

**COVA**  
**(Confederation of Voluntary Associations)**

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## COVA: A Brief Introduction

COVA (Confederation of Voluntary Associations) is a network of about 700 organisations working in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir to promote communal harmony and community empowerment. Deccan Development Society (DDS) catalysed COVA in 1994 with 8 community based organisations operating in the old city areas of Hyderabad. By the end of June 2003 COVA comprises 17 networks, 6 organisations and 1 trust having Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Voluntary Organisations (VOs) and institutions as members.

### Vision

Communal harmony, peace and social justice through sensitization of all sections of society and empowerment of the marginalized and poor.

### Mission

- COVA aims to create secular platforms in the form of networks for localised needs of harmony and empowerment involving local people, CBOs, VOs, and institutions, cutting across communities and working on the principle of service to humanity.
- COVA endeavors to strengthen its member organisations to ensure harmony and sustainable development, and make them self-reliant and self-sustaining.

### Strategy

- Enable Muslim CBOs/ VOs in urban and rural areas to work for holistic and integrated development of all marginalised communities.
- Enable Secular, Hindu, Christian and other community organizations to integrate with the Muslim community and work for the development of all.
- Form comprehensive networks of all such organizations from different religions and communities to promote solidarity and enable them to jointly undertake programs and access resources to promote better integration between the Muslim and other communities.

## The Spread: City, Districts, States National and International Networks

### Hyderabad City Programs

#### For Children

Children's Program focuses on creating a child friendly society through the promotion of rights of children, creating access to educational, recreational, health and civic services. The programs are designed in a manner that facilitates healthy interaction between children of different communities.

#### Activities Include

*For out of school children* - Play Schools, Non Residential Bridge Centers and Open Schools (Urdu and Telugu Medium).

*For children in school* - Extra Curricular Activities in Schools and Low Cost Science Exhibitions

*Community Mobilisation* – Promoting child rights, advocacy and policy interventions

## **For Youth**

**Youth TRAC** (Training, Resource and Activity Center) - provides a platform and opportunities for the youth to take up informed and consistent social development initiatives and to improve their career prospects.

Activities for youth are conducted through the following divisions of Youth TRAC:

**Youth For Change**, a program of Youth TRAC is designed to identify youth with leadership qualities to inculcate in them necessary concern and commitment for social issues so as to involve them in the processes of development and policy interventions. Young people at locality, school and college levels are mobilised to form small groups and encouraged to work for their own development as well as that of their localities.

### **Activities Include:**

- Communal and Social Harmony Programs
- Personality and leadership development
- Organisational Development of Youth Groups

**Saheli** - is a network of locality based adolescent girls' groups that are localized platforms for addressing issues of adolescent girls. They participate in *Youth for Change* and collaborate with other members of Youth TRAC in various programs.

**Koshish - The Theatre Group** - comprises children from the old city starting from age 8. The group has a number of plays on communal harmony, education, child labour, women's rights and other social issues in its repertoire. Started in the year 2000, Koshish has given over 200 performances on the streets and prestigious auditoriums in Hyderabad and other cities of the country.

**Play for Peace** - is a unique concept developed in USA to bring together children from conflicting communities for participation in non-competitive games that promote understanding and friendship. Play for Peace – India and COVA collaborated to initiate the program in the old city of Hyderabad. Play sessions are conducted by trained Youth Facilitators in sensitive areas and in schools.

**College Clubs:** COVA facilitates the formation of students clubs in different colleges that arrange regular lectures and discussions on various social issues to sensitise youth and motivate them to work for social transformation and uplift of deprived and marginalised sections. Discussion Clubs have started in 4 colleges. We hope to form Discussion Clubs in 10 colleges by the end of 2004.

## **For Women**

COVA's work with women aims to empower them economically and socially so that they guide the society towards social justice, communal harmony and peace.

### **Social Empowerment Program**

The program addresses issues like accessing civic and other basic services, prevention of domestic violence and maintaining communal harmony by creating awareness among the communities through 1100 women volunteers.

**Activities Include:**

- Campaigns on Social Issues
- Literacy Centers
- Family Counseling and Reconciliation Cell

**Economic Empowerment Program**

**Mahila Sanatkar** Mutually Aided Co-operative Society - for women entrepreneurs, is engaged in vocational training, production and marketing. By June-2004 Mahila Sanatkar has 18 centers with 150 women engaged in production of goods and 57 individual entrepreneurs. The members of Mahila Sanatkar are engaged in practicing traditional crafts. These products are marketed through exhibitions and showrooms of various fair trade organisations. Mahila Sanatkar also executes export orders.

**Roshan Vikas** Mutually Aided Co-operative Thrift Society - SHGs formed through the Self Help Group (SHG) program was federated into Roshan Vikas in 2001. By June 2004 Roshan Vikas has 164 SHGs comprising approximately 3400 women members. Each member saves 1 rupee per day and they have been able to access loans and grants from the government, banks and other financial institutions. It is envisaged that Roshan Vikas will eventually transform into a Women's Co-operative Bank.

**For Community Rights**

**PUCAAR (Peoples Union for Community Action And Rights):** PUCAAR is a unique peoples' union with focus on civic and citizenship rights of the residents of the old city of Hyderabad. Comprising women, men, youth and children, PUCAAR is a platform for common people to systematically analyse their civic problems and social issues and collectively address them by lobbying and influencing bureaucracy, media, political parties and the government through appropriate democratic and advocacy practices.

**Professionals for Social Change**

The following Social Outreach Programs are initiated to sensitise the highly educated middle and professional classes (who usually do not get adequate exposure to the complexities of various social realities), and enlist their collaboration in addressing different issues and problems.

**Professional Clubs**

COVA is seeking collaborations with groups like the Lions Clubs etc. to organise lectures and discussions on various social issues for their members. It is envisaged that such interactions facilitate a proper understanding of the complexities of various social issues and could enlist the involvement of these highly influential professionals in their mitigation and redress.

**SENSITIVevents**

SENSITIVevents, an event management division of COVA, aims to sensitize the educated and professional classes to social issues and problems through the medium of concerts, theatre and other cultural events.

**Other Programs**

**COVA Welfare and Charitable Trust** - This trust is formed to raise resources from the general public in order to help the very poor people who require small loans in the range of Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 to initiate income generation activities.

**SEHAT:** A society formed by the staff members of COVA and its affiliate organizations for financial assistance to the members during medical emergencies.

### **Networks in Andhra Pradesh**

COVA is promoting Local Area Networks (LANs) in 9 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Each Network comprises of 25 to 35 member organizations and primarily focuses on three programs, viz.:

- a) Education and recreation for children
- b) Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for women
- c) Career counseling and self-employment guidance for youth.

The 9 Districts that are being covered in the State of Andhra Pradesh are: Mahaboobnagar, Medak and Warangal in Telangana; Anantapur, Kadapa and Kurnool in Rayalaseema and Guntur, Nellore, and Prakasham in the Coastal Andhra region.

### **Networks in Other States**

COVA's vision has appealed to a number of organisations in other States of India. COVA helps such organisations start networks in their own States.

- **West Bengal-** Nearly 20 organisations working in different slums in Kolkatta and Howrah have formed a network named MASDEV.
- **Uttar Pradesh-** SAVAN, a network of organisations working in Saharanpur town and neighboring rural areas of Uttar Pradesh has been formed as an experiment. Experience gained here will be used to extend the network to other parts of the State.
- **Jammu & Kashmir-** 2 Networks, VAN-Jammu and VAN-Kashmir, were formed to cover the Jammu region and 6 districts of the Kashmir Valley.
- **Gujarat:** After the unprecedented communal violence in Gujarat in 2002, COVA facilitated alliances and collaborations in the State by bringing together Muslim, Hindu and Christian organisations to promote communal harmony and strengthen secular initiatives.

### **National Network**

**ICANID** (Inter Community Alliances for National Integration and Development)- was formed as a result of consultations held between development NGOs and religious organisations in a number of cities across India in an effort to promote collaborations between them for development and integration of all communities leading to communal harmony and peace. The membership is open to religious and voluntary organisations, networks, donor/resource agencies, trade unions and individuals by invitation. It is envisaged that a national body with state and district level units will eventually emerge.

### **International Networks**

**Foundations for Peace:** COVA is a member of Foundations for Peace, a network of foundations and organisations working on peace in different parts of the world. Foundations for Peace aims to create a platform for all its members to undertake activities and strategies to promote peace at the global level.

**ESCR-Net:** An international network, ESCR-Net, works on the issues of economic social and cultural rights. COVA is a member of this network.

## **Research and Studies**

COVA is engaged in a number of researches and studies at the city, state, national and international levels on the marginalized sections of society with a special focus on the Muslim community.

### **The Future**

Once all the networks and organisations being promoted by COVA become self-reliant and independent, COVA would function as a *Research and Resource Center* engaged in studies, action research, training, consultancy, advocacy and policy interventions.

## **COVA Affiliates**

### **Organisations**

Inter Faith Forum  
Koshish Theatre Group  
Play For Peace  
Saheli  
SEHAT  
SENSITIVE*vents*

### **Trust**

COVA Welfare and Charitable Trust

### **Networks**

#### *Hyderabad City*

Mahila Sanatkar  
PUCAAR  
Roshan Vikas  
Youth TRAC

#### *District Networks*

COVAN, Cuddapah  
COVAK, Kurnool  
MANGO, Mahboobnagar  
MFM, Medak  
MMM, Anantapur  
NOVA, Nellore  
ONVA, Warangal  
VAN-Guntur  
VAN-Prakasham

#### *State Networks*

MASDEV, Kolkatta  
SAVAN, Saharanpur–U.P.  
VAN-Jammu  
VAN-Kashmir

## **National Alliances/Memberships**

ICANID  
VANI  
Credibility Alliance  
CNDP (Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace)  
Muslims for Secular Democracy  
Joint Machinery, Planning Commission, Government of India

## **International Alliances**

PIPFDP (Pakistan India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy)  
Foundation for Peace  
ESCR Net

## **Executive Summary**

COVA redefined its vision last year in the light of a decade's experience in making peace efforts through empowering of communities. The recent developments and shifts in the hitherto secular positions of various sections of society taught us valuable lessons as to where we should also have been focusing. Our efforts are now geared towards achieving 'communal harmony, peace and social justice through sensitization of all sections of society and empowerment of the marginalized and poor'. The new directions that COVA initiated need to be appraised from this perspective.

PUCAAR was one such initiative. It is meant to be a progression from grassroots initiatives for economic empowerment to a forum for building awareness among citizens about their rights, and enabling them to actually realize these rights through democratic means.

We took special note of the need to sensitize educated and professional classes and college students to issues of collective importance. The plays, concerts and other cultural events now being produced by COVA especially for the benefit of these sections reflect this perception.

COVA actively led or took an active role in the peace initiatives spanning from the local to the international level. Networking has been an important strategy on this front at all levels. COVA collaborated with likeminded people's organizations as well as religious institutions in preventing communal riots and providing succor to the aggrieved in the old city of Hyderabad. PIPFPD spared few efforts in establishing a warm and sustainable relationship between the civil societies of Pakistan and India while the two governments were conducting peace negotiations at the political level. Nevertheless there is much more to do on this front.

Children's Program facilitated the involvement of children in various awareness programs organised by government and non-government agencies. Children of both regular schools and non-formal schools gained exposure to new ideas, new people, new institutions through rallies, exposure visits, cultural events, project works, summer camps, and the annual science exhibition. Apart from these facilitations, Children's Program has been advocating the rights of children by highlighting the sorry state of education and the prevalence of large-scale child labor in its constituency, through surveys, meetings and training of volunteers.

Youth Program, in its diversified activities, addressed the livelihood issues as well as awareness needs of youth. Through its divisions, Koshish Theatre Group and Play for Peace, Youth TRAC actively spread the message of peace and harmony not only during crises in the communally sensitive areas of the old city of Hyderabad but also elsewhere across the country. This program too is moving from mere service delivery towards advocacy of community rights.

Roshan Vikas is steadily and firmly inching towards its dream of forming a Mahila Bank. Several members of Roshan Vikas benefited from the loans taken from this cooperative for investing in their business. Importantly, the three thousand and odd members of Roshan Vikas are the ones who formed the backbone for the advocacy efforts of COVA on civic issues.

The artisans of Mahila Sanatkar gained direct exposure to the market at the national level by participating in handicrafts exhibitions in major cities of India. As a result they appreciate the need for skill upgradation to improve the quality and increase of product range, and withstand competition. The training programs thus cater to a highly motivated team of members of Mahila Sanatkar.

As a result of our intervention in the nine districts of Andhra Pradesh through the District Network Program there are reports that Communal Harmony is now part of the agenda of several members of the District Networks and that there is a better integration of communities in their constituencies. The member organizations admit to benefiting from various capacity building programs facilitated by COVA. Networking in Saharanpur, Kolkatta, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir, though still taking shape, has made a difference to the local organizations in giving a professional touch to social work.

COVA is now involved in three research projects, which are at various stages of the research process. The growing thrust on research and studies has been deliberate in view of the future self-image of COVA as a research and resource center once all its affiliates become self-sustainable and independent.

A decade of involvement with the marginalized and poor communities has not only served as an inspiration to devise new strategies for peaceful coexistence, but has also enabled COVA to extend its scope, both geographically and in terms of programs. The growth has brought its own responsibilities. COVA is determined to rededicate itself to facing the emerging challenges.

## **Initiatives for Peace**

“Last time we were part of that mob pelting stones and actively rioting. Now we are here preventing the riots.” This was a remark made by a college student who had enrolled as a COVA volunteer. The contrast made him proud. For us, this is one appraisal of our peace efforts in the old city of Hyderabad.

Protesting against the growing menace of violence and hatred, COVA worked all the more intensely for communal harmony and peace in collaboration with various groups of concerned individuals and organizations within the country and across borders.

During the times of communal violence in the Old City at various points of time, COVA intervened and rendered its services at important junctures to prevent any further escalation of the tensions and took active steps for harmony and peace among communities. Similarly, COVA worked in collaboration with many organizations to ease tensions with Pakistan and strengthen initiatives for peace across the world. During the past year, COVA’s interventions for peace ranged from the local to the global.

### **International**

#### **Pakistan-India Peace Initiatives**

Closely associated with Pakistan India Peoples’ Forum for Peace and Democracy (PIPFDP) since its inception, COVA is the Secretariat for PIPFPD – Andhra Pradesh Chapter. The Forum endeavors to promote contact between the people of Pakistan and India in order to promote better understanding and secure peace between the two countries.

Since December 2002 the relations between Pakistan and India had reached danger point and their armies were deployed on the borders for nearly one year. War clouds were all pervasive with the very real danger of a nuclear conflagration between the two countries. All borders were closed and even flights between the two countries were under total suspension. The only way to travel between these two countries was through a third country like Dubai or Kuwait, etc. In such a volatile and dangerous situation PIPFPD sent a delegation of 8 people to Pakistan to reactivate peace initiatives from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2002 to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2003. The Director of COVA, who was also the Joint Secretary of PIPFPD India Chapter, was a member of this delegation.

