

Compassionate Citizenship & Responsible Activism Program

B.M. Kutty Memorial

14th Annual Projects Works on Social Issues

Case Studies

1. The Hindu: Student Activism: it gets GHMC going:

- a) A group of student activist dashed their representations to GHMC which made it to repair the clock atop the Mahbub Chowk which had stopped functioning.
- b) The GHMC also ordered an enquiry into the excess charges collected at parking lots and agreed to put up boards displaying the approved parking fee.
- c) the students also convinced a local channel to telecast messages and run Scrolls on water conservation and other social issues.
- d) They plan to get Government support and corporate sponsorships for restoration and protection of Heritage buildings in Hyderabad and strive for the establishment of Hyderabad Culture Museum at Khurshid Jah Dewdi.

2. Cleaning Up a Government Hospital

Students: Zabiullah and Md saifullah- MS Creative High School

As part of their Project Work, the students visited Osmania General Hospital and found the place was overcrowded and the premises very unhygienic.

This motivated the students to do something and contribute in their own little way to change the situation.

They began with buying a couple of face masks, some bleaching powder, some floor cleaner and dustbins.

They picked up the trash in some of the common areas, cleaned the floors, put some disinfectant and put up dustbins in the area for the public to use.

Later they tied a couple of ropes at places that were prone to crowding to make sure people follow a queue.

The students are visiting the hospital once every week.

3. Students Access Civic Services for Society as Responsible Citizens.

Ghousiya Yasmeen, Tabassum Sultana, Ayesha Omar and Zahida Kulsum, all girl students of Hyderabad Mission High School

Project on accessing civic services from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

They decided to file a complaint about garbage lying uncleaned near their school.

They downloaded the GHMC App and submitted their grievances with the department.

Consequently, GHMC cleared the garbage within 30 hours

They also received another message saying that the complaint is addressed.

4. Understanding the Issue of Begging to Rehabilitate A Beggar.

Mohammad Tanveer, Owais Sheikh, Saahil Baig and Syed Irfan from Grace model School
Project on "Understanding the Issues of Begging: Solutions to Change their Lifestyle." The survey was conducted near the school area

Results revealed that some beggars, who are otherwise physically fit, also take to begging.

One such example was beggar Shiva- who had lost one arm, but was otherwise fit

The students decided to try and bring change in his life.

They collected money from police station, medical hall, mobile showroom and so on

With the money collected money they rented a cart for Shiva
And also helped him purchase some biscuits, sweets etc to start a business
They also took permission from their school principal to let Shiva sell in front of the school.
Shiva is happy now and in working instead of begging

5. Fake News

Syed Abdul Muqtadir Quadri, Syed Mohd Najamuddin Quadri
MS Creative School for Boys

They came across a WhatsApp forward from a group about a child Mir Ashraf Ali being kidnapped from "Talabkatta"

They went on to find the source of the original message and found out the address of the child after 5 hours of search

They visited his house only to find the child at home with his family

When students told Mir Meraj Ali, father of the child about the fake news they reported this to the police.

6. Dog Menace

In May- June 2012 Students of Summer Activism Program noticed that dog biting menace was rampant in some areas leading to incidences of rabies.

They carried out a detailed survey of the affected areas

Made a representation to the Chief Veterinary Officer, GHMC

Result: Dog Squads came into action immediately to catch stray dogs

Incidences of dog bites came down immediately in the affected areas

Making the students happy with their success in Social Activism

7. Child Safety

Student of Alfaz International School visited Government schools and interviewed school principal and teachers to check the safety measurements implemented and adopted by them.

They found that strict rules for visitors and precautions for the unexpected events are in place as per the guidelines of the schools but have not been really discussed in the classroom

Therefore the students came up with the idea of Awareness Campaigns

They visited Florida school and Anwar-ul- Islam and held the sessions to create awareness with the help of the posters on the topics like :-good touch bad touch , emotional abuse, heavy school bags, corporal punishments, contaminated water, dirