

Presentations of Project Works on Social Issues by School Students

330 Students from 33 Schools of Hyderabad Participated

Overview, Objective and Methodology:

Since seven years ICAN-COVA is involving school students in Project Work on different Social Issues. The objective of involving students in undertaking project works is to sensitize them on different social issues and problems that hamper development in the society and growth of human resources.

Teachers enrolled in this Program are oriented on systematic understanding of important social issues and initiatives to address them; to equip them to mentor and supervise the students in working with the community; representing to officials and to interact with the media. This training equips teachers to mentor and supervise the students to conduct study on the selected issues and to prepare project report with illustrations highlighting problems and gaps that need immediate attention of society and the concerned departments. The exposure is provided to students to Research Methodology; enabling them to produce a systematic research document and motivate them to consider the possibility of becoming social scientists and to emerge as Responsible Citizens.

Projects Works Presentations on 19th January 2016: Program Report

Topics selected for Project Works for 2015-16 were: Right To Education Act, Eve Teasing, Care for Elders, Corruption and Swachh Hyderabad. 330 students from 33 schools submitted 114 projects by forming teams of two.

The Process of Project Works started from September 2015 and the students compiled information from the libraries and internet, visited fields, interacted with people, and documented their experiences of interactions with people and prepared projects under the guidance of their teachers.

Project Work Presentation Event was organised on 19th Jan 2016 at the office of COVA at Bandlaguda-Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad. Dr. Mazher Hussain, Executive Director of COVA explained the concept and objective behind conducting this unique program. He said nowadays children are aspiring to become doctors and engineers. He advised students to prefer to become social scientists, bureaucrats, politicians, elected representatives and change agents who contribute much more to the society than the contribution of professionals.

Mr. Nanak Singh Nishter, Member Advisory Council of COVA presided over the function and inaugurated Exhibition of Project Work Presentations. Guests of honour Mr. M. Thomas of Swaraj Abhiyan, Mr. Ghiasuddin Akbar and Ms. Supriya from Roda Mistry College of Social Work presented Mementos to the participating School Managements. Five Teams of judges inspected the exhibits and recommended 40 best entries for awards. At Valedictory Function Guests presented awards to the students whose projects were adjudged best and gave appreciation certificates to teachers who mentored and helped students in accomplishment of their tasks.

Mr. Mohd. Shaker Ali, Asst. Coordinator, Children and Youth Activities expressed gratitude on behalf of COVA to all the schools managements, teachers who mentored students in accomplishment of their tasks, to the students whose untiring work on the projects made this event a success and also the guests of honour for their valuable time and encouragement to all the actors of this event. He also acknowledged the exemplary honorary services of student volunteers from St. Ann's College, Mehdiapatnam to this event.

Mohd. Shakir
Assist. Program Coordinator
ICAN