#### **Visits by Members of Parliament**

The delegation met a number of people and addressed many meetings and gatherings in different cities of Pakistan. One of the most significant achievements of this delegation was to discuss and finalize the visit of members of National Assembly of Pakistan to India. The members of the National Assembly of Pakistan readily accepted the invitation and visited India in July 2003. PIPFPD facilitated and hosted their visit to India. They received a very warm welcome from one and all amidst extensive media coverage, which initiated a new surge of friendship in the sub continent. The members of National Assembly of Pakistan in turn invited the members of Parliament of India to their country. This invitation was heartily accepted by the Indian M.Ps. leading to the visit of a multi-party delegation of Indian M.Ps. to Pakistan. The rest is history.

#### **‘Partners in Victory’ Campaign**

As part of the process to normalize relations between India and Pakistan, the governments of both countries agreed to organize cricket matches during March and April 2004. Though the intention was to bring the countries together, there were also apprehensions that this “battle” on the cricket ground could spill over and vitiate the atmosphere of the sub continent and further jeopardize the peace process. In order to ensure that the game is accepted in the correct spirit and the cricket

series promote good will instead of generating antagonism, COVA proposed the “Flags for Peace” Campaign.

The idea behind this Campaign was very simple. That as many people in the stadium where matches are being played wave flags of both India and Pakistan together instead of waving the flags of their country alone. Secondly special badges were designed bearing the legend “Partners in Victory” and flags of both India and Pakistan. This proposal of COVA was received enthusiastically by many organizations in India and more so in Pakistan. The campaigns were organized in all the cities where matches were being played in Pakistan by a number of organizations like Pakistan Peace Coalition, South Asia Partnership – Pakistan, PIPFPD, PILER and many other organizations of Pakistan who produced flags, badges, bumper stickers in large numbers for the campaign. The campaign was also organized in a number of cities like Hyderabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkatta and others.

Several noted sportspeople, peace activists and other celebrities of India and Pakistan endorsed this campaign. Prominent amongst these were Admiral Ramdas, Mr. Kuldeep Nayar, Swami Agnivesh, Ms Shabana Azmi, Mr. Arshad Ayub, Mr. Gopichand Ms. Nanditha Das and Mr. Tom Alter from India and Mr. Zaheer Abbas, Mr. Saleem Yusuf (former National Cricket Selector), Little Master Hanif Muhammed, Hockey champion Iftikhar Syed and Flying Horse Sami of Pakistan.

The success of this campaign was evident from the number of people who were holding and waving flags of both the countries during the matches. The media coverage was extensive and very appreciative. The impact of this simple campaign in generative positive sentiments especially amongst the middle and educated classes in both the countries cannot be calculated easily.

#### **Hyderabad Deccan – Hyderabad Sindh: Sister Cities Project**

During the same visit the idea of adopting Hyderabad Deccan and Hyderabad Sindh as sister cities was also conceived. Hyderabad Deccan is in India while Hyderabad Sindh is an important city in the Sindh province of Pakistan. Both cities are famous for their bangles and also for having large lakes in their midst. Another strong connection between these two cities are the migrants of Partition. A large number of Hindu Sindhis from Hyderabad Sindh had migrated to Hyderabad Deccan and a large number of Muslims from Hyderabad Deccan migrated to Hyderabad Sindh during the tragic turmoil following the Partition. Because of the continued hostility between Pakistan and India in the last 56 years and the extreme traveling restrictions, the people who were forced to migrate are unable to visit their place of birth despite an acute longing.

In order to foster friendship and understanding between the two countries through concrete and tangible initiatives, it was resolved to work towards making Hyderabad Deccan and Hyderabad Sindh as sister cities. Work on a Web site is underway and it is proposed to organize joint festivals in Hyderabad Deccan and in Hyderabad Sindh in the alternate years. It is planned to send a delegation of Sindhis of Hyderabad Deccan to Hyderabad Sindh in September 2004. This delegation would comprise people from Hyderabad Sindh who have migrated to and settled in Hyderabad Deccan. Subsequently a festival of Hyderabad Sindh will be organized in Hyderabad Deccan in September 2005.

These festivals will comprise an exchange of literary and culinary traditions, and fashion and music of these two cities. It is hoped that such exchanges would promote better bonding between these two cities in particular and the people of India and Pakistan in general.

#### **PIPFPD Joint Convention – Karachi, Pakistan, 2003**

In December 2003 PIPFPD organized a Joint Convention in Karachi, Pakistan in which nearly 240 delegates from India participated. From COVA, Dr. Anand Raj Varma, Co-Chairperson, Governing Body, Sardar Nanak Singh Nishtar, Member, Managing Committee, and Dr. Mazher Hussain, Director, participated in this Joint Convention. COVA in collaboration with PIPFPD

had organized competitions for college students in essay writings, elocution, quiz, one act plays and posters on the theme of Indo-Pak relations. The prize winning posters from these competitions in Hyderabad were prominently displayed at the venue of the Joint Convention in Lahore and were well appreciated by the participants and received good media coverage.

## **National**

### **Training of Volunteers from Gujarat**

The Gujarat Carnage evoked response from a large number of young women and men from the affected areas, who volunteered to organise and manage relief camps. Many of these volunteers showed keen interest in dedicating themselves to social work and COVA realized that they could be an excellent human resource for the community. However, these young people were being hindered from continuing to work because of the limitations in their concept of social work and for economic reasons of securing a livelihood. COVA realized that if these individuals could be trained and placed with NGOs intending to work with the Muslim community they could facilitate the strengthening of civil society processes in the community and secure empowerment and integration of different communities.

A three-month experiential training program was organized in collaboration with Jan Vikas, Ahmedabad and HID Forum, Bangalore, for a group of 20 volunteers selected from Ahmedabad and Panchmahal districts of Gujarat. The training was spread over four states – Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Apart from gaining theoretical background of developmental issues and their redress, the trainees visited different NGOs to learn first hand about the work and how the issues- health, education, livelihood etc. are addressed. NGOs who were on the look out for personnel to work with the Muslim community were invited to interact with the trainees during the valedictory. A number of trainees were recruited by these NGOs while some of them have started their own organizations. Jan Vikas has now taken up the training program as a regular activity.

## **Hyderabad City**

### **Healing the Wounds**

In one incident, a dispute over a land resulted in communal violence in Karwaan constituency of Old City on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2003. When vested interests tried to terrorize people and politicize the issue, COVA intervened and joined hands with various NGOs to stop violence. They also organized drives for donations in several parts of the city, which also created public awareness of the problem, apart from raising money and materials in aid of the victims. COVA along with Arya Samaj and Jamaat-e-Islami, two of the prominent and influential religious organizations, issued a Joint Press Statement appealing to people not to resort to violence. This had a great impact on the people and prevented any further escalation of tensions.

### **Mobilising Support to Contain Violence**

In another incident at Mallepally, when communal violence broke out, COVA intervened at a crucial point and took appropriate measures to stop the violence. Spreading the messages of peace and communal harmony through its Koshish Theatre Group activities, it organized plays and demonstrations in the bastis and successfully negotiated with the rival groups.

In a similar incident at Kishan Baag, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2003, minor communal clashes erupted between Muslims and Sikhs for the first time in the history of the old city. Preventing a large-scale destruction, COVA intervened and took active steps in collaboration with the police and other NGOs to control the situation. With the help of other NGOs, it compensated the victims.

### **Fact Finding on 6<sup>th</sup> December Violence**

COVA, along with six other voluntary organisations, namely, Human Rights Forum (HRF), Campaign on Housing and Tenurial Rights (CHATRI), Coalition for Peace and Harmony (CPH),

Sakshi Human Rights Watch, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights AP Chapter, and Anveshi, formed a Fact Finding Team (FFT), and visited the areas in the old city of Hyderabad where violence took place on the night of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2003 and met the families of the deceased, the injured persons, general public, representatives of some political parties, religious heads and police officials.

The findings of FFT revealed that *four people died in police firing, two were stabbed to death and an unidentified dead body* was found lying, unclaimed. The team concluded that the rioting situation developed due to the insensitive behavior of political parties. Intelligence had failed to understand the tense situation. Police pickets should not have been withdrawn at 6 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Firing was opened on the mob in a hasty manner. Rumors have played a major part in aggravating the situation. The efforts of government in providing relief were insufficient.

The Team suggested that the Government should come out with an action plan for providing livelihood to unemployed youth. It should organize a meeting of the NGOs, voluntary groups and democratic-minded people to work out a strategy for communal harmony. Religious heads can play a vital role in maintaining communal harmony. The Government should announce a relief package to the families, who suffered heavy damages and compensation to the dependents of the persons killed in the violence. Illegal arrests of youth by police should stop. The suggestions made by two earlier commissions, Krishna Rao Commission and Ramana Chary Commission, to improve the situation in the old city should be re-examined by the Government for implementation.

COVA, in collaboration with HASSS, a Catholic organization, raised funds to compensate the victims of the incidents.

### **Inter Faith Forum**

As part of its mission to promote mutual understanding among various religions, Inter Faith Forum organised Dushera Milap, in collaboration with Agrawal Shiksha Samiti, on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2003. Representatives of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christian beliefs participated in this program and spoke on the need for harmony quoting from their respective scriptures to this effect.

### **Workshop for Police Personnel**

A Workshop for Police Personnel on Dealing with Communal Riots was organized in collaboration with Coalition for Peace and Harmony and CSSS, Mumbai, on January 3, 2004. This workshop was facilitated by Dr Asghar Ali Engineer. About 150 police personnel including the Commissioner of Police, Assistant Commissioners of Police and Circle Inspectors from the Hyderabad City Police participated in the workshop.

### **Publication of Case Studies of Riot Victims**

Profiles of 20 victims of communal riots (18 of them dead and all of them the breadwinners for their families) in the old city of Hyderabad have been compiled after a detailed survey. Details are being collected as to how the death of the bread winner in the mindless communal frenzy continues to adversely affect the educational, economic and social conditions of the members of the family, even after many years of the incidence. Narratives based on these profiles are currently under preparation. Senior writers and journalists are involved in this Project. These narratives are going to be published in a book.

### **Attempts to Come Out of a Negative Self-image**

Whenever fascist ideas take an organizational form, it becomes necessary to fill the minds of the members of the organization with hatred towards the selected 'other'. Along with this it has to be established in their minds that 'the other' has perpetrated atrocities against the 'self' for which the

fascist organisation claims to stand. It is easier to plant such thoughts in a person who is not at all familiar with any member of the 'other' community. Alienation with the other and a sense of oppression towards oneself - these form the basis for any fascist critique that goes in the name of a socio-cultural identity. It is thus easier to imprint a sense of alienation and oppression in the minds of children and adolescents and once it is imprinted it cannot be erased for a long time. Hence the basic formula for any fascist thought and organisation is: Catch them young! Lock their minds right from childhood.

Similar thing happened with Adil too. Like many other children of Hyderabad he was caught young by a fundamentalist organization\*. He was taught how to handle a lathi and a talwar, how to attack. It was drilled into his mind that every non-Muslim is an enemy of Muslims. That it is not necessary to judge a person based on his/her good and bad actions, that it can be done on the basis of the person's identity from birth. Whoever does not accept our word is against us. Since he/she is not one of us, we should hate them and take revenge against them. It is not necessary to mix with non-Muslims - so that on the picture of hatred, which was drawn after a lot of hard work, there will not be any mark of understanding and love. Adil's mind too was conditioned on these lines. But by chance Adil found an opportunity to meet some non-Muslims in a camp. He became restless with doubts - eating and speaking habits of these people may be different from mine, but we think alike. Definitely some people must be feeling that every Muslim is a betrayer of the country, but these people don't. Despite several differences, across the nation, their dream is similar - like mine... Identity is not just created by birth, but by collective ideas and value system. Despite various kinds of differences, after all there are some things that are shared... For the restless doubts of Adil there was no answer with the activists of that fundamentalist organisation\*. How can there be? How can any group\* with such identity politics answer such questions- except through threats and abuses? Adil received a similar response. He understood that any politics based on alienation with the other and a sense of oppression towards oneself cannot in reality do any good to any oppressed section. That is only the strategy of the business of contractors.

Today Adil is a volunteer of COVA (actively associated with Play for Peace). COVA is a confederation of many local initiatives. After the terrifying communal riots of 1990-1991 in Hyderabad, a few sensitive social workers were faced these questions: How long do we keep reacting? How long do we play the role of relief providers? When do we provide an alternative to the underlying thought of the narrow and violent fundamentalism? When can we take an alternative perspective, their own proverbs and their own activism to the youth?

COVA was born out of these restless questions....

(Excerpted and translated from Purushottam Agrawal's article, "Nakarattmak atmachavi se baahar aane ki koshish", *Jansatta*, )

*\*Translator's Note: Names of these organisations are removed in the translation.*

## **New Directions**

### **PUCAAR**

PUCAAR (People's Union for Civic Action And rights) was formed in response to a long felt need of the people of the Old City for a forum to campaign on and represent their issues.

Since its inception in 1994 with a focus on communal harmony, COVA has been exploring ways of achieving social and economic empowerment for the communities living in the much neglected old city of Hyderabad. Communal harmony is to a large extent affected by the social and economic status of the communities. Roshan Vikas was initiated to address the issue of economic empowerment of women of this part of Hyderabad. Nevertheless all the 5000 and odd members of Roshan Vikas, living in the bastis, still faced the same sense of social insecurity and

acute lack of access to basic amenities. The same need echoed in each of these hearts for a forum to campaign for their basic rights. It was felt that social empowerment could become a reality only when communities engage in actions leading to the realization of their constitutional rights. Also, it is time that accountability is demanded from the bureaucracy and the rulers elected by the people themselves. Out of these aspirations the idea of PUCAAR was born.

### **People's Manifesto**

To begin with, an alternative process to elicit and record the aspirations of people that can be presented in the form of a manifesto was conceptualized. When general elections were declared to the State and Central Governments, the moment was perceived by many as strategic to give a collective expression to the demands of the people. As a result, a systematic process has gone into making People's Manifesto for the old city of Hyderabad. Dialogues and discussions were initiated with social activists, academicians and other intellectuals, preparatory to the process. Important issues like health, child labour, girl trafficking, law and order, police harassment, heritage, people's livelihood and housing emerged as needing much focus. After much discussion, in January 2004 a strategy was evolved to facilitate the preparation of a People's Manifesto.

### **Process**

Over a hundred bastis meetings were held with different sections of society in six mandals of the old city, namely, Charminar, Bandlaguda, Bahadurpura, Saidabad, Golconda, and Asif Nagar to get comprehensive data on civic amenities and other social issues. Important issues that emerged out of these meetings were shared with intellectuals and activists.

The People's Manifesto, a charter of demands of the citizens of the old city of Hyderabad evolved after several workshops at the mandal and central level.

### **Emergence of PUCAAR**

During the final stages of the draft, a union of people emerged. PUCAAR (People's Union For Civic Action And Rights), a name suggested by S.M. Umar Nawaz, a college student and volunteer of COVA, was unanimously endorsed for this unique formation.

The manifesto was released amidst a gathering at a public meeting at Charminar. Rallies were conducted in different bastis to give information about the People's Manifesto to households. Leaders from all the political parties were presented with the manifestos.

### **Voter Awareness Programs**

PUCAAR, in association with Lok Satta, conducted Voter Awareness Programs in the bastis of the Old City to make people aware of their duties and rights during the election process. People were told about the importance of casting their votes during these programs.

