

**Praful Bidwai Memorial
SAMBANDH – 2019**

17th Annual Inter School & Inter-Collegiate Competitions

To Hiroshima & Nagasaki Nuclear Holocaust
6th August 2019 – Hyderabad

**Theme: Violence in Society Kills the Nation
Organised By COVA**

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COVA, in collaboration with Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Dhvani, Indian Children's Action Network (ICAN), Youth TRAC; Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace; NASIM Foundation of USA and others has been organizing SAMBANDH Program in Hyderabad every year; since 2002 to commemorate the nuclear holocaust in Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II and also to celebrate the memory of Praful Bidwai, the legendary anti Nuclear and Peace Activist.

The objective of this annual event is to sensitize students and youth to the issues of war, violence, and promotion of peace all over the world in general and in the Sub Continent in particular. The event provides an excellent platform to sensitize students and youth to the issues of violence and need to promote and work for peace. The Themes of SAMBANDH Programs in previous years included: Can Humanity Survive the Increasing Violence in the World?; Preventing Wars- Securing Peace; Beyond War and Violence: Towards a Just World and Preventing Conflicts around the World etc.

Many participants from SAMBANDH Program enlist with COVA as peace activists and collaborate in our programs.



A young student sketching her ideas about violence in society

The Theme for 17th SAMBANDH 2019 was: **Violence in Society Kills the Nation**

2149 Students from 51 schools and colleges registered with 994 students participating in poster and slogan writing; 844 students in Essay Writing; 20 in Debate, 105 in Declamation, 136 in One Act Plays, and 50 in Quiz. The students had option of 4 languages: English, Hindi, Telugu and Urdu.

The **Topics** were:

1. *Different types of violence in society and their impact;*
2. *Violence faced by Children and how can they be protected;*
3. *What are the major conflicts in India and how can they be solved;*
4. *Why is there conflict in Yemen*



Participants at Essay Writing



View of the Audience at the Valedictory

Credit goes to 30 judges from St. Ann's College and 18 judges from other institutions who dedicated themselves to assess the performance of the 2149 participants in 6 events in 4 languages to give the results for preparation and distribution of certificates and prizes for 143 winners within 6 hours!

Mr. Moazzam Hussain, Vice President, MS Education Academy was the Chief Guest for the Inauguration Session along with Guests of Honour Dr. M. Radha Reddy, Director, Jawahar Bal Bhawan and Mr. Sabhajit Saha, Head, Telangana Region, Confederation of Indian Industry. Giving the Inaugural Address Mr. Moazzam Hussain lauded the initiative of having such a theme and topics for the program that will take the students beyond the curriculum and ensure their overall development.

Dr. Mazher Hussain Executive Director of COVA gave an over view of the Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism Project of COVA for school and college students of which SAMBANDH is one of the Programs that aims to fill a gap in our education system that mostly focuses on training students to become efficient professionals without any orientation to or involvement with any social issues and problems. Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism Project of COVA aims to fill this gap to



Shatter The Silence! Stop The Violence!!
Marwah Zaheer of IX Class, M.S. Creative Schools
at her creative best at SAMBANDH 2019!



Elisha Lakhani of Class XII of Glendale Academy
Bringing out her genius at SAMBANDH 2019.

also make students sensitive human beings motivated to engage in bringing about positive social transformations to improve their surroundings and community that could be a step in taking society towards justice and peace.

The Chief Guest for the Valedictory Session was Mr. Anurag Sharma, IPS, Advisor to the Government of Telangana. Ms. B. Shantishree Chartered Accountant and former Member of the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad, Dr. Sr. P. Amrita, Principal, St. Anns College; Ms. Bhramarashree, and Ms. Meeta Joshi of St. Anns College were the Guests of honour.

Delivering the Valedictory Address Mr. Anurag Sharma said that it is important to be determined in life to achieve our goals and also to be sensitive to social issues and strive to become good human beings. Giving his own example he said he comes from a small Hindi Medium school but had decided to make a success of his life and could achieve his goal with determination and hard work. He lauded the messages conveyed by the students in the One Act plays and urged the students to approach the police if they come across any form of violence or injustice and assured that the police force is there to help them.

15 students from different schools and colleges also spoke at both the Inaugural and Valedictory Functions and shared their experiences in preparing for the program and how it has enabled them to recognize and understand violence in different forms that is so prevalent in society and how to deal with it. Some also spoke about the impact the program has already had in their thinking and outlook to become better, sensitive and more responsible citizens and human beings.

