of COFI Networks in Singapore	Singapore
25-28 April 2017	Meeting of Multilateral Counter Violent Extremism Working Group- Organised by Department of Defence, Government of USA	Guam, USA,
29-30 April 2017	Meetings for introduction of COFI Networks in Philippines	Manila, Philippines
1-3 May 2017	Meetings for introduction of COFI Networks in Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18-19 June 2017	C 20 Summit in Germany	Berlin, Germany
31 January & 1 February 2018	Strong Cities Network Regional Practitioners' Workshop	Kolkata, India
10-11 February 2018	National Convention Pakistan India Peoples Forum for Peace and Democracy	Bhubaneswar, India

GENDER AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIONS IN COVA

COVA General Body	Gender		Community Representation					Total	
	Male	Female	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Jain	Sikh		Parsi
Number	28	13	19	15	04		02	01	41
Percentage	68.29	31.71	46.34	36.58	9.76		4.88	2.44	

COVA Executive Committee	Gender		Community Representation						Total
	Male	Female	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Jain	Sikh	Parsi	
Number	09	06	06	06	02			01	15
Percentage	60	40	40	40	13.33			6.67	

COVA Staff	Gender		Community Representation						Total
	Male	Female	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Jain	Sikh	Parsi	
Number	12	07	03	15		01			19
Percentage	63.16	36.84	15.78	78.95		5.27			

Audit Reports for the Financial year 2016 - 17 are [AVAILABLE HERE](#). The Audit Reports for 2017-18 will be uploaded after the approval of the AGM of COVA scheduled in July 2018.

Campaign pitches for global peace



VOICING CONCERNS: Participants at Art for Peace programme in Lamakaan on Saturday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Seeking to provide platforms to enable common people and civil society to demand peace and condemn attempts at war mongering between India and Pakistan, Peace Now & Forever Campaign organised Art for Peace programme at Lamakaan in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Showcasing the love for peace and hate for war in various forms of art and culture, the Art for Peace programme on Saturday was

organised by Aman Vedika, Caring Citizens' Collective, Chindu, COVA, Hyderabad Literary Festival, Sutradhar and The Little Theatre.

Four documentaries on India-Pakistan issues were screened followed by two panel discussions. Members of The Little Theatre Hyderabad read Sadat Hasan Manto's 'Titwal Ka Kutta', poem on Radcliff Line by WH Auden, excerpts from Urvashi Butalia's Partition Stories and concluded with the classic poem by Faiz Ahmed Faiz titled 'Subah-e-Azadi'.



MAYANK TIWARI

Hyderabad: Citizens Entitlements Campaign, a civil society organisation which started on 26 January is now spreading rapidly among the citizens. In the past one month it has reached out to a number of residents to come forward with their problems such as water, sanitation, electricity and other civic issues in their surroundings and to register a complaint about the existing problems in the area using the app and online petition, which can save time and solve the issue with immediate action within the time limits.

Director of Association for Promoting Social Action (APSA) Srinivas Reddy said that various NGOs

across the city are working on various awareness programmes with the help of pamphlets which include information regarding the act are precisely listed and over 5,000 copies of pamphlets have been distributed at Nampally Exhibition Grounds every day. He also added that if the problem is still not resolved citizens can report to us and we would take action.

Another social worker from Campaign for Housing and Tenuar Rights (CHATRI) Sanjeev said "we are distributing awareness pamphlets at various public gatherings and we have been conducting orientation programs in slums

and colonies.

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has designed "My GHMC" app and for Electricity department it's "TSSPDCL". Both the apps are available in Google play store where citizens can file their complaints and the issue is promised to be resolved within the given time frame and if issue is not resolved the officer in charge would be penalised by the government with a compensation of Rs 50 per day which is to be paid to the applicant for Revenue, Engineering and Health issues and compensation of Rs 100 per day in case of the services of Town Planning section by GHMC.



दिल्ली हिन्दी मिलाप हैदराबाद

कोवा का नागरिकता उत्सव अभियान आरंभ

हैदराबाद, 26 जनवरी (एफ एम सलीम) शहरी जीवन में नागरिक अधिकारों के लिए संघर्षरत एनजीओ कोवा सहित विभिन्न संस्थाओं द्वारा नागरिकता उत्सव के रूप में नागरिक पात्रता अभियान शुरू किया गया, जिसका उद्घाटन ग्रेटर हैदराबाद नगर निगम (जीएचएमसी) आयुक्त डॉ. बी. जनार्दन रेड्डी ने किया। अभियान का उद्देश्य चार्टर के अनुसार, जीएचएमसी, जल बोर्ड एवं बिजली विभाग को सभी 56 सेबाएँ नागरिकों को सहजता के साथ उपलब्ध करना है। अभियान के अंतर्गत आज नगरद्वय में विभिन्न संस्थाओं ने 400 स्थानों पर