### **Election Manifesto-People's Voice.**

On 20<sup>th</sup> march 2004, PUCAAR and Insurance Corporation Employees Union (ICEU, Hyderabad), jointly organized a convention on "**Election Manifesto-People's Voice**", to highlight people's problems in respect of basic amenities, fundamental rights and electoral reforms and to appeal to the political parties to include these in their manifestoes. PUCAAR on behalf of the Old city of Hyderabad, appealed to all the political parties to take cognizance of the absolute lack of development of this part and include the issues of the people here in their respective manifestos.

### **Open Forums**

PUCAAR, in collaboration with Lok Satta, organised Open Forums in the four Assembly Constituencies of the old city of Hyderabad on the eve of elections to facilitate an interaction between the electorate and the contesting candidates of various political parties as part of its strategy for the propagation of the People's Manifesto and its inclusion in the agendas of the political parties.

### **Minor Advocacies**

Mr Mohd. Afzal, Co-Convener of PUCAAR, focused on Golconda mandal. He mobilized people on local civic issues like maintenance of roads, sewerage drains, power supply, garbage lifting, keeping a watch on weights and measures in the ration shops, issue of ration cards and protection of government land from land grabbers. The government departments concerned, like those of education, electricity, civil supplies, revenue, water works and town planning needed to be approached and pressurized into acting on these issues. At the same time awareness had to be built among the community members on working collectively for their redress.

On the personal level too there are always issues to be solved. Ms Sameena Nasri's residence certificate was a case in point. Ms Nasri applied for a residence certificate at the MRO office, Golconda. The office did not pay heed to the request in spite of repeated reminders. After five months, she approached COVA. When Mr Afzal wrote to the MRO office they issued a memo claiming that the certificate could not be issued since the applicant had not produced sufficient documents. The Citizen's Charter stipulates that such a certificate or a memo demanding production of more information should be issued within fifteen days of request. Quoting the Charter, when the MRO office was again approached along with Lok Satta volunteers, there was instant action. The certificate was issued immediately.

"When the community realizes that an issue is of everybody's concern they stand by us when we fight. For them to realize this we need to work closely with them and relate to them on a personal level too," says Mr Afzal.

### **New Directions**

#### **Sensitization of the Educated and Professional Classes**

The educated and professional sections of society may not be in need of any development support but they require inputs for sensitization on various social issues just like any other section of the society as our educational system is still not designed and equipped to properly sensitize people and make them knowledgeable and there by concerned about various problems and issues of society and their responsibility in seeking and effecting their redress and resolution.

Recognizing this need to work with the educated and professional classes also, COVA undertook and organized the following events and programs.

**Gazal program by Ms. Seema Sehgal in collaboration with PIPFPD:** Renowned Ghazal singer of Kashmiri origin and based in Mumbai sang Ghazals by Pakistani and Indian poets on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at Ravindra Bharati. Sqn. Ldr. Anil Sehgal conducted the event.

**Gazal program by Dr. Subhendu Gosh:** COVA organized "*Sanjhi Aawaaz: Secular Traditions In Hindustani Music*", a musical program by Dr Subhendu Ghosh, Head, Department of Biophysics, University of Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 in Hyderabad. This was a musical narrative of the history of Hindustani poetry. The idea of this musical journey is to highlight the fact that through poetry and music, the people of India have upheld secularism and human values for centuries.

#### **Staging of 'Maulana Azad' – A Play on the Theme of Partition**

COVA organised a play “Moulana Azad” –on the Theme of Partition on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2004 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Auditorium, Hyderabad. The play was produced by Pierrots Troupe from Delhi. The role of Moulana Azad was played by popular film actor Tom Alter. The play evolves in the backdrop of Maulana Azad dictating notes to Humayun Kabir for his book 'India Wins Freedom'.

This event was organised as part of a series of cultural activities like plays, concerts, art exhibitions that COVA has planned to engage and reach out to students from the middle and upper middle classes and young professionals from different fields. The main objective behind organizing this event was to sensitise the opinion makers and leaders of society who come from this fast growing segment of society. They need to be increasingly involved in peace initiatives, to be sensitized on the futility of violence and other social issues, and to develop commitment for the cause. The proceeds from the play were set aside for activities to promote peace, communal harmony and empowerment of marginalised sections of society.

### **College Clubs**

Formation of Discussion Groups in colleges is under process. They are expected to be formed by the end of July 2004.

The college clubs would provide facilities for sports and games and space for organizing literary and cultural events at the inter and intra collegiate levels. The clubs would also provide space to conduct debates and discussions on issues. Awareness and orientation programs would be conducted to sensitize them to the issues of communalism, social and gender justice, environment etc. Members of the clubs would be encouraged to conduct competitions and programs in schools and colleges and also work with out-of-school children belonging to the marginalized communities. Capacity building activities would be facilitated for students and youth in areas such as leadership skills.

### **Professional Clubs**

Efforts towards active interaction with professional clubs are also under process. Lions Club, which has around 148 clubs in the Hyderabad district, has agreed to collaborate in the project and help in arranging lectures and talks during their regular meetings. Some meetings on the issues of Peace and India Pakistan Relations were organized.

Profiles of eminent personalities from different fields are being prepared to facilitate the professional clubs to select and invite speakers having expertise on different social issues.

### **New Directions**

#### **Welfare Trusts in Districts**

All religions encourage philanthropic giving. Apart from religious edicts and sentiments, people also give generously for purely secular and humanitarian motives. COVA felt that if different philanthropic contributions in each area are pooled into a corpus managed by a credible institution, the fund can be utilized for programs that could eventually empower the marginalised communities in that area .

Accordingly, the process for the formation of Welfare Trusts is initiated in four districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, Guntur, Kurnool, Warangal and Kadapa. It is hoped that within a year these trusts will be legally formalized and would become functional.

### **New Directions**

#### **ICANID**

**(Inter Community Alliances for National Integration and Development)**

COVA initiated ICANID (Inter Community Alliances for National Integration and Development) to promote Peace and Communal Harmony at National level, by establishing collaborations between religious groups and NGOs working in the fields of development and peace. It held several meetings in cities like Delhi, Raipur, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkatta to build linkages between different religious and secular/ community organizations.

There are a number of secular groups and organizations working to promote peace and harmony. However, they do not involve and enlist religious groups in their endeavours although most of these religious groups are also against violence. As a result of the failure of the organisations working for peace and harmony to interact with and enlist the support of religious organisations, some religious groups are slowly being hijacked by a few fringe elements who have a vested interest in creating and spreading the atmosphere of hate and vengeance.

Interactions between different religious organisations are largely non-existent and wherever they exist, they are mostly symbolic in nature – without extending into collaborations and partnerships in implementing programs and activities. Similarly, interactions between secular groups and religious organizations on development issues are very minimal. Such interactions are needed today to promote development on the principle of service to humanity and to secure proper and sustaining integration of different communities.

ICANID was formed as a result of consultations held between development NGOs and Religious Organisations in a number of cities across India. The membership is open to voluntary organizations, networks, donor / resource agencies, trade unions and individuals by invitation. It is envisaged that a national body with state and district level units will eventually emerge.

Initially ICANID would focus on the following activities:

- Facilitate the participation of organizations / individuals from different communities in each other's programs and activities.
- Facilitate placements of individuals from different communities in organizations led by other communities.
- Facilitate inter community alliances in implementing programs and issues like education, child labour etc.
- Facilitate inter community sharing of resources.

During 2003-04, a number of meetings were organized in Delhi, Lucknow, Bangalore, Raipur, Kolkatta and other cities.

## **Children's Program**

Activities under Children's Program focus on rights of children. The two-pronged approach of the Program provides learning opportunities for children both in-school and out-of-school, and advocates for their rights.

Children's Program forged linkages between schools and organisations working on various issues for providing learning opportunities for children.

- During the project works (facilitated by NIN through COVA) for children of 80 regular schools on Iodine Deficiency and HIV Aids, the children had to visit hospitals to look at the patients and visit the nearby bastis to create awareness in the community on these diseases. "It made us happy to educate people who are less informed than us", says Syeda Shaista, a student of 10<sup>th</sup> Standard. NIN also trained biology teachers from the member schools of COVA.
- Linkages with organizations like National Institute of Nutrition, National Green Corps, Junior Red Cross and Kids for Tigers helped the students get exposure to various ideas, activities, institutions and individuals. Nutrition Clubs are in the process of formation in

30 schools thanks to the support of these organizations. Children participated in rallies organized by Department of Tourism, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Traffic Police, Hyderabad, and Forum for Better Hyderabad for awareness on Heritage sites, traffic and road safety, and environment respectively. The children from the member schools of COVA were trained in traffic rules in collaboration with Traffic Police, Hyderabad and some of them bagged prizes in the competitions held on Traffic Safety.

- “The Fifth Low Cost Science Exhibition helped us apply science and also compare our standards of learning with that of students from other schools”, feels Irfana Tabasum, another student from Girls High School, Moazam Jahi Market, Shah Ali Banda. COVA in collaboration with APCOST – Hyderabad organized the Fifth Annual Low Cost Science Exhibition on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at Agarwal High School for Boys, Charkaman, Pathergatti, Hyderabad.

600 participants from about 70 schools demonstrated 300 exhibits (list of participant schools is enclosed) on various themes, including Recycling, AIDS and Future, Electronics and Communication, Food, Nutrition and Health, Energy, Chemicals: Uses and Hazards, and Pollution. The children from regular schools, open schools and special schools for the differently abled also participated. Besides, the organisations Kids for Tigers, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Shrayya Educational Aids and St.John’s Ambulance Association set up their own institutional stalls on this occasion at the venue.

17 schools participated in the On-the-Spot-Exhibits category. Each participant was to choose one out of three themes offered, namely, Electricity from Potatoes, Properties of Magnetism, and Surface Tension, and produce an exhibit on the spot in the stipulated time.

The Jury for awarding the prizes consisted solely of the students, which is unique to this Exhibition. Around 8000 children, parents and teachers from the old city visited the Exhibition.

15 Play Schools and 32 Open Schools were initiated this year, which cater to 300 and 900 students respectively. Children, in the age group of 14 years and above, who dropped out of school out of economic constraints and are engaged in labour, are enrolled in these Open Schools at two levels known as S2 and S3 equivalent to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> standards respectively in regular schools. Once they pass these levels, the Open School teachers enroll them in the nearby government or private schools and they are thus mainstreamed.

### **Open for a Dream**

Saleha was a 4<sup>th</sup> class drop out when I first met her. She was one of the intelligent girls that I met in the basti who had the potential to learn. She was doing Zari work and used to earn rupees 100 per week. Her parents were happy with that. I tried to convince Saleha to continue her studies. I asked her to spend at least one hour in the open school which could help her in the future. “I will lose money if I come to school. My parents will scold me”, was the reply from Saleha. I talked with her parents and tried to convince them. They were very reluctant to enroll her in the Open School and thought their child’s education would make a dent in their earnings.

But after repeated attempts to convince them, they agreed to enroll Saleha in the Open School. She studied there for one year and passed 7<sup>th</sup> class in the first division. Thrilled by her success, she expressed her wish to study further in a formal school and continue her studies. She was then streamlined into formal schools and with the financial support given by Children’s Department of COVA, she passed SSC in first division this year. Her happiness knew no bounds. Her parents slowly gained confidence in her and proudly talked about her child’s progress with their

neighbours. COVA helped her to join intermediate course in DATAR Vocational Junior College in Bi.P.C. Group. “ I will make her a Doctor”, is how her elated father tells the neighbors.

Fascinated by Saleha’s success, some of the neighbours also began to think of girl education. Now they are enrolling more and more girl children in Open Schools.

-- Ms Yousuf Unnisa, Open School Teacher, Riyasat Nagar

### **Red Cross Government English Medium School**

The Red Cross Government Primary School, Phoolbagh, an English Medium Government school in the Old City, was established in the academic year 2002 – 2003 with the initiative of Raj Bhavan. COVA helped in identifying the locality in which to run it and facilitated the active involvement of the school Education committee and the local community. The school attracted greater inflow of students as it provided an opportunity to those parents who cannot afford to send their children to private English Medium schools. Nearly 400 students were housed in a local masjid building in the first year. And of them about 250 were later shifted to the new school building that was constructed with the support of HSBC and Indian Red Cross. This building now has 6 classrooms, 1 office room and 1 library.

The total current strength of the School is approximately 340. The school has 5 permanent teachers and 2 teachers working in this school for teaching Maths and English are on deputation. One teacher is supported by COVA.

### **Child Rights Week**

During the Child Rights Week from November 14 to November 20, 2003, Children’s Program of COVA facilitated the participation of children from its member schools in the Mela organised by Hyderabad Council for Human Welfare. In the same week, in association with Reddy’s Laboratories, the Children’s Program organised a Medical Camp for school children at Government Upper Primary School, Rajnarasimha Colony, in which the nutrition levels and skin ailments of children were examined and remedies suggested.

### **Advocacy**

Children’s Program assisted the Social Empowerment Program for Women (SEPW) in awareness campaigns on rights issues in bastis during the preparation of People’s Manifesto for PUCAR. Training modules on Education and child rights were developed for volunteers so that they could campaign for child rights in the bastis.

A survey was conducted on the situation of schools in Hyderabad in collaboration with Divya Disha, another voluntary organisation. Based on the survey report, mandal wise orientation sessions were conducted for basti level volunteers on issues of education.

Interacting with SHGs on issues related to education and mobilizing communities for visits to schools visibly enhanced the people’s awareness on children’s issues, including child labour. At one point, they were so moved by the plight of the children working hard for meager income in a carpentry workshop at Hafeez Baba Nagar, that they decided then and there to frame specific strategies in their own localities to handle issues related to children.

In retrospect we cannot but feel that we could deliver much less than we intended, especially in programs supported by the government, due to inordinate delays in the bureaucratic process. We had to spend much valuable time in getting the government to release funds to run Non-Resident Bridge Centers (NRBCs) and Open Schools. If the teachers are not paid on time, the quality of their teaching suffers. Other NGOs that took up similar programs too suffered likewise. We have

learnt from this experience that in future, for effective implementation of government-supported programs, we should lobby for advance release of funds.

### **Childline**

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, under the Integrated Street Children Project, supports Childline. Childline aims at catering to the immediate needs of children in difficult circumstances. This program is supported by Child Helpline accessible for 24 hours through the toll-free telephone number 1098 for children who require help. COVA as a support organisation dealt with 115 cases under various interventions such as medical help, rescue and shelter, repatriation, missing children (child lost and parents asking for help). In 80% of the cases the children were repatriated. Childline gave us scope to reach out to children in immediate need. In view of the large number of cases dealt with by COVA, awareness about Childline has been on the increase among the general public.

### **Leader in the Making**

The Students' Nutrition Club of Hyderabad owes its origin to the personal initiative of Fiaz, a 10<sup>th</sup> Standard student of St. Marks Boys Town High School.

Initially when his school could not respond to the proposal for Science Exhibition and Project Work facilitated by the Children's Program of COVA, Fiaz approached COVA and evinced his interest in participating in both the events. He persuaded his principal, teachers and other students of the school in fulfilling all the formalities. He not only participated in the events but also won prizes. The Project work entailed visits to institutes such as NIN, UNICEF, WHO, Institute of Health and Family Welfare, etc. Fiaz spoke to the Director and the Deputy Director of NIN and expressed his wish to start a Nutrition Club in his school. Mr. Subba Rao, Research Officer, Communications, NIN discussed the idea with Mr. Fiaz of starting Nutrition Clubs in schools in Hyderabad. Fiaz, with the help of Children's Program, COVA, took the initiative and contacted nearly 150 schools in Old City, Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The managements were requested to nominate 2 students from each school for the School Nutrition Club. Many schools responded positively. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2004. Mr. Shiv Kumar, Director, NIN, inaugurated the School Students Nutrition Club of Hyderabad at St. Marks Boys Town High School. Mr. Shiv Kumar promised that NIN would provide all technical support and expertise to the club.