Bro. Varghese Thechaneth, Secretary, COVA, Presided and Ms. Aparna Adhikari, Joint Secretary of COVA proposed the Vote of Thanks.

All credit for the success of the program goes to over 50 volunteers from St. Anns College, 20 volunteers of COVA and the staff members of COVA all of whom work tirelessly for over a month.

Members of Dhvani, a student group of St. Anns College (that was facilitated by COVA for its formation) prepared a special Booklet for SAMBANDH 2019 titled **Resource Book on Violence: Its Forms and Remedies** that was released at the Valedictory Function by Dr. Sr. P. Amrita, Principal, St. Anns College and will be given to all the participants.

The Resource Book is attached along with photos, YouTube Links to One Act Plays and video testimonies of 4 students who participated.

The real contribution to the high quality of participation and success of the program comes from all the students who had prepared for over a month on the topics announced for SAMBANDH 2019 and their teachers and managements who encouraged and guided them.



Mr. Anurag Sharma handing over the cheque for The KasbaRamiah Endowment for Education of Muslim Orphan Girls to Miss Simraunnisa

Class and MissSimraunnisa of 7th Class that will help them to continue their education.

శాంతితోనే అభివృద్ధి



సమావేశంలో పాల్గొన్న అనురాగ్ శర్మ

నాంపల్లి: శాంతితోనే అభివృద్ధి జరుగుతుందని మాజీ డీజీపీ అనురాగ్ శర్మ అన్నారు. ప్రస్తుత బిడ్డవల్ మెమోరియల్ 17వ ఇంటర్ స్కూల్, ఇంటర్ కాలేజియేట్ పోటీలు మంగళవారం నాంపల్లి పబ్లిక్ గార్డెన్స్ లోని ఇందిరా ప్రీయదర్శిని ఆడిటోరియంలో జరిగాయి. హిరోసిమా, నాగసాకిలో జరిగిన అణుబాంబు సంఘటనను స్మరించుకుంటూ విద్యార్థులకు సంబంధ-2019 పేరిట చిత్రలేఖనం పోటీలు నిర్వహించారు. కార్యక్రమానికి ముఖ్య అతిథిగా హాజరైన మాజీ డీజీపీ అనురాగ్ శర్మ విశేషాలకు బహుమతి ప్రధానం చేశారు. అనంతరం ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ... అహింసా మార్గం ఉన్నతులుగా తీర్చిదిద్దుతుందన్నారు. విద్యార్థులు సన్మార్గంలో నడుస్తూ దేశానికి సేవలందించాలని కోరారు. వివాదాలు విద్వంసానికి కారణమని, ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ ఘర్షణలు, విరోధాలకు దూరంగా ఉండాలని, శాంతిని కోరుకుంటూ ఉన్నత పాఠాలుగా ఎదగాలని ఆశంజించారు. కార్యక్రమంలో నిర్వాహకులు మజర్ హుస్సేన్, వక్తలు బ్రదర్ వర్గీస్, నసీర్ సిద్ధిఖీ, ప్రెస్మిపాల్ ఖాజావలీ, అహ్మద్ తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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<https://epaper.sakshi.com/c/42237822>

Report of SAMBANDH 2019 and Photo of the Valedictory Session showing Mr. Anurag Sharma, IPS and other Dignities in Sakshi

We are happy to share that many persons have started endowments with COVA, in the names of their family members, for supporting education of girl children. Mr. K. R. Venugopal, IAS, former Secretary to 3 Prime Ministers of India has an endowment fund with COVA in his respected father's name: The Kasba Ramiah Endowment for Education of Muslim Orphan Girls. Another Endowment is instituted in the Memory of Col. M. Nayeem Ahmed by his Family and donation for Education of Orphan Girls by Mr. Orooj Alam in the memory of his father Mr. Waheeduddin.

Mr. Anurag Sharma graciously handed over cheques for school fees for the year to the orphan girls Miss. Sumaiya Naaz of 3rd Class, MissRabiyaKhatoon of 7th

About PrafulBidwai:

PrafulBidwai was a political analyst and commentator who worked throughout his life for the promotion of peace, nuclear disarmament, global justice, human rights and environmental protection. He left us on June 23, 2015, while attending a conference in Amsterdam. COVA dedicates SAMBANDH Program to celebrate his memory.

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