तिरंगा फहराया और 50,000 से अधिक करपत्र वितरित किये गये। इस दौरान नागरिकों को मोबाइल ऐप डाउनलोड करने और कॉल सेंटर में शिकायत करने को प्रोत्साहित किया गया। जीएचएमसी आयुक्त बी. जनार्दन रेड्डी ने कहा कि नागरिक समाज की संस्थाओं द्वारा अच्छे उद्देश्य से अभियान शुरू किया गया है। निगम उन्हें पूरा सहयोग प्रदान करेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि अब तक 3 लाख लोगों ने ऐप डाउनलोड किया है, जबकि इस शहर में 90 लाख की जनसंख्या है। 1.5 करोड़ लोगों के पास मोबाइल फोन हैं। उन्होंने गैर सरकारी नागरिक संस्थाओं की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि नागरिक

पात्रता अभियान शुरू किया गया है। यदि लोग इसके माध्यम से समस्याओं को सामने लायेंगे, तो जीएचएमसी उनका समाधान करने के लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाएगा। उन्होंने माना कि जब लोग अधिक जागरूक होते हैं, तो सरकारी विभागीय अधिकारियों को काफी सतर्कता से काम करना पड़ता है और उनकी चुनौतियाँ बढ़ जाती हैं। अवसर पर कोवा के निदेशक मज़हर हुसैन, यूएफआरडब्ल्यूएस के डॉ. राव चेलिकेनी, एमएआरआई के एम. मुरली, एमएसआ के बदर बर्गिस, एपीएसए के श्रीनिवास रेड्डी तथा छतरी, कोनरे, दलित स्त्री शक्ति, जनी फाउंडेशन एवं अन्य संस्थाओं के सदस्य उपस्थित थे।

नमस्ते తెలంగాణ హైదరాబాద్

జేగంబాబ్: మన మారుదా మన సగర్వా మారుదా అనే సంకల్పాన్ని ప్రతి పాఠకుడు పాటిస్తే హైదరాబాద్ సగరం పారిశుధ్యంలో దేశంలోనే అగ్రగామిగా నిలుస్తుంది జీహెచ్ఎంసీ కమీషనర్ జనార్ధన్ రెడ్డి పేర్కొన్నారు. శుభవారం విజయనగరకాలనీ డివిజన్ పరిధిలోని కాంతినగర్ క్లబ్ హాల్లో హైదరాబాద్ సివిల్ సొసైటీ అధ్యక్షుడైన అధ్యక్షులలో పౌర హక్కుల ప్రచారం అభివృద్ధి కార్యక్రమాన్ని నిర్వహించారు. ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా హాజరైన ఆయన పౌర హక్కుల ప్రచార కర పత్రాలను, వార్ పోస్టర్లను, వెబ్ సైట్ ను అభివృద్ధి చేశారు. అసంతరం మాట్లాడుతూ సగరంలో కోటిమంది జనాభా ఉన్న నేపథ్యంలో 22 వేల మంది పారిశుధ్య కార్యకులు 9వేల కిలో మీటర్ల వీక్షిర్లలో విధులను నిర్వహిస్తున్నారన్నారు.

మరే ఇతర రాష్ట్రంలో లేని విధంగా సగర ంలో రోడ్లపై పారిశుధ్యం చేసే కార్యక్రమంకో పాటు సూపర్వైజర్ల పేర్లను అందరికీ కన్సింపేరా దింపిస్తే ఉంచామన్నారు. గతేడాది ఏప్రిల్ నుంచి డిసెంబర్ వరకు లక్షా 65 వేల మూడు వందలకు పైగా ఫిర్యాదులు అందాయని ఇందులో నుంచి లక్షా 62 వేల ఫిర్యాదులకు సంబంధించిన సమస్యలను పరిష్కరించామన్నారు. కోటి మంది జనాభా ఉన్న సగరంలో జీహెచ్ఎంసీ యూఎస్ మాత్రం మూడు లక్షల మంది మాత్రమే డౌన్లోడ్ చేసుకున్నారన్నారు. సగరంలో 20 లక్షలకు పైగా గృహిణులు ఉన్నప్పటికీ కడిపిడి చెత్తను వేరు చేసి లక్ష యూపియం లక్ష్మీ డ్రాసు గెలుచుకోవాలని తెలిపినా కేవలం పదివేల మంది మాత్రమే జీహెచ్ఎంసీ డూన్లోడ్ చేసుకున్నారన్నారు. సగరంలో 656 హోటల్, పెట్రోల్ బంకెలలో టాయిలెట్లను వాడుకునే విధంగా ఏర్పాటు చేశామన్నారు.