Now, Fiaz is the president of the Club. Bro. Kuria Chan, Principal of the school has been guiding and extending all support to Fiaz in his endeavour. Today because of the personal initiative of a 10th Standard student, the club has 55 members. This kind of awareness and initiative is the long cherished dream of Children's Program.

## Children's Program: Fact Sheet 2003-2004

### I. Programs for children in formal schools

Event	Date/ Duration	No. of participants	In collaboration with	Community composition (%)	
				Muslim	Non-Muslim
Teachers' training	August-2003	Teachers from member Schools of COVA	Government of Andhra Pradesh	90%	10%
Starting of Open Schools for 12+ Children	During the year	900 Students 32 Centers	AP Open Schools Society	100%	
Starting of Play Schools (3-5 Yrs)	During the Year	450 Students	Janashala (DPEP, Government of Andhra Pradesh)	80%	20%
Training of Play School Teachers	9 programs during the year 2004	15 Teachers in each program	Janashala (DPEP, Government of Andhra Pradesh)	86%	14%
Training of Open School Teachers	3 programs during the year 2004	32 Teachers in each program	AP Open Schools Society	100%	-
Formation of Nutrition Clubs	April '03- Jan-04	15 Schools	National Institute of Nutrition	90%	10%
Science Exhibition	January & Feb, 2004	Participants: 600 students from 70 Schools Visitors: 8000	APCOST	80%	20%
Project Work on HIV and Iodine	Jan/Feb, 2004	15 Schools	NIN/APSACS	80%	20%
Traffic Safety Rally from Charminar to Quli Qutub Shah Stadium (part of Traffic Safety Week)	March 2004	250 students from 40 Schools	Traffic Police, Hyderabad	80%	20%
Principals Meeting	August 2003	35		60%	40%
Biology Teachers Training	January 2004	40	NIN	80%	20%

### II. Community Programs

### Resources Raised During 2003-2004\*

(\*These are the resources raised locally and that reached the beneficiaries directly.)

S.No	Name of the Activity / Event	Support Agency	Resources Cash	Raised Kind
1	Open Schools	APOSS: Salary Books Trainings Exams Travel <b>TOTAL</b>	Rs.2, 16, 000  Rs.42, 300 Rs. 39,000 Rs.5000 <b>Rs. 3,02, 300</b>	Rs. 9,000    <b>Rs. 9,000</b>
2	Play Schools	JANASHALA- Trainings NIMH- Trainings Travel <b>TOTAL</b>	Rs.12, 000 Rs. 15, 000 Rs. 5, 000 <b>Rs. 32, 000</b>	
3	Child Line	Medical Expenses from Individuals: Clothes Food/ Refreshments Travel <b>TOTAL</b>	Rs.3, 900   Rs. 5000 <b>Rs. 8,900</b>	Rs. 5,000 Rs. 5,000  <b>Rs. 10,000</b>
4	Regular Schools	Trafic Safety Week (Traffic Police, Hyderabad) Heritage Walks (Dept. of Tourism) Project Work (NIN & APSACS) Adolescent Girls Meet (Divya Disha) Teachers Work Shop (NIN) Teachers Training on First Aid (Jr. Red Cross & St John's Ambulance, Koti) FMFH (NIN-FAO) Science Exhibition (APCOST) PIPFPD Competitions School Sanitation Program (JRC) Recruitment Drive (Youth TRAC) Joint Festival Celebrations (Youth TRAC) Bal Mela (Play for Peace) Hyd 10 Km Run (Hyderabad 10K Foundation) Young Lives Contest (Save the Children) Elocution Competition on the occasion of Nutrition Week (NIN) <b>TOTAL</b>		Rs. 1,39,000 Rs. 8,000 Rs. 5,000 Rs. 18,000 Rs. 15,000 Rs. 4,500  Rs. 7,500 Rs. 30, 000 Rs. 20, 000 Rs. 50, 000 Rs. 3,50,000 Rs. 5,000 Rs. 2000 Rs. 1,07,000  Rs. 8,000 Rs. 4000  <b>Rs.8,40,500</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs. 3,43,200</b>	<b>Rs. 8, 59,500</b>
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>RS. 12,02,700</b>

### Youth Program

#### Promoting Peace And Communal Harmony

Youth TRAC brought together youth of different communities in programs like Raksha Bandhan Get Together, Dushera Milap, Iftar Get Together, Joint Celebration of Festivals (Christmas, Sankranti, Idd ul Fitr etc), Mushaira - Kavi Sammelan and by organizing awareness programs for them on various social issues. The awareness programs were as varied in their form as a Lecture on Human Rights by Prof. G. Haragopal and a musical program on traditions of communal harmony by Prof Subhendu Ghosh. Youth TRAC engaged its members in helping the people of

bastis across community lines by organizing programs like eye camps, livelihood training and career and self employment counseling in the Old City of Hyderabad.

### **For a Sane Society of Tomorrow**

The leadership and personality development programs, and Summer Camps and Youth Festivals that Youth TRAC organised, were aimed at providing an opportunity to youth of different communities to interact with each other and also enable them to engage in sports, games, literary and cultural activities.

### **Towards a Secure Life**

Sense of insecurity in terms of livelihood is often the cause of unrest among youth. Through Career Enhancement and Livelihood programs, Youth TRAC facilitated various training programs and workshops, and career counseling sessions for youth to help them make wise choices and acquire important skills.

Advanced Training Workshop for two-wheeler mechanics, facilitated in collaboration with EPTRI, has been very successful in enhancing the quality of services of the mechanics and their income levels. The objective of this training workshop was to upgrade the skills of mechanics so that the improved mechanism would reduce pollution and fuel consumption. "Drawing inspiration from this professionally designed workshop with sophisticated machinery, many vocational colleges have approached Charminar Automobiles, authorized dealers in Bajaj Automobiles, to organise such workshops for their students at their hi-tech workshop. " It has now become a regular training workshop", according to Mohd.Turab, Coordinator, Youth TRAC. The collaborating institutions were enthused by the programs and strengthened their bonds with Youth TRAC for future collaborations. Various academic and vocational resource institutions were inspired by the initiatives taken by Youth TRAC and offered free and concessional job oriented courses.

Youth TRAC facilitated training on fabric painting, leaf plate making, crochet and workshops on organizational development. Youth TRAC also functioned as a resource center for personality and career development of young people. Another service that Youth TRAC offered to unemployed youth was to organize Job Melas, a platform for unemployed youth and various managements of educational institutions that are in need of teachers to come together and explore the possibility of employment.

To inform and update students with the latest openings and opportunities in various fields, Youth TRAC published 24 issues of *Career Watch*, a weekly publication of Youth TRAC.

### **Language Proficiency Course**

Youth TRAC initiated Language Proficiency Courses in Urdu, Telugu and English. The idea was to familiarize Urdu speaking youth with Telugu and vice versa, and improve their proficiency in English. The Course in English, which was facilitated by Mr Raju Naik, a research scholar from CIEFL, received good response, while the other two courses had to be discontinued due to paucity of interested youth.

### **Corporate Volunteers**

"We felt great working with COVA-Youth TRAC. Though we wish to voluntarily contribute something useful to the society outside, due to hectic routine we cannot give much. However, we found that through COVA we can do some voluntary work in our leisure. There are many like us who want to associate with such work in the corporate sector", feels Mr Sudheer Patro, an engineer from GE. Mr Patro, along with his colleagues Mr Anish Bishen, Mr Naseeruddin and Ms Meher conducted sessions for the youth of the old city of Hyderabad on career prospects in Information Technology, and sessions on Personality Development for the COVA team.

Involving the corporate sector in social work has been one of the new directions taken by COVA realizing the great potential waiting to be tapped there.

### **In Retrospect**

However, after a review of these activities, it was resolved that Youth TRAC should move more towards advocacy rather than limit itself to service delivery. Though Youth TRAC's Livelihood and Career Enhancement Programs are meant to mobilize youth so that they can be sensitized, and though they benefited many a youth individually, it was felt that this kind of service delivery itself is taking most of our time and the other part of our intention, which is to sensitise the youth to social issues and involve them in the redress of these problems, is practically relegated to a secondary level. Hence, Youth TRAC is seeking to inculcate among youth the attitude and ability to democratically demand their collective rights guaranteed by the Constitution rather than encouraging them to become complacent with individual gains.

**Koshish Theatre Group:** Members of Koshish Theatre Group performed skits and short plays on issues concerning social and communal problems and were very successful in terms of bringing youth of different communities together. The group grew in confidence by promoting the messages of Peace and Communal Harmony by participating in Drama competitions at various levels.

- Koshish Theatre Group bagged first place for its play *Manush* at a State Level competition organised in January 2004 by the Department of Culture and the Department of Youth Services, Government of Andhra Pradesh coinciding with the National Youth Festival. Koshish was placed third at the National Level competition organised in the same month at Tatanagar, Jamshedpur.
- In the National Level Hindi One Act Plays Competition organised in March 2004 by Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Koshish Theatre Group secured the first prize. Members of Koshish team Mr Kishore Kumar, Mr Rammohan and their play *Manush* bagged the Best Actor, Best Director and Best Production awards respectively.
- During the Ganesh Festival and in the tense situation after communal riots in the old city, Koshish Theatre Group performed street plays spreading the message of communal harmony and peace. The Group also staged plays in schools highlighting issues of health and nutrition.
- Koshish in collaboration with Nishumbita, another theatre group, produced *Andha Yug* at Ravindra Bharati, Hyderabad, in July 2003 featuring 42 actors on the stage.
- Koshish received an invitation to participate in the Fifth International Theatre Festival to be organized at Delhi by National School of Drama and The Newspaper in Education Program of the Hindustan Times.

**Play For Peace:** In order to promote non-competitive spirit of sports leading to harmonious relationships among children and youth of different communities of the Old City, Play For Peace conducted play sessions every week. 35 youth were involved in play sessions. 3000 children participated in these sessions every week. Play For peace worked among eight bastis, namely, GM Chowni, Kandikal Gate, Talabkatta, Ambedkarnagar, Mecca Masjid, Mallepally, Nandimuslaiguda, Qazipura, and in 35 schools of old city where children of all communities study. A major event for Play for Peace was **Bal Mela**, wherein school children of all communities came together to play together, and entertain and learn from each other. The objective was to get the children of the two communities i.e., Hindus and Muslims together to understand each other and reinstate the relations between them that were badly affected during the riots on the anniversary of Babri Masjid demolition.

**Participation in World Social Forum:** The youth of Play for Peace went to World Social Forum (WSF) from January 15 to 21<sup>st</sup> and met a lot of people from different states of India as well as from abroad. They attended the seminars and cultural programs. Play for Peace youth facilitators also conducted play sessions in the youth camp of the WSF. Imroz, Shahana, Adil, Farhana, Parveen, Javed and Firdous attended from Play for Peace, Hyderabad.

**Training at Mount Abu:** Six youth of Play For Peace, along with two from Koshish Theatre Group participated as resource persons in a training program at Mount Abu, where they trained the volunteers who had served during earthquake and communal riots in Gujarat. Action Aid organized this training program.

**Training of Teachers in Play for Peace:** In the months of August and September training programs were organised for teachers who conduct Play for Peace play sessions in schools in order to bridge the gap between teachers and children.

**International Participation:** Imroz, Program Officer in Play For Peace has toured Pakistan on invitation from a Pakistan based voluntary organisation, Youth Without Borders to interact with youth groups there. There she acted in a small documentary film called “Bus enough” and attended a 8 day Trust Building Workshop.

### **Reaching Down and Feeling High**

Khaleda Begum came into contact with COVA during a teachers’ training program organized in 1996. Her ambition to reach a high position in society gradually transformed into a desire to do something significant for the downtrodden people. She feels, this desire found fulfillment at COVA. She used to participate in basti level awareness programs and later, when in 2000 Youth TRAC was formed, she worked actively as a volunteer. It is during this period that Khaleda learnt the value of punctuality, effective communication skills and alertness of mind.

Later with fellow members of Saheli, the adolescent girls’ division of Youth TRAC, she used to visit the bastis and conduct family counseling and meetings on health, child labour and small savings, in collaboration with Rehabilitation, and Freedom Foundation, two other voluntary organisations. Saheli was thrilled at the impact of some of these awareness programs – some members of the community gave up bad habits like drinking, smoking and tobacco chewing, influenced by these programs. Her self-esteem grew when she received the first prize in a singing and dancing competition organised by COVA, in which she alone had to both sing and dance.

Khaleda motivated the people of her own basti, Ambedkar Nagar, and Anjubail Colony to form SHGs. In one of the summer camps she was able to bring together people of two bastis, one populated by Hindus and other by Muslims. A training program was held during a summer camp for 15 days on videography in which 20 boys and 17 girls were trained including Khaleda herself. The acquired skill boosted her confidence. Afterwards she volunteered to videograph programs of COVA. It is also a matter of pride for her that 3 boys and 5 girls found livelihood in videography because of the training program she helped organize.

Once Khaleda wondered whether she could do anything worthwhile without support from COVA. She decided to test this out. When her youth group was able to successfully organise a singing and dancing competition for school children in her basti, entirely depending on its own resources, she learnt to trust her own strength. During the time COVA helped initiate the Red Cross Government English Medium School, she not only motivated the communities around to send their children here, but she also voluntarily taught at and coordinated the school in the beginning.

Much more recently Khaleda has been involved in exploring the issues of the communities in the old city of Hyderabad during the preparation of People's Manifesto. With such rich experience in social work, Khaleda was recently selected as Mandal Coordinator in NAANDI Foundation, a leading voluntary organisation in Hyderabad. Looking back, Khaleda is surprised at the change in her personality brought about by her voluntary work with the communities in the bastis: a timid girl dreaming to do big things, but lacking in initiative, to a woman confidently motivating the people of the bastis, shooting events, and yes, singing and dancing to her own tune!

## Youth TRAC: Fact Sheet 2003-2004

### I. Career Enhancement Program

Event	Date / Duration	No. of participants	Community composition (%)		Gender composition (%)	
			Muslim	Non-Muslim	Male	Female
Job Mela For Teachers	June 2003	150 teachers, 35 Schools	67%	33%	60%	33%
Sponsored Students for Vocational Courses	June'03 to March'04	400	25%	75%	25%	75%
Sessions on Career Prospects by GE Executives	Sep '03	50	60%	40%	20%	80%
Seminar on Employment Problems	Sep'03	150	53%	47%	14%	86%
Job Mela	Sep '03	100	50%	50%	25%	75%
Career Counseling For SSC Students	Oct 2003	300	33%	67%	50%	50%
Bank Officers Recruitment Program for Allahabad Bank	Dec '03	50	40%	60%	40%	60%
Presentation on how to Succeed in Civil Services Exams	Dec 2003	150	35%	65%	50%	50%
Seminar on Careers in Bank Of India	January 2004	50	40%	60%	60%	40%

### I. Livelihood Program

Event	Date/ Duration	No. of participants	Community composition (%)		Gender composition (%)	
			Muslim	Non-Muslim	Female	Male
Work shop on Fabric Painting	May 2003	100	60%	40%	100%	
Leaf Plate Making	June 2003	50	10%	90%	100%	
Crochet Training Program	July 2003	40	100%		100%	
Awareness Program on CMEY	August '03	250	40%	60%	80%	20%
Advanced Training Program for Two Wheeler Mechanics	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov '03	15	54%	46%		100%
Programs on Careers in Cell Phone Technology	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb '03	200%	50%	50%	87%	13%

### III. Community Development Program

Event	Date/ Duration	No. of participants	Community composition (%)		Gender composition (%)	
			Muslim	Non-Muslim	Female	Male
Summer Camps (27)	1 <sup>st</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 03	3500	72%	28%	57%	43%
Awareness programs on Thrift & Credit and Literacy (6)	June, July 03	1000	80%	20%	60%	40%
Organisation Development Training & Work Shops (4)	June to Sep'03	150	67%	33%	67%	33%
Youth Meetings in Localities (24)	June to December'03	7500	68%	32%	80%	20%
Raksha Bandan Get together	August '03	300	63%	37%	60%	40%
Eye Check up Camp at Kishan Bagh	August '03	500	75%	25%	25%	75%
Street Plays on the eve of Ganesh Festival- Koshish group (8)	September'0 3	2000 (audience)	10%	90%	25%	75%
Volunteering by Members at Ganesh Festival	September	30	50%	50%	-	100%
Elocution on Role of Youth in Promotion of Communal Harmony	Sep'03	60	75%	25%	25%	75%
Dushera Milap	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2003	500	60%	40%	20%	80%
NSS Day Camp for 10 days	21 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct'03	100	50%	50%	80%	20%
Survey Of Govt Schools	Oct to Nov'03	50 Schools	-	-	-	-
Iftar Get Together for Members & Staff	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov'03	150	67%	33%	54%	46%
Lecture on Human Rights by Prof. Haragopal	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov'03	300	66%	34%	27%	63%

Joint celebration of Festivals –Mushahera Kavi Sammelan	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 03	350	71%	29%	15%	85%
Communal Harmony Musical Program-Sanjhi Awaaz	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb'04	200	25%	75%	25%	75%
Meet the Guest Program (with Ms Mahanoor, Film-maker and social activist)	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb'04	25	40%	60%	-	100%
Youth Festival- 2004	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb'04	500	60%	40%		100%
Eye Check Up Camp at Moin Bagh.	Feb '04	500	95%	5%	60%	40%

### Play for Peace: Fact Sheet 2003-2004

#### I. Activities in the Old City

Activity	No Of Meetings	Children	Youth	Adult coordinators
200 play sessions	-	3000 every week	35	-
Mothers meetings	12 meetings		35 Youth Facilitators	Mothers of Youth Facilitators
Youth Facilitator Meetings	12 Meetings		35 Youth Facilitators	

#### II. Activities for Peace and Harmony

Event	Date/ Duration	No. of participants	Community composition (%)		Gender composition (%)	
			Muslim	Non-Muslim	Female	Male
Bal Mela	January 2004	600	80%	20%	40%	60%
Participation in World Social Forum	January 15 to 21 <sup>st</sup>	7 members of Play For Peace	100%	-	60%	40%
Teachers' Training	Aug.& Sept, '03	20 teachers	25%	75%	100%	
Trust building workshop in Pakistan	July 2003 8 days	One	100%	-	100%	-
Workshop in Mount Abu	February	8	50%	50%	38%	62%

#### Resources Raised during 2003-2004\*

(\*These are the resources raised locally and that reached the beneficiaries directly.)

S. No	Name of the Activity / Event	Support Agency	Resources raised	
			Cash	Kind
1	Summer Camp-2004	Community based organizations and Boys Town High School	Rs. 27,000	Venue (3 days)- Rs.15, 000
2	Raksha Bandhan Get Together	V.D.P. Education Society		Venue- Rs.2000
3	Idd Milap (Dushera Get Together)	Agarwal Shiksha Samithi		Venue & Logistics, Rs. 5,000
4	Joint Celebration of Festivals	Agarwal Shiksha Samithi		Venue & Logistics, Rs. 5,000
5	Drinking water during Ganesh Procession	H.M.S.W.		Rs.2000
6	EPTRI Mechanics Training	EPTRI	Rs. 10,000	
7	Plays At Ganesh Pandals	Local C.B.O's		Rs. 5000
8	Livelihood Trainings	JSS		Rs. 12,000
9	Mobile Phone Training	Mahaveer Infoway Ltd.		

		(Sponsorship for 15 candidates)		Rs. 45, 000
10	Datar Vocational College Computer Courses & vocational Intermediate	DATAR Vocational College		Rs. 3,30,000
11	Short Term Computer Software And Hardware Courses	ABBR Institutes		Rs. 1,50,000
12	Resource Persons In Various Activities	Govt/Semi Govt/ Private Departments		Rs. 20,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs. 37,000</b>	<b>Rs. 5,92,000</b>

## Roshan Vikas

### From Darkness to Light

How different my life used to be, just 4 – 5 years back! Between four walls was my entire world. It was tough to make both ends meet. Happiness and comfort were mere dreams. I cannot forget that day, when I sat in a sullen mood and somebody called me. She wanted me to work as a link volunteer. She explained what I was supposed to do. I understood little, so declined her offer. But she kept coming to me encouraging me to take up this work. At last in an auspicious moment I became a volunteer. That was the beginning of the transformation of my life. I was trained in the mother and child health care. I stepped into a vast world and met many a woman like me and learnt many things. My capacity to take decisions improved. While I was attending the meetings, I learnt about thrift groups. Thus I became a member of a thrift group. Since I was also a little educated the group elected me as its leader. My responsibilities grew. There was also a change in the ambience at home. My husband also started respecting my views. I suggested that we start a petty business availing loan from the Group. He liked the idea. We borrowed Rs.1000/- from the Group and started a vegetable shop at our house. It ran well. I was encouraged.

I thought of improving the business and approached a shopkeeper on the main road. He allowed me to run my vegetable shop in front of his shop free of cost. The sales really improved. Having seen this improvement now the shopkeeper demanded a rent of Rs.500/- per month, which was a huge sum for me. So I thought of running a shop of my own, again borrowed Rs.5,000/- from Roshan Vikas and bought a kiosk. I ran the shop in this kiosk. My husband used to look after the shop in the mornings and I in the evenings. Now there was another problem. We had to pay about Rs.100/- for transporting the vegetables from the market to our shop. Luckily my husband knew how to drive an auto rickshaw. So we bought an auto rickshaw through a loan. Now my husband gets vegetables from the market in his auto in the morning. For the rest of the day he drives it for hire. Our income increased. We found a meaningful occupation.

It was Rafia madam from COVA who showed me this path. It is due to her encouragement and the assistance of Roshan Vikas I have found my bearings in life. Now I have a distinct identity. Ghousia Begum of Sahara M.M. in Hafiz Baba Nagar. My son and daughter passed the 10<sup>th</sup> standard in first division last year. They are now studying in a college.

I want my fellow members to realize that they should generate some income even while staying at home. They should strive for an identity of their own. Then only can we mould the future of our family.

*-- Ghousia Begum, Sahara Mahila Mandali, Hafiz Baba Nagar*

The focus of Roshan Vikas Mutually Aided Co-operative Thrift Society Ltd is to inculcate financial discipline in the member groups so as to achieve financial and organizational self-

sufficiency for the sustenance of Roshan Vikas. It has now 164 Self Help Groups comprising 3415 members covering six mandals of the Old City. Out of these 148 groups are currently active. Roshan Vikas is facilitating 11 other SHGs that are not members of Roshan Vikas yet. When new SHGs are formed it takes about 6 months for them to stabilize. In the meantime officers of Roshan Vikas constantly motivate members of these SHGs. After it is ensured that the SHGs have become sustainable they are accorded membership in Roshan Vikas.

Roshan Vikas conducted meetings at basti level to educate its member groups in identifying various issues pertaining to social and economical problems of the people in the bastis. Apart from financial matters, it also counseled group members in household problems. Old age pension plans and insurance schemes for the members are now under process.

Apart from these activities, Roshan Vikas also collaborated with other departments in conducting health programs, AIDS awareness program, Health Camps, Medical Camps, formation of education committees and managing of adult literacy centers. The members of Roshan Vikas were instrumental in the formation of PUCAAR (People's Union for Civic Action and Rights).

Roshan Vikas has been successful in enabling women members acquire more confidence and sense of security, and they are now accessing loans from Roshan Vikas and starting their own business ventures. Women also became more articulate as a result of frequent interaction with other members and able to handle their problems more confidently. They are also addressing local issues that plague their bastis.

A study is under process on how best the financial resources of Roshan Vikas could support the skills and expertise of the Mahila Sanatkar members in traditional crafts to achieve economic empowerment of marginalized sections of women in a better and faster way.

The process of computerisation of accounts of the SHGs and Roshan Vikas has started from October 2003.

**Family Counselling Cell:** In the reporting year, the Family Counseling Cell at COVA has dealt with 51 cases. 17 cases resulted in reconciliation and five are under process.

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<b>Regular monthly basti meetings</b>	<b>Total participants</b>	<b>Total groups registered in Roshan Vikas</b>	<b>Groups registered in RV between April 2003 &amp; March 2004</b>	<b>Non-RV groups formed between April 2003 &amp; March 2004</b>
1812	36000	164	26	14

	<b>As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003</b>	<b>As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004</b>
Total SHGs that are members of Roshan Vikas (RV)	151	164 (out of these 148 groups are currently active)
SHGs that are not members of RV	33	11
Total No. of RV and Non RV groups	184	175
Total Members of Roshan Vikas	3297	3415

	<b>As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003</b>	<b>As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004</b>
	<b>Rs. Ps.</b>	<b>Rs. Ps.</b>

Paid up share capital	93749=00	68390=00
Thrift deposits	278160=00	299976=00
Recurring deposits	38760=00	33805=00
Loans disbursed	1242500=00	2213000=00
Loans repaid	962158=00	1561820=50
Surplus generated	67034=75	142056=21

Sl. No	Activity/Event	Dates	No. of Participants	Community composition
1.	SHG Meetings	12-Meetings per group/year-one meeting every month.Total 151 SHGs *12=1812 meetings.	80% - out of total members	70% - Muslims 30% - Others
2.	Cluster meetings	30 every month.-from Sep 2003 to March 2004 (30 x 7=210)	200 – Group Leaders	70% - Muslims 30% - Others
3.	Monthly Board of Directors meeting	11-Meetings per year-monthly one meeting.	12 – Directors Including President, Vice President. 10-staff members 1- consultant	58% - Muslims 42% - Others
4.	Training Prog. - Directors Rv	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2003 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2003 – 3 Days each.	12 – Directors	58% - Muslims 42% - Others
5.	Training Prog. - New Group Leaders	1-March to 4 –March 2004	52 – members	42 – Muslims 10 – Others
6.	Formation of 41 New Groups	April 2003 to March 2004.	820 members	70% - Muslims 30% - Others
7.	AGM – Annual General Meeting and Election of Directors	July 2003	148 – members	64% – Muslims 36% – Others

Note: Gender Composition – All the participants are women.

**Resources Raised during 2003-2004\***

(\*These are the resources raised locally and that reached the beneficiaries directly.)

S.No	Name of the Recipient Activity	Support Agency	Resources raised	
			Cash	Kind
1	Sitara Mahila Mandali(MM)	Urban Community Development (UCD)		Gas for 15 members@ Rs. 1000 = 15,000
2	Sravani Mahila Mandali	U.C.D		Koti Varalu20 members @ 700 each = 14,000
3	Kiran Mahila Mandali	U.C.D		Gas for 25 members@ Rs. 700 = 17,500
4	Jyothi Mahila Mandali	U.C.D	Rs. 19,000	
5	Sri Sainath Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 25,000	
6	Jai Durga Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs.25,000	
7	Nawaz Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs.	
8	Kaveri Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 22,000	
9	Durga Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 25,000	
10	Nayyar Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 75,000	
11	Rehamat Mahila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 25,000	
12	Jhansi Laxmi Mahhila Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 25,000	
13	Madina Mandali	U.C.D.	Rs. 75,000	
14	Gurunanak Mahila Mandali	Minority Finance Corporation (Micro Credit Scheme)	Rs. 75,000	
15	Saba Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 25,000	
16	Sangam Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 25,000	
17	Baseera Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
18	Naseera Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
19	Ayesha Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
20	Noor Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
21	Kiran Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
22	Limra Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
23	Madina Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
24	Hum Sathi Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
25	Sahara Mahila Mandali	M.F.C.	Rs. 75,000	
26	Kasturi Bai Mahila Mandali	Backward Class Corporation (B.C.C)		Koti varalu – 7 members @ Rs 5000 =35,000
27	Sarojani Naidu Mahila Mandali	U.C.D. B.C.C		Gas –15 members @ Rs. 700 each = Rs.10,500
		<b>Total</b>	Rs. 11,16, 000	Rs. 92,000

## **Mahila Sanatkar**

For the last two years, Mahila Sanatkar has been successfully implementing Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY Scheme) of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

### **Keeping up with times**

As part of **Entrepreneur Development Program (EDP)**, Mahila Sanatkar conducted various skill upgradation training programs in Embroidery, Jute, Crochet and Bead works, which helped the members to upgrade and enhance their existing skills and to acquaint themselves with latest market trends.

A Design and Technical Development workshop in jute and crochet provided the artisans with an opportunity to learn value addition and diversified techniques from professional designers. Various product prototypes were developed during this workshop that guided the artisans in a new way so as to experiment with their traditional practices with the help of newly acquired skills.

### **Interface with the market**

To get first hand experience of the prevailing market conditions, members of Mahila Sanatkar participated in a number of exhibitions organized by various organizations at Chennai, Rajahmundry, and on the premises of institutions like G.E.Capital, Satyam Computers, Dell, Canara Bank, YMCA etc. The exhibitions provided them with a better understanding of customer expectations and market requirement. The direct interaction with buyers helped them to understand the impact of quality control, pricing and packaging on sales. Apart from this, traveling to new destinations and their exposure to different markets boosted their morale.

After gaining substantial knowledge of the market philosophy, Mahila Sanatkar organized three exhibitions in collaboration with D.C.Handicrafts at Mumbai, Lucknow and Chandigarh during January and February, in order to gain working capital and to market its products.

### **Impact**

The various activities resulted in the better economic conditions of the families of artisans. This change enabled them to participate in the decision making process of their families, which is one of the long cherished aims of COVA and Mahila Sanatkar.

The exhibitions organized in different cities and the subsequent activities increased the marketing opportunities of Mahila Sanatkar. Government officials and a Parliamentary Committee, that comprised seven MPs, namely, Ms M.Rebello, Ms Sumitra Mahajan, Ms Vanga Geeta, Ms Saroj Dubey, Dr Rajeswaramma.V., Ms Jaya Ben Thakker and Ms Susheela Saroj, visited Mahila Sanatkar office and greatly appreciated the initiatives taken by them to preserve and promote traditional crafts by ensuring that women are engaged in them.