అంతే కాకుండా ప్లాస్టిక్ షర్టాల కగ్గింపును చర్చల్లో భాగంగా మటన్ చికెన్ తీసుకువచ్చే ప్రతి పాఠకుడు టిఫిన్ బాక్కుల్లో తెచ్చే విధంగా కృషి చేస్తున్నామన్నారు. స్వచ్ఛ నర్వేక్షిట్లో భాగంగా ప్రతి పాఠకుడు 1969 నెంబర్ కు ఫోన్ చేయాలన్నారు. నెక్షన్ రోడ్లో వీధి దీపాలు పనిచేయడం లేదని తానే స్వయంగా అధికారికి ఫోన్ చేయగా అధికారి నిర్లక్ష్యంతో మూడు రోజుల అసంతరం ఫిర్యాదుపై స్పందించడంతో కక్షలమే అతనిని సన్నిండ్ చేశామన్నారు. వీధి దీపాలు, డ్రైనేజీ సమస్యలు, చిన్న చిన్న ఇబ్బందులు కక్షలమే పరిష్కరించవచ్చని, పాఠకులు వంటి పెద్ద సమస్యలు నిధులతో భదురుకున్నవి కాబట్టి అలస్యమవుతాయన్నారు.

యూఫెర్వాస్ వైర్లెస్ రాఫెలికాని, కోవా ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ డైరెక్టర్ మజిర్ హుస్సేన్, మురళీ, మారి సంస్థ వైర్లెస్ మురళీ, ఏసీఎస్ఎస్ త్రీనివాసరెడ్డి, వర్దీస్ బెకానెట్తో పాటు అర్జ సమాజ్, అగ్రత, అత్మ, లక్ష్మీ వికాస్ మండ్, చత్రి, కొనారె, దగిట్ స్వీకర్, డీడబ్ల్యూయూటీఎస్, జీఎస్ఎస్, జాన్, జనని ఫౌండేషన్, థ్రియూ సంఘ సొసైటీ, ఎంఎస్ఐ, సమేమాన్ సగర వెల్ఫేర్ ఆసోసియేషన్, వీరోడబ్ల్యూ, ఫుకార్, సూపర్, తెలంగాణ వాల్మీకి సమాజ్ ప్రగతి సంఘ, డబ్ల్యూ.డబ్ల్యూ, యంగ్ స్టాన్, యూత్ ఫర్ వెటర్ తెలంగాణ సంఘం ప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

శాంతిసాధన.. కళాప్రేరణ

- భారత్, పాఠ్ ల మధ్య శాంతిసామరస్యతను కోవ కృషి
- శాంతి కోసం దేశవ్యాప్త ప్రచారం

'అడవిలో కార్మికులు ఆర్జీఎండు & ఏర్ప వల్ల పక్కనే నదిలోని నీటిని నోటిలో తీసుకోకుండా అది కార్మికులు ఆరుగేతున్నా... ఆ పక్షిని భూమిపై చాలా మందిలో మంచుని అర్థాంగీకరిస్తూ దొంగిలించారు. మాకు ఆ పక్షి సాధి..' అంటూ పలు ఈ కార్యక్రమ నిర్వాహకులు. శాంతి కార్యక్రమంలో శాంతియుత వాతావరణం సెలవోసేందుకు కారాల్సిన పద్ధతులు వివరిస్తూ సాధ్యమని ముఖ్యమంత్రి కౌవ సర్వ పౌండ్ల మజర్ పాస్పిన్ తెప్పారు. దానిని తీసుకుంటూ, పాఠ్ మధ్య శాంతి సాధనకు ఎన్నో పాఠ్యాంశాలు చేసే కృషి చేస్తుంది. ఆ అనుభవాలను మజర్ సాక్షిలో పంపిస్తున్నాను. ఆ 20 పాఠ్యాంశాలను మాటల్లోనే..



మజర్

తర్రాలో క. యాదవ్..

ఇరు దేశాల ప్రజలు శాంతిని కోరుతుంటున్నారు. ఆ విషయాన్ని తెలియజేసేందుకు కారాల్సిన వేదికలు ఏర్పాటు చేయాలన్న ఆవేశాన్ని గుర్తించాలి. ఇందుకు దిక్పాటను వీరయోగి గొప్పగా. రెండు దేశాల ప్రజలు తమ అనుభవాలు పంచుకునేందుకు అనువుగా ఒక యాదవి రూపొందిస్తున్నాను.

పిలడి క్యాంపెయిన్?

అమన్ వేదిక, కేంద్ర నీటికల్ కలెక్టివ్, రెండు ప్రాంతాల్లోని వేదికల సృష్టి, మాత్రం, ఏ దిశలో ఉంటుంది. ఇలా అనేక సంస్థలు ఇందులో పాటుపడటం అనుభవం. అర్జీలు, పాస్పిన్ కార్యాచరణను తమ అలోచనల సర్వవేదిక వేదికగా చేర్చి రూపొందించారు. ఇందులో సగంలేని 10

'ప్రతి ఒక్కరిలో ఏదో అశాంతి, అభద్రత ఉంటుంది. అశాంతిని తరిమేయాలంటే శాంతి, అభద్రతను దూరం చేయాలంటే ప్రేమే మార్గం.' ఇదే సూక్ష్మితో సగంలేని వెండిన కాన్సడరేషన్ ఆఫ్ వలంటరీ అసోసియేషన్ (కోవ) 'షీన్ ఫర్ నా అండ్ ఫరెవర్' క్యాంపెయిన్ చేపట్టింది. పాకిస్థాన్, భారతీయ మధ్య శాంతి వాతావరణం సెలవోనాలని కోరుతూ జూలై 1 నుంచి ఆగస్టు 15 వరకు ఈ ప్రచారం నిర్వహిస్తోంది. ఇందులో భాగంగా సగంలేని లామకాన్లో కనీసం 'ఆఫ్ ఫర్ షీన్' పేరుతో రోజంతా వివిధ కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించారు. అనేక మంది కళాకారులు, కవులు, వక్తలు, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు. వీడియోలు, చర్చలు, కథలు, నాటకాలు, పెయింటింగులు.. ఇలా శాంతిశామకతను వ్యక్తపరచడానికి అనువైన వేదికగా ఈ కార్యక్రమం సాగింది.

- సాక్షి, సిటీబ్యూరో



వసంతికుమారి



సర్వ సూపి

సంస్థలు భాగమయ్యాయి. దేశవ్యాప్తంగా పలు సగంలేని 250 సంస్థలు భాగమవుతున్నాయి. వీటిని సంస్థలు సహకారం అందిస్తున్నాయి.

చిత్రసృష్టి..

సగంలేని ప్రజలు కళాకారులు, శాంతి ప్రేమికులు. కార్మికుల దిక్పాట ఇందులో పాల్గొని వీటిని అనుభవంగా చిత్రాలు రూపొందించారు. 'సాక్షి' కార్మికుల కంటే, ఇన్ఫోషియన్ షివయర్, సర్వ సూపి, మజర్లను పంచుతుంటూ, వెండిన కథలను గీసిన చిత్రాలు అభివృద్ధిపడ్డాయి.

శాంతి సాధనలో 'కోవ'...



యూవారు జరిగిన కార్యక్రమంలో పాఠ్ లు పాదుతున్నారు..

- సుదీర్ఘ విరామ ఆనందం 10 ఏళ్ల తర్వాత 2014లో లాంఛ్ పాఠ్ మధ్య క్లిష్ట పూర్వక జరిగింది. ఆ ము యంలో ఇరుదేశాల వివాదాలను శాంతి, సంతోషాలను సంతోషాలుగా చేతనావారు మేం కోరాం. ఆ విషయాల్లో అయ్యింది. రెండు దేశాల తెలుగులు మేమే అందరికీ అందించారు. ఇప్పుడు ప్రజలే తెలుగు తెచ్చుకుంటున్నారు. ప్రపంచంలో ఎక్కడ మార్కెట్ జరిగినా కోవ మంత్రిగా ఇలా రెండు దేశాల తెలుగులు మళ్లీ పుంజుకున్నారు. ఇది కేవలం తెలుగు ఉంటుంది కాదు.. నాకు ఇరుదేశాల మధ్య శాంతిని కోరుతున్నామని సంతకం.
- ఢిల్లీలో పాస్పిన్ వచ్చి దాని కార్యకర్తలు ఇరుదేశాల మధ్య యుద్ధ వాతావరణం సెలవోంది. నేను, అక్కడలో రామ్ దాస్ మనోహరం కుమారు మీదగా పాకిస్థాన్ వెళ్లారు. అక్కడ పాస్పిన్ సర్వవేదిక ఇండీయన్ కారాల్సినా అనుభవించారు. సాక్షి సృష్టి పద్ధతిలో

పాస్పిన్ నుంచి ఏ దేశాల్లోనా వెళ్లొచ్చు అలా పాకిస్థాన్ పాస్పిన్ సర్వవేదిక సభ్యులు కొలిచుంది ఇండీయన్ కారాల్సినా. ఇక్కడ వారిని చాలా మంది ఇండీయన్లు కలిశారు. అక్కడ ప్రధాన వాణిమి. దేశ వాణిమిను వారు కలిసి పాకిస్థాన్ లావారు అనుభవించారు. ఇది 2014 మేలో జరిగింది. మన దేశ వాణిమి అక్కడలో పాకిస్థాన్ వెళ్లారు. ఆ విధంగా అప్పుడున్న ఉత్తర, దక్షిణ భారత వాణిమి క్లిష్ట అయ్యాయి. శాంతి సాధన ప్రయత్నాల్లో వీరిలాంటి కర్మిణులు పుట్టాలిగా పుట్టాలిగా తెచ్చుకోవాలి.. ఏదో ఒక మార్గం తెచ్చుకుంటా దొరకుంటుంది. అందరికీ ప్రయత్నం మాట్లాడుకోవాలి. వారిని చాలా ప్రయత్నం ఉంటుంది. ఏదో సమయంలో వీరికే కలిగిస్తా.. దక్షిణం, పగ భాణిమి లాంటి. అలాంటి ఒక వాణి ఈ క్యాంపెయిన్. ప్రజలు ఇందులో భాగస్వామ్యంపెట్టాలి. అప్పుడే ప్రయత్నం వీరిని వ్యక్తి సాధిస్తాయి.

అది కలెక్టివ్ కాదు..

భారత్, పాఠ్ ల మధ్య క్లిష్ట జరుగుతున్నప్పుడు ఒక కోవ గుర్తుకు ఇదో కేవలం వాళ్ల తప్పక అందరూ చేస్తుండడం గమనించారు. అది కోవ కలెక్టివ్ కాదు. పాఠ్ వెళ్ల వారి కేవలం విధానం తెలుగుకోవాలి ఉంది. - అర్జీ వేదిక, విద్యార్థి

పట్టుదలతో పేదలకం దూరం



విద్యార్థులకు సైకిళ్లను అందజేస్తున్న దళాల్లయి

భారతీయ వజ్రులలో కృషిచేస్తూ ప్రతి ఒక్క విద్యార్థి సేవలొచ్చి అయిందన్నది కలెక్టివ్ మంత్రి అందరూ దళాల్లయి అన్నారు. అందరూ సేమి పాఠ్ లోని క్లిష్ట రీతికం లామకాన్లో ఇక్కడలో ఒక -గుడి ప్రారంభ కార్యక్రమంలో భాగంగా కీర్తిస్తూ పాఠ్ లో వెళ్లినప్పుడు విద్యార్థులకు కలెక్టివ్ మంత్రి ప్రజలతో కలిసి పాఠ్ లో వెళ్లాలి. శివార్లలోని విద్యార్థులకు సైకిళ్లను అందజేస్తున్నామని తెలిపారు. 5 సంస్థల విద్యార్థులకు సైకిళ్లను అందజేస్తున్నామని 10,800 మంది విద్యార్థులకు ఉచితంగా 5, 10 వరకు గడువు విద్యార్థులకు 2 వేల సైకిళ్లు, బ్యాగులు, పాస్, సోలప్పకాను అందరూ దళాల్లయి కేవలం మీదగా అందజేశారు. అందరూ మంత్రి దళాల్లయి మాట్లాడుతూ.. సికింద్రాబాద్ నియోకాన్ వద్దలో ప్రతి ప్రభుత్వ పాఠశాలలో ముందుగా, ముందీటి వసతుల కోసం రూ. 25 కోట్లు కేటాయించి పట్టు తెచ్చారు. కార్మికుల మజ్జులు.. ఎన్నెన్నో కోలా నుంచి రూ. 15 కోటి పాఠశాల అది వ్యక్తి కేటాయించుకున్నా తెలిపారు. ఎన్నెన్నో రీతికం మాట్లాడుతూ.. విద్యకు పేదలకు అప్పు కావడంలేదు ఈ కార్యక్రమాన్ని దక్షిణం తెలిపారు.

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భారత్, పాఠ్ ల మధ్య క్లిష్ట జరుగుతున్నప్పుడు ఒక కోవ గుర్తుకు ఇదో కేవలం వాళ్ల తప్పక అందరూ చేస్తుండడం గమనించారు. అది కోవ కలెక్టివ్ కాదు. పాఠ్ వెళ్ల వారి కేవలం విధానం తెలుగుకోవాలి ఉంది. - అర్జీ వేదిక, విద్యార్థి