### **Knitting Life Together**

Safia Begum was an innocent and illiterate housewife. After estrangement from her husband, she started living with her mother along with her 3-year-old son. Her mother was a family pensioner. With meager income Safia could barely meet her living expenses. Her sufferings compounded when her mother died a year ago, and her brother and his wife refused to look after her. Depressed and dejected, Safia was badly in need of help. At this juncture her sister gave her shelter and introduced her to Mahila Sanatkar. She was then counseled by the Family Counseling And Reconciliation Cell, which helped her come out of depression. She underwent training in jute

craft and tailoring for six months. This gave her immense confidence to start commercial production with Mahila Sanatkar in a safe environment.

With Mahila Sanatkar's intervention, she was granted a loan by Canara Bank Center for Women Entrepreneur Development to purchase sewing machines and succeeded in setting up a small production unit.

She is now earning for her family and thinking positively about herself and the future of her child. She used to cry whenever people asked about her past life. But it is almost a year that she started feeling a marked difference in her morale and now she comfortably talks about her past and present life with pride and confidence. She believes that social awareness paves the way for economic prosperity also.

### Growing towards self-sustenance

The annual turnover of the society has increased from 6.4 lakhs in 2001-02 to 10.5 lakhs in 2003-04, which is above the set target turnover of 10 lakhs for this year. A growth rate of 42% in sales compared to previous year's 16% growth rate was recorded. Mahila Sanatkar has raised a sum of Rupees 5,56,639 in the form of direct funds raised from different external agencies. Mahila Sanatkar was able to get a loan of Rs. 3,60,000, from National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation, New Delhi. Besides, the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), New Delhi sanctioned margin money of Rs.4, 20,000.

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Total no. Of entrepreneurs	57
Total no. Of production centers	17
Total no. Of workers	297
No. of days of work	175
Total sales from April 2003 to March 2004	Rs. 9,98,002/-
Grant in Aid received from Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India Under AHVY Scheme	Rs. 6,94,669/-
Exhibitions participated in	8
Total sales from Exhibitions	Rs.4, 27,141/-
Total profits between April 2003 to March 2004	Rs 49,900.10 (5%)

### Trainings conducted

Name of training	No. of participants	Dates/Duration	In collaboration with
Continuation of Vocational Skill Upgradation programs in craft, Embroidery, Bead work, Jute bags, Crochet lace	15 participants in each of the 4 programs	10 <sup>th</sup> Febr-10 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2003	Office of the Development Commissioner Handicrafts)
Skill Upgradation Training on two crafts, namely, Zardozi, and Quilt and patch work	20 participants each in two programs	19 <sup>th</sup> June-18 <sup>th</sup> July	Office of the Development Commissioner Handicrafts)
Design & Technical Development workshop in Craft Crochet and Jute	20 participants in each of the two workshops	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2003	Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)
Handicrafts Exhibition at Mumbai, Lucknow and	32 Participants	Jan – Feb 2004	Office of the Development

Chandigarh			Commissioner (Handicrafts)
Provided Insurance Coverage to members under Janashree Bhima Yojana	120 workers	Aug 2003	Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)
Vocational Training in Bead work	20 participants	July, Aug 2003	Canara Bank, Hyd.

## **Networking**

### **District Networks**

The focus of the District Network Program has been to establish and strengthen networks of Muslim and Non-Muslim organizations that would work across community and caste lines to ensure social empowerment, communal harmony and national integration in 10 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Muslim CBOs are working along with the existing NGOs on the lines of development of the all the marginalized communities.

#### **Facilitating Concerted Efforts**

During 2003-04 COVA, aimed to consolidate and enable all the District Networks to function as independent and self-reliant entities. To achieve this, capacity building programs on formation, strengthening and federating of SHGS, resource mobilization, and counseling sessions on Self-employment and Career Guidance were conducted for the representatives of the networks and for the MRPs (Mandal Resource Persons). Networks have helped the member organizations to approach the Government and other funding agencies with concrete and constructive project proposals.

#### **Summer Camps**

Summer Camps on Communal Harmony, being organized since 2001 in the districts, were also conducted successfully this year. In all 276 summer camps were organized in which 13, 728 youth and children (Muslims: 4,433, Other Communities: 9,295) participated. Apart from sports and games, awareness programs were organized on health, education, law and environment. Conscious efforts were made to bring together and facilitate interaction among youth from Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Dalit and other communities in these camps.

## **Fellowships**

Nirnaya supports two fellowships in the District Network Program. As part of women's empowerment, Ms Farida of Madina Mahila Mandali in Mahboobnagar District and Ms Faizunnisa of SFT Training Centre in Kurnool District are receiving the Nirnaya Fellowships.

## **Thrift and Credit Program for Muslim Women**

Earlier there were hardly any SHGs comprising Muslim women, who never used to come out of the house. With an aim to train them to be more vocal and represent their own issues, 27 Community Organisers, three from each of the nine districts, were appointed. A survey was conducted during November-December 2003 on existing SHGs in the nine districts. It was found in the survey that these SHGs were in need of streamlining and in fact lacked proper systems. From January 2004 onwards the Community Organisers started forming new groups especially with Muslim women, and training the old groups to strengthen them. By March 31, 2004, 250 SHGs were formed with Muslim women in nine districts. Now, Muslim women have become very articulate about their problems like health, education, livelihood and environment.

## **Reaching out to religious groups**

Earlier, Muslim-headed NGO have been members of the District Network. However, this year we offered membership to Muslim religious groups like Madarsas, Darul-ululooms, and orphanages run on religious lines. As a result of this inclusion, these organisations too are coming forward to work across community lines. Efforts are under way to reach out to Hindu and Christian religious groups also.

## **Capacity Building for Resource Mobilisation**

COVA offered training programs to member organisations on techniques for resource mobilisation, assist them in developing strategies and provide them linkages to raise resources. The District Coordinator and member organisations were also trained for implementation of these inputs in the field. As an outcome of this initiative, an amount of Rs 1,44,67,000 was raised during the current fiscal year by the member organisations from local sources, State and Central Governments and foreign funding agencies.

## **Mandal Resource Persons**

Some enthusiastic individuals from different professions in the district were identified and trained as Mandal Resource Persons (MRPs) for counselling students and youth in Self Employment and Career Guidance Program in May 2003. Resource material and other inputs on selected themes were provided to these MRPs for updating their knowledge, sharpening their skills and also retaining their involvement and interest in the program. There are now 232 MRPs in nine districts. As a result of these training programs, 761 counselling and awareness programs were conducted by the MRPs in different Mandals of the nine districts and 47, 075 students and youth (Muslims: 20,255, Other Communities: 26,820) benefited from these programs.

## **The Difference**

“After contact with COVA there came considerable change in the attitude, style of working and selection of target groups of the member organisations of COVA networks. They came out of preconceived notions and set thinking. Unlike 4-5 years back, now communal harmony has become a part of the vision of member organisations. Earlier even Muslim-headed organisations hardly cared much for the Muslim community. They never perceived Muslims as a marginalized

community, which is not the case now. This change came not only in secular minded social workers but also in those who used to be somewhat biased in their perception of Muslim community”, says State Co-coordinator and Coordinator for Anantapur district, Mr Chowdary.

As a result of the interventions, member organizations started working for other communities. Cooperation among these NGOs led to more effective advocacy due to collective efforts. Knowledge, capacity and quality have improved among SHGs as they are being linked with government initiatives and livelihood activities.

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**Abstract Statistical Information for 10 Districts- 2003-04**

<b>Details of Programs</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004 (1<sup>st</sup> Jan. to 31<sup>st</sup> Mar.)</b>
<b>Total No of Mandals Covered</b>	193	232	216
<b>Total No of Member Org.</b>	297	299	260
• Muslim	95	99	99(38%)
• Non-Muslim	165	186	161(62%)
• Women Headed	68	76	79 (30%) (includes Muslim and Non-Muslim women)
<b>Total No of Full Time Staff</b>	1,066	1,430	1,306
<b>Total No of Part Time Staff</b>	1,005	1,113	971
<b>Resources Raised In the Financial Year</b>			
• Cash	3,82,95,068	8,45,14,255	20,32,72,035
• Kind	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
<b>Total Programs Organized by the Network</b>	39	47	45
• Total No of Participants	3,647	7,391	16,463
• Muslims:	941	2,586	5,548(34%)
• Non-Muslims:	2,706	4,805	10,915 (66%)
<b>Total No of Programs Organized Jointly By the Networks</b>	82	112	19
<b>Total No of Participants</b>	39,777	51,334	17,320
Muslim	11,515	17,389	6,017(35%)
Non-Muslim	28,262	33,945	11,203 (65%)
<b>Total No of Programs Organized Independently</b>	958	1,021	1,074
• Total No of Participants	9,01,960	12,25,303	13,89,369
• Muslim:	81,427	1,46,223	1,63,246(12%)
• Non-Muslim:	8,20,533	10,79,080	12,26,123 (78%)
<b>Total No of Mandal Resource Persons</b>	229	267	258
• Muslims:	93	102	89(35%)
• Non-Muslims:	136	167	169 (65%)
<b>Total No of Programs Organised by Mandal Resource Persons</b>	710	761	797
• <b>Total No of Participants</b>	38,952	47,075	35,289
• Muslim:	9,345	20,255	12,351(35%)
• Non-Muslim:	29,607	26,820	22,938 (65%)
<b>Total No of Summer Camps Organised</b>	106	226	276
• Total No of Participants	9,346	14,745	13,728
• Muslim:	2,698	4,810	4,433(32%)
• Non-Muslim:	6,648	9,935	9,295 (68%)
<b>Total No of SHG's</b>	2,217	4,471	12,167
• Minority:	522	999	2,567(21%)

• S C:	979	1570	2,938 (24%)
• B C:	471	1611	2,644 (22%)
• Others	245	291	4,018 (33%)
<b>Total No of Members</b>	29,258	57,125	1,49,640
<b>Total Amount Saved</b>	1,73,53,158	4,71,75,717	12,50,01,798
<b>Total Loans Given</b>	Not Available	Not Available	2,60,00,000 (5 Dists. Only)

\*Participation in Joint Programs – There was greater participation in Joint Programs in the Years 2001 & 2002 as a number of rallies and awareness programs were organized in all the districts after the Gujrat carnage and the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan. Besides the Networks participated in the Panchayat voter awareness campaign and Sikhsha Yathra during the years 2001 & 2002.

#### Consolidated Statement of Resources Raised by The District Coordinators

S.No	District	Program	Resources Mobilized (Rs.in lakhs)	No. of NGOs Given support	Support Agency
1	Kadapa	a)Micro Credit	9.50	2	APSMFC
		b)MME Program	3.60	4	D.E.O
		c)Environment Education	0.30	1	CEE
		d)Urdu Academy	1.75	7	U.A
		e)NEAC	0.52	9	DDS
		f)Zakat	0.49	2	Local
		g)Fitra	1.15	1	Local
		h)Qurbani Skins	0.84	2	Local
		i)Dukan-Makan	1.10	2	APSMFC
			<b>Total</b>	<b>19.25</b>	<b>30</b>
2	Kurnool	a)Vocational Training	2.41	6	NYK,KMC
		b)Awareness Prog.	0.125	2	IDA,NYK
		c)Urdu Academy	0.24	2	U.A
		d)NEAC	0.285	5	DDS
		e)JFM	0.75	1	AP.Forest
		f)Mid Day Meals	0.84	1	KMC
		g)SE.Schemes	2.00	N.A	N.A
		h)Dukan-Makan	3.00	N.A	APSMFC
			<b>Total</b>	<b>9.65</b>	<b>19</b>
3	Mahaboob Nagar	a)ILO Programs	0.65	13	ILO
		b)Public Awareness	0.48	4	G.O.AP
		c)RBC Program	15.84	3	G.O.I
		d)NRBC Program	0.75	5	G.O.I
		e)NEAC	0.14	2	DDS
		f)Vocational Training	0.25	1	U.A
		<b>Total</b>	<b>18.11</b>	<b>28</b>	
4	Nellore	a)NEAC	0.84	12	DDS
		b)Micro Credit	1.00	2	APSMFC
		c)Child Labour Proj.	3.00	N.A	I.L.O
		d)Environment Awareness	0.90	N.A	CEE
		e) Residential Schools	9.00	N.A	G.O.I
		<b>Total</b>	<b>14.74</b>	<b>--</b>	
5	Prakasham	a) NEAC	0.90	15	DDS
		b) Computer Training	0.70	1	G.O.I
		c) I.G.P	1.00	1	G.O.I
		d) Tailoring	0.18	1	G.O.AP

		e) REDP	0.80	1	REDP
		f) AGP	0.40	1	APSWAB
		g) Micro Credit	3.00	1	RMK
		h) Mid Day Meals	1.60	1	G.O.AP
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8.58</b>	<b>22</b>	
6	Warangal	a) NEAC	0.42	8	DDS
		b) Micro Credit	3.40	2	APSMFC
		c) Family Counseling	0.96	1	G.O.AP
		d) AGP	0.20	1	APSWAB
		e) Short Stay Home	4.96	1	G.O.I
		f)ILO	0.60	1	ILO
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10.54</b>	<b>14</b>	
7	Medak	a) AGP	0.29	2	JT3
		b) Micro Credit	1.25	1	M.W.C
		c)Open School	0.20	1	U.A
		d)Skill Development	1.28	1	NYK
		e)RBC Centers	38.68	8	DPEP
		f)NEAC	0.45	9	DDS
		<b>Total</b>	<b>42.15</b>	<b>22</b>	
8	Anantapur	a)Vermi Composting	8.40	2	CAPART
		b)ABC Program	3.40	1	AWBI
		c)AGP	0.30	3	APSWAB
		d)NEAC	0.80	12	DDS
		<b>Total</b>	<b>12.90</b>	<b>18</b>	
9	Guntur	a) Sanitary Mart Prog	1.00	10	S.C. Corpn.
		b) Environment Prog.	0.45	9	Deccan Development Society, Govt. of India
		c) Income Generative Prog.	2.50	10	Urdu Academy, Hyd.
		d) Income Generative Prog.	2.50	10	Jade Tree – US
		e) Main Streaming primary Education / Community Development	9.60	12	Stanley Tee
		f) Vaccination against Hepatitis B	1.60	5	Ogilvy Outreach Mumbai
		g) Eradication of Child Labour Program related to Guntur CSOs Network	1.20	8	ILO, AMS, Hyd.
		h) SHG Revolving Fund	2.40	4	Minority Corporation
		i) Merit Scholarship to Muslim School going children	0.40	2	Minority Welfare Dept.
		<b>Total</b>	<b>21.65</b>		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>144.67</b>		

### Networking in Other States

Since the year 2000, COVA has been establishing linkages in different states with the objective of forming networks to promote communal harmony in these states. Though COVA was able to facilitate the emergence of networks in the states of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir and also organized some capacity and perspective building trainings, it was not able to launch any consistent and organized program due to paucity of resources. Resources could be mobilized from December 2003, and in the last four months COVA was able to initiate full-fledged programs in Jammu & Kashmir, Kolkotta and Uttar Pradesh and appointed State Coordinators to ensure proper facilitation and assistance to the networks. Now the networks in these states are formally constituted with members selected through established procedures and the formation of the Executive Committees.

After the communal carnage in Gujarat in 2002, COVA started its interventions in Gujarat first to collaborate in the relief and rehabilitation work and subsequently engaged itself in enabling linkages between Muslim and Non –Muslim organisations to promote understanding and secure harmony and peace.

Some of the significant initiatives of COVA in Gujarat during 2003-04 were facilitation of the formation and strengthening of the first group of Muslim women in Godra, linkages between Muslim organisations and Christian and Hindu educational groups to enable the Muslim community to benefit from the expertise of the other communities in the field of education and also as a trust building exercise between all the communities and finally the training of volunteers of the riot relief camps in the principals and practice of social activism.

Efforts are under way to appoint a fulltime coordinator for the state of Gujarat also and establish a dedicated network for communal harmony like in the other states.

### **National Networks**

**Inter Community Alliances for National Integration and Development (ICANID)** aims to promote Peace and Communal Harmony at National level, by promoting collaborations between religious groups and NGOs working in the fields of development and National Integration. It held several meetings in cities like Bhopal, Raipur, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkatta to build linkages with various organizations.

**PIPFPD:** Promoting peace and communal harmony between India and Pakistan, COVA collaborated with *Pakistan India Peoples' Forum For Peace & Democracy* (PIPFPD) to conduct competitions in Schools and Colleges to raise awareness amongst students regarding friendship in the Sub-Continent.

- PIPFPD in collaboration with COVA organised Inter School Competitions in Essay Writing, Elocution and Quiz for High School (VIII, IX & X) students on the theme of Indo-Pak Relations on 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2003 at St. Paul's High School, Hyderguda, Hyderabad. The competitions were organised in commemoration of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. Essay writing on the topics: "Role of Children and Youth in Promoting Better Relations between India and Pakistan" were conducted in English, Hindi, Telugu, and Urdu languages. The topics for elocution were: "Kashmir Problem – Can it be solved?" or "If nuclear war breaks out between India and Pakistan, then...". The events were conducted in English, Telugu and Hindustani (Hindi/Urdu) languages and Quiz was conducted only in English. Nearly 250 students participated in the above events.
- PIPFPD in collaboration with COVA organised Inter Collegiate Competitions for Intermediate, Degree and Post Graduate students on the theme of Indo-Pak Relations on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2003 at Urdu Arts College, Hyderguda, Hyderabad. Nearly 100 students from different colleges participated in the Elocution, Quiz, Poster and Slogan Writing and Skits featured during the event. Elocutions and Skits were conducted in English, Telugu and Hindustani (Hindi and Urdu mixed) while quiz was conducted only in English.

A Music Program was also organized in this connection. Ghazal singer, Seema Sehgal performed at the Music Concert. (More information on PIPFPD activities can be found in the section, *Initiatives for Peace*, and on Seema Sehgal's program in *Sensitisation of the Educated and Professional Classes*.)

**Credibility Alliance:** As a follow up of the state level meeting conducted in December 2002, COVA organized discussions on the draft norms of Credibility Alliance with all its affiliate

networks. The norms were translated in Telugu and circulated to the members of all the networks. The norms have now become the guiding principles of all the organizational development training programs that COVA conducts for members of its affiliate networks.

**Voluntary Action Network India (VANI):** COVA is a member of VANI and the Director of COVA is a member of the Working Committee of VANI. All the coordinators of the District Network Program of COVA attended the National Convention of VANI held in September 2003 at Bangalore. The Theme of the National Convention was Information Technology for Development.

## **International Networking**

### **Foundations for Peace**

COVA is a member of Foundations for Peace, a network of foundations and organisations working on peace in different parts of the world. Foundations for Peace aims to provide inspiration and demonstrate models of good practice, support and develop members working in their own countries and create a global platform for activities and strategies to promote peace.

**ESCR-Net:** The inaugural conference of Economic Social and Cultural Rights Network brought together activists, movement leaders and NGOs engaged in the struggle for these rights in 90 countries around the world. The conference was organized in Thailand by Center for Social Development Studies, Chulalongkorn University and Asia Forum for Human Rights and Development. ESCR-Net was formally launched during the meeting and elections to the governing council were conducted. COVA was represented at the conference as a member of the network.

## **Research Programs**

### **Philanthropy Study**

COVA is part of an International Study on Philanthropy for Social Justice in Muslim Communities. The objective of this Study is to understand the philanthropic behaviour of the Muslim community and promote the practice of philanthropy for social justice. The Study is being conducted in Indonesia, Turkey, Egypt, United Kingdom, Tanzania and India. COVA is coordinating the Study in India.

Two districts each in the States of Kerala, West Bengal, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh have been selected and household and institutional surveys are being planned. The Study is expected to conclude by September 2004.

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### **Research Project on Peace Initiatives in South Asia**

COVA has taken up the project of documenting the past and present peace initiatives in Hyderabad region. This project is supported by Aman Charitable Trust, New Delhi as part of a larger project to study peace initiatives in certain conflict-ridden regions in South Asia. The purpose is to understand the peace initiatives made at various levels so that lessons can be learned and implemented in other places. Hyderabad has been selected as one such region for study. Strategies used by various individuals, governments, local leaders and organizations that played an active role in building peace will be studied. A systematic documentation of such initiatives

and related contemporary social dynamics is the purpose of this Project. The Study is expected to conclude by November 2004.

### **Socio Economic Conditions of the Muslim Community in Andhra Pradesh**

COVA has been involved in a research project aiming to collate all available data about the socio-economic conditions of the Muslim community in Andhra Pradesh. COVA feels that such documentation will facilitate better and informed development interventions for the uplift of the Muslim community.

Details of the volumes to be brought out are as follows:

- Volume I: *Demographic Status*
- Volume II: *Economic Status*
- Volume III: *Social Status*
- Volume IV: *Political Status*
- Volume V: *Educational and Employment Status*
- Volume VI: *Communalism*
- Volume VII: *Findings of different Commissions, Committees, Organisations and NGOs.*

## **Publications**

**COVA Calendar:** COVA brought out a calendar that reflected a dimension of its work, which is to enhance a sense of mutual understanding and fraternity among peoples of different faiths. The COVA Calendar attempted to bring out both the uniqueness and distinct color of each religion as reflected in one of its important festivals, and a humanitarian system embedded commonly in each religion, namely, 'giving'.

**Roshan Vikas Newsletter:** Roshan Vikas brought out a monthly newsletter. The Newsletters documented a success story of one of its members every month and provided useful information on SHGS. *Roshan Vikas Newsletter* carried these contents in both Urdu and Telugu every month.

**Career Watch:** During the period of this report, Youth TRAC published 24 issues of *Career Watch*, a Newsletter carrying information on educational and career opportunities for the benefit of students and unemployed youth.

**People's Manifesto:** People's Manifesto of the citizen of the old city of Hyderabad was published in English, Urdu, Telugu and Hindi, and was widely circulated. (For more information, see the section on PUCAAR)

## **Memberships**

### **International**

At the international level, COVA is a member of **ESCR-Net** and **Foundation for Peace**. (*Please refer to the section on Networking for more information on these two international networks.*)

**Joint Committee for Minorities in India and Pakistan:** COVA is the member of the Joint Committee set up by PIPFPD to understand the situation of minorities in India and Pakistan and to jointly work for ameliorating the conditions of minorities in both the countries.

### **National**

**Joint Machinery of the Planning Commission, Government of India:** The Planning Commission of the Government of India constituted a National Level Body called the Joint Machinery to formulate policies for the voluntary sector and to function as an interface between the voluntary sector and the Government. The Joint Machinery has 22 representatives from the Voluntary sector from all over the country and all the secretaries of the Government of India dealing with different departments engaged in the development sector. The Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission is the Chairman of the Joint Machinery. The Director of COVA was inducted as the member of the Joint Machinery.

COVA is a member of **Credibility Alliance, Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), Pakistan India People's Forum for Peace and Democracy (PIPFPD), and Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace.** \*\*\*\*\**(Please refer to the section, Initiatives for Peace, for more information on PIPFPD and Networking for information on Credibility Alliance and VANI.)*

### **State**

**A.P.Social Watch:** At the State level, COVA collaborated in the launch of Social Watch Report on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2003. On this occasion, Andhra Pradesh Social Watch was initiated. It was decided to publish the AP Social Watch Report for the year 2004. The Report would focus on four areas, namely, Food, Education, Health and Water. Other organizations collaborating in this process are, Centre for World Solidarity, Centre for Environmental Concerns, Dappu Collective, Samata, Coalition for Peace and Harmony, Anveshi and others.

COVA is also a member of **A.P.Alliance for Child Rights** and **Andhra Pradesh Child Rights Advocacy Forum.**

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### **Hyderabad City**

At the Hyderabad City level, COVA is a member of **Coalition for Peace and Harmony, Apna Watan,** and **Forum for Better Hyderabad.**

COVA is also represented on the following committees:

- Hospital Development Society, Osmania General Hospital
- District Advisory Committee for Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act
- District Executive Committee of A.P.Open School Society
- District Committee of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
- Steering Committee for City Development Strategy, Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad

### **New Inductions to the Governing Body**

When the activities of COVA were initially limited to Hyderabad City its Governing Body comprised members only from Hyderabad. The expansion of the activities is reflected also in the composition of the Governing Body now with members representing all the regions where COVA has made interventions. The Governing Body was also expanded to maintain an ideal gender and community composition. The following members distinguished in their fields were inducted into the Governing Body of COVA during the reporting year:

- Ms Vijayalaxmi Das, Executive Director, Friends of Women World Banking, Ahmedabad

- Prof. Hasina Hashia, Jamia Milia, New Delhi
- Ms Akhileshwari, Journalist, Hyderabad
- Ms Anne Nammala, Ankuram Sangamam Poratam, Hyderabad.
- Ms Kulsum Ali Abbas, Personnel Officer, MCH, Hyderabad.
- Dr Anand Raj Varma, Educationist, Hyderabad.

## **Regular Administration and Planning**

COVA has set up various systems for effective planning of its activities and administration.

**Governing Body Meetings:** The Governing Body of COVA meets two or three times in a year. Policy issues are discussed and decisions taken in the meetings of the Governing Body.

**Managing Committee Meetings:** The Managing Committee meets once in every two months. The Managing Committee monitors and guides the regular functioning of COVA and ensures that the policies laid down by the Governing Body are adhered to.

**CMT Meeting:** In the Core Managing Team (CMT) meeting that takes place invariably at 9.30 am on every Saturday, coordinators of all departments, along with the Director and the Executive Secretary, meet to share and discuss plans of activities of the following week. It is here that the coordinators put forward the logistics/media/cash/leave requirements of their respective departments to ensure proper planning and coordination of all programs. This is also an opportunity for the team members to get to know of and make suggestions for the programs taking place in other departments. Visits of guests to COVA and invitations from other organisations are also discussed and decisions taken on them in the CMT meeting.

**Weekly Members' Meeting of Mahila Sanatkar:** 25-30 senior members of Mahila Sanatkar, along with their associate members, meet every Saturday to review the past week's activities and share the action plan for the following week. Experts are invited to impart training in different skills and areas like cutting, designing, colour combinations, latest trends and fashions etc.

Apart from the business of the organisation, the members also share their personal problems in this meeting and seek counsel from fellow members.

**Monthly Directors' Meeting of Mahila Sanatkar:** The Directors of Mahila Sanatkar meet usually on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month to discuss the activities of the past month and plan the following month's activities including meeting the orders and conducting training programs. The meeting focuses on the discussion of organizational matters.

**Monthly Directors' Meeting of Roshan Vikas:** The Directors of Roshan Vikas meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of every month to discuss issues like the functioning of SHGs, regularity in collection of thrift amount and the repayments of loans in the past month and take decisions on sanctioning of loans applied for by the members.

**Staff Retreats:** All the team members of COVA get together for three days once in every six months. Presentations are made on the activities of the past six months, which

are reviewed by the team, and action plans are broadly discussed for the following six months. Sessions are also conducted for perspective building of the team and strategies are reviewed in the light of past experiences.

**Evaluations:** COVA and its affiliates regularly undergo organisational evaluation by external agencies. During the report year an evaluation of COVA was made by Ms Indira Jena from Nirnaya, Hyderabad, and Dr Yogesh Kumar and Mr Anurag Chaturvedi from Samarthan, Bhopal.

**Monthly Reporting Meet:** All the COVA team members meet once in a month, that is, on the last working day of the month, to report on the activities of the past month, discuss issues of inter-departmental coordination, and welfare. The reports presented in the Staff Meeting by the various departments are centrally consolidated for facilitating accurate documentation of all the programs. The last two days of the month are set aside for the departments to reflect on and record the past month's activities.

**Internal Trainings:** One Saturday every month is allocated for capacity or perspective building of the COVA Team, depending on their need of skills and attitude.

### **Collaborations (COVA & Affiliates)**

Aman Charitable Trust

Bilance / Cord-Aid  
British High Commission  
Catholic Relief Services  
Centre for World Solidarity  
Ceras Alternatives  
Christian Aid  
Ford Foundation  
Jade Tree – US  
KITS Netherlands  
Ogilvy Outreach Mumbai  
Oxfam  
Stanley Tee  
Tides  
UNICEF

Aman Charitable Trust, New Delhi  
Apna Watan  
Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP)  
Coalition for Peace and Harmony  
Pakistan India Peoples' Forum For Peace & Democracy (PIPFPD)  
Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)

Anveshi  
Arya Samaj  
Campaign on Housing and Tenurial Rights (CHATRI)  
Centre for Environmental Education (CEE )  
Childline India Foundation  
Deccan Development Society  
Divya Disha  
Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad  
Forum for Better Hyderabad  
Human Rights Forum (HRF)  
Insurance Corporation Employees Union (ICEU, Hyd)  
Jamaat-e-Islami  
Junior Red Cross  
Kids for Tigers  
Lok Satta, Hyderabad.  
National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights AP Chapter  
National Green Corps  
Nehru Yuvak Kendra  
Prajwala  
Sakshi Human Rights Watch  
Urdu Academy, Hyderabad

ABBR Institutes  
Adage advertising agency  
Agarwal Shiksha Samithi  
DATAR Vocational Junior College, Hyderabad  
Froebel's High School,  
Hindi Milap, the Hindi Daily,  
Mahavir Infoway Pvt Ltd  
Mowzz Audio  
Siasat, the Urdu Daily,  
VDP Educational Society

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

APSWAB

AWBI

Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY Scheme) of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

CAPART

Canara Bank, Hyderabad.

Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh

Jan Sikshan Sansthan, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India

National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)

National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped (NIMH)

Rural Entrepreneurship Development Program (REDP)

Rashtriya Mahila Kosh

Andhra Pradesh Council Of Science and Technology (APCOST)

Andhra Pradesh State Aids Control Society (APSACS)

Andhra Pradesh State Minority Finance Corporation (APSMFC)

AP Open Schools Society Department of Tourism, Government of Andhra Pradesh

Backward Class Corporation (B.C.C)

District Education Offices

Janashala (District Primary Education Program, Government of Andhra Pradesh)

Kurnool Municipal Corporation

Minority Welfare Dept

S.C. Corporation

Traffic Police, Hyderabad

Urban Community Development (UCD), MCH

## COVA

### Governing Body

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 1. Dr. Vithal Rajan     | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Ananad Raj Verma | Co-Chair |

### Members

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3. Mr. P.M. Amir Sultan (Pune)      | 9. Mr. John B. Frank                  |
| 4. Dr. Mazher Hussain               | 10. Ms. Akhileshwari                  |
| 5. Mr. Ali Asghar                   | 11. Ms. Annie Namala                  |
| 6. Ms. Asiya Khatoon                | 12. Ms. Haseena Hashia                |
| 7. Ms. Jandhyala Kameshwari (Delhi) | 13.                                   |
| 8. Mr. Mohd. Azam Khan              | 14.                                   |
|                                     | 15.                                   |
|                                     | 16. (Jammu and Kashmir **)            |
|                                     | 17. Ms. Vijay Lakshmi Das (Ahmedabad) |

18. Ms.Kulsum Ali Abbas

<b>Community Composition</b> - Muslim	- 50%
Non Muslims	- 50%
<b>Gender Composition</b> - Female	- 50%
Male	- 50%

### **Managing Committee**

1. Ms. J. Kameshwari	President
2. Mr.Neelkanth Mansabdar	Vice President
3. Mr. Ali Asghar	Executive Secretary
4. Ms. Ammaji	Joint Secretary
5. Ms.Naheed Banu	Treasurer
6. Dr.Ananad Raj Verma	Member
7. Mr. Nanak Singh Nishter	Member
8. Mr. Md.Azam Khan	Member

### **Ex-Officio Members**

9. Mr. Sajid Ali
10. Mr. Roshan Kumar
11. Mr.Khasim Peera
12. Ms.Rama Jyothi
13. Ms. Sunita
14. Ms. Priya Kosalram
15. Dr. Mazher Hussain
16. Ms. Asiya Khatoon
17. Ms. Noor Jahan
18. Mr. Mohd. Yusuf Ali Khan
19. Mr. Naseer Siddiqui
20. Ms. Shobha Uttam
21. Mr. Mirza Hamid Baig

<b>Community Composition</b> - Muslim	- 55%
Non Muslims	- 45%
<b>Gender Composition</b> - Female	- 49%
Male	- 51%

### **General Body**

1. Dr. Vithal Rajan
2. Mr. P.M. Amir Sultan
3. Mr. Muneeruddin Mujahid
4. Dr. Mazher Hussain
5. Mr. Ali Asghar
6. Ms. Asiya Khatoon
7. Ms. Kameshwari
8. Mr. Mohd. Azam Khan
9. Mr. John B. Frank

10. Dr. Ananad Raj Verma
11. Ms. Akhileshwari
12. Ms. Annie Namala
13. Ms. Haseena Hashia, Jammu and Kashmir
14. Ms. Vijay Lakshmi Das, Ahmedabad
15. Ms. Kulsum Ali Abbas
16. Mr. Neelkanth Mansabdar
17. Ms. Ammaji
18. Ms. Naheed Banu
19. Mr. Nanak Singh Nishter
20. Mr. Sajid Ali
21. Mr. Roshan Kumar
22. Mr. Khasim Peera
23. Ms. Rama Jyothi
24. Ms. Priya Kosalram,
25. Ms. Noor Jahan
26. Mr. Mohd. Yusuf Ali Khan
27. Mr. Naseer Siddiqui
28. Ms. Shobha Uttam
29. Mr. Mirza Hamid Baig
30. Ms. P. Sunitha
31. Ms. Yousuf Unnisa
32. Mr. D. Roshan Kumar
33. Mr. S. A. Rawoof
34. Mr. G. P. Jawahar
35. Mr. S. Ameer Basha
36. Mr. Khasim Peera
37. Ms. Syeda Faizunnisa
38. Mr. G. Ranga Reddy
39. Mr. A. P. Rao
40. Mr. Manohar Rao

<b>Community Composition - Muslim</b>	- 50%
Non Muslims	- 50%
<b>Gender Composition - Female</b>	- 40%
Male	- 60%

## COVA AFFILIATES DISTRICT NETWORKS

Mahabubnagar  
MANGO

(Mahabubnagar Association of Non Government Organisations)

### Executive Committee

M. Srinivas Rao, President  
Sajida Sikandari, Vice president  
G. Ranga Reddy, General Secretary  
Govardhani, Joint Secretary  
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**General Body**

- 1) Navodaya Seva Sangam
- 2) Srinivasa Trust
- 3) Vijaya Voluntary Organisation
- 4) Indira Priyadarshini women's Welfare Association
- 5) DRDSO
- 6) CONARE
- 7) Srinivasa Trust
- 8) Vaidya
- 9) Janta Rural Development Society.
- 10) At Your Services.
- 11) Adam
- 12) Khursheed Mahila Mandali

- 13) Eco-Club
- 14) Mother Theresa Social Educational Society
- 15) SWORD Organisation
- 16) SPEED Organisation.
- 17) CARD
- 18) CURE
- 19) Srinivasa Educational Society
- 20) MASA – Org.
- 21) CYRD
- 22) Darul-UI-Uloom Arebiya
- 23) Madina Mahila mandali
- 24) Foundation for Development of Community (FDC)
- 25) Mother Theresa

ANANTAPUR  
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(Mission for Marginalized and Minorities)

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6. Rural Development Society
7. Forum for Rural Development
8. HANDS-Gooty
9. Organisation of Rural Reconstruction Movement
10. Relief Organization for Handicapped
11. Bait-Un-Nasr
12. Society For Environment & Education Development
13. Jhansi Mahila Mandali
14. Golden Buds Voluntary Organisation
15. Samata Organisation
16. Health Education Labour And People Society
17. Abhyudaya Yuvajana Sangham
18. Shahe-Chilamattur
19. Save-N.P.Kunta
20. YMMASSS
21. SHARE
22. IA & BWS, Guttur
23. Saraswathi Mahila Mandali
24. A.I.R.D.S. – Rayadurg.

*General Body*

1. Mass Education & Organisation Society
2. Nava Bharath Rural Development Society
3. Islam Blood Donation Organisation
4. Kallumari Rural Education Development Society
5. Jagruthi Rural Development Society

Prakasham

VAN (Voluntary Associations Network), Prakasham

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**General Body**

1. SNIRD
2. Prashanthi Mahila Mandali
3. DEEDS
4. Bismilla Mahila Mandali
5. REEDS
6. WELFARE
7. ICWA
8. ARHEDS
9. RDS
10. TREE
11. S.H.G.D.P.Ed. Society
12. Sree Devi Mahila Mandali
13. Protect India.

14. Sai Chaitanya Mahila Mandali
15. Sameem Mahila Mandali
16. VES
17. SSS
18. Rupas-Inda

19. RDO
20. Siva School
21. Greens
22. SKMS

**KURNOOL  
COVAK**  
(Confederation of Voluntary Association, Kurnool)

**Executive Committee**

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6. Pragathi Youth Society
7. Prasad Educational Society
8. Azad Educational Society
9. Rural Tribal Development Society
10. Albila Educational Society
11. Mother Theresa Yuvajana Seva Samithi
12. Sri Bharathi Educational Society
13. PSS Educational Development Society
14. Kurnool Muslim Minority Educational Society
15. Kalabandu Kala parishad
16. MADAT organisation
17. Dalit Welfare Association
18. Calvery Ministry
19. New Model Educational Society.

**General Body**

1. SFT Training Centre
2. Bharatiya Women & Rural Development Society
3. Rural Development Society Peapully
4. Sagar Society
5. Civic Educational Society

**ADILABAD**

**VANA**  
(Voluntary Association Network, Adilabad)

A.P. Rao, Convener

**General Body**

1. CEAD
2. Madarsa Jamia
3. RISE
4. Minority Welfare Committee
5. Masjid Welfare Society
6. Netaji Youth Club
7. Helpline
8. SSMM
9. RECAP
10. Sangamitra Youth Club
11. Salma Mahila Podupu Sangam
12. Minority Welfare Society
13. BDM Project
14. Minority Welfare Society
15. SSMM
16. CSTD
17. DART
18. Madersa Hussaina
19. Mahamoodia Educational Society
20. Baitul Mal Committee
21. Deccan Education Society
22. Esla-E-Mashra Committee
23. Muslim Welfare Society
24. IQRA Educational And Welfare Society
25. SAIDS

CUDDAPAH  
COVAN  
(Cuddapah Obliging Voluntary  
Association, Network)

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**General Body**

1. CHARD
2. Cuddapah Islamic Welfare Society
3. Omer Youth Welfare Association
4. Rural Activity Development Society
5. Padmavathi Educational Society
6. Rural Integrated Development Society

7. Helpless Poor Development Organisation
8. Pragathi Harijana Mahila Mandali
9. Rural Development Society
10. SHEAP
11. SHED
12. Swathi Mahila Mandali
13. Mahboob Subhani Ashram
14. Nehru Youth Association
15. Development Of Peace Church Of Christ
16. Arundhathy Mahila Mandali
17. Noor Muslim Welfare Society
18. Rural Integrated Community Development Society
19. Johar Educational Committee
20. Muslim Minorities Welfare Committee
21. Madars Mufithul Uloom Committee
22. Social Service Society
23. Al-Ameen Muslim Welfare Society
24. Tara Mahila Mandali
25. Nava Chaitanya Youth Association
26. SUPPER, Vempally
27. Indira Vikas Mahila Mandali
28. HEEDS
29. RDS
30. DROPS

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General Body

1. Pragathi Seva Samithi
2. Modern Architects For Rural India
3. SEVA
4. Good way
5. Seva Sahakara Voluntary Org.
6. PMM
7. KRUPA

8. Swetcha Sree
9. Madarsa-e-Barkatia
10. Madarsa-e-Khairul-uloom.
11. Sarvodaya Youth Organisation
12. Research Voluntary Organisation
13. Siddiqui School
14. RWDSS
15. CROPS
16. RPPDSS
17. Abhyudaya
18. Faizana Mustafa Edn. Society.
19. Madeena Educational and Welfare Society
20. SWEADI
21. MAARP
22. Holy Cross Association
23. SPACE
24. Spandana Service Society

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Institute  
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**General Body**

1. Polymers Educational Society
2. Swathi Mahila Mandali
3. Development of Rural and Urban  
Slum Society (DRUSS)
4. NEEDS
5. Uma Maheshwari Mahila Mandali
6. Dorkha Mahila Mandali
7. Chaitanya Bharathi Women Welfare  
Centre
8. Asthana-A-Chistia
9. Rahmath Mahila Mandali
10. Health Care & Social Welfare  
Society (HCSWS)
11. Community Development Society  
(CDS)
12. Cultural Association for Mass  
Education and Liberation (CAMEL)
13. Community Association for Rural  
Development (CARD)
14. Kranthi Gramina Abivrudhi Seva  
Sanstha (KGASS)
15. Grama Swarajya Samithi (GRASS)
16. Laxmi Mahila Mandali
17. Arya Dayanandam Mahila Mandali
18. Training Re-construction  
Educational Environmental Society  
(TREES)
19. People Action Development (PAD)
20. Jaya Laxmi Mahila Mandali
21. Praja Rural Development Society
22. ISWAS
23. PVS
24. Dargha Welfare Committee
25. FUDS
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**General Body**

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2. Navajyothi RDS
3. SWARD
4. CWAS
5. SIDRA
6. CRESEDS
7. SHEPHERD
8. SRI
9. APLWA
10. WARDS
11. DDS
12. Prakruthi
13. Madarsa Islamia Daloom, Buchoolu
14. VISION
15. SEED
16. JJ RDS
17. SAMARITAN
18. SHEPERD
19. SEVA SANGAM
20. HOPE
21. CROP
22. REDDY
23. NRDS
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25. AARANYA

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#### General Body

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| 2.  | RDO                                    | 18. | Valley of Love and Compassion          |
| 3.  | CAREER                                 | 19. | Harijan Weaker Sections Mahila Mandali |
| 4.  | DAWNS                                  | 20. | Indira Minorities Mahila Committee     |
| 5.  | Sameera Social Service Soc             | 21. | Noor Basha Dudakula Seva Sangam        |
| 6.  | MRDS                                   | 22. | Mother India                           |
| 7.  | REDS                                   | 23. | Dali Kasturi Bal Mahila Mandali        |
| 8.  | CISD                                   | 24. | Kalyani Mahila Sankshama Sangam        |
| 9.  | CAVI                                   | 25. | SUPPORT                                |
| 10. | CAMP                                   | 26. | HOC                                    |
| 11. | MRWS                                   | 27. | LAMP                                   |
| 12. | Mass Action for Social Service Society | 28. | LEARDS                                 |
| 13. | SEWA                                   | 29. | ROSE                                   |
| 14. | Sarojini Weaker Section Mahila Mandali | 30. | AMOL                                   |
| 15. | INDIA                                  |     |  |
| 16. | Adarsha mahila Sesu Seva Samakya       |     |  |

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1. Asra Mahila Welfare Society
2. National Center for Women
3. Roshni Center for Women
4. Sunshine Mahila Welfare and Educational Society
5. Venkataramana Mahila Mandali
6. Ansari Mahila Mandali
7. Ekta Mahila Mandali
8. Ayesha Mahila Mandali
9. Plaza Craft Mahila Society
10. Chunti Shah Masjid Mahila Mandali
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## Roshan Vikas

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30. Jaimata M.M	62. Lucky M.M
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## Member Schools

1. Dawn Model School
2. Sumsam Memorial School
3. Hyderabad Model High School
4. Govt.Boys High School, Moghalpura
5. Mufeed-Ul-Anam Boys H.S
6. Govt. Girls Primary School, Mir Alam Mandi
7. Govt.Girls Upper Primary School, Kotla Alijah
8. Princess Esin Girl's High School
9. Mukarram Jah School
10. Mohammed Quli Qutub Shah
11. Govt. Boys Upper Primary School, Darulshifa
12. G.G.C.H.School, Noor Khan Bazar
13. H.T.Fatima's Girls High School
14. Govt. City Model High School, Chaderghat
15. Samia Public School
16. Indo-Embassy High School
17. Radiant Mission School
18. New Grammar P.S
19. Hyderabad Convent School
20. Ayesha Public School
21. Al-Tazeen High School
22. Imam Bakhsh Memorial H.S
23. Govt.City Boys High School
24. I.Z.E.S High School
25. Glorious Deccan School
26. St. Mariam High School
27. St.Moses's High School
28. Royal Public School
29. Zehra Free School
30. St. John's School
31. St.Anthony's Convent H.S
32. New Blue Birds GirlsSchool
33. Govt. Boys High School, Kotla Alijah
34. Basar High School
35. Farah High School
36. St. Hills High School
37. St.Ann's Grammar School
38. Loyola Model School
39. Little Rose Anglo School
40. Rising Sun High School
41. Little Flower Public School
42. Central Public School
43. Vaidik Dharma Prakashika H.S
44. Govt.Boys High School, Sultan Shahi
45. Girl's High School, Shah Ali Banda
46. Barkat Boys Town
47. Govt.Girls High School, Shah Gunj
48. Quaint High School
49. Modern High School
50. Gems High School
51. Newton High School
52. Khulq Memorial High School

53. St. Marks Boys town
54. Zenith Model School
55. Iqra Mission High School
56. St. Zains H.School
57. Rainbow High School
58. Govt.Boys High School, Umda Bazar
59. Little Century High School
60. Sri Niketan High School
61. St. Maria's Public School
62. Spring Dale High school
63. Madina Mission School
64. St. Aurobindo High School
65. Crescent High school
66. Holy Fatima High School
67. Nooria Arabia Oriental H.S
68. Neo School Aizza
69. Paragon School of Grammar
70. Paragon Modern High School
71. St. Mathews High School
72. Lucid High School
73. Peace High School
74. Guru Nanak High School
75. St. Stephens School
76. Sahara High School
77. Government Boys High School, Darulshifa
78. H.S. Islam School
79. Lohia Little Angels H.S
80. Gnanodaya High School
81. Crown International School
82. New Model High School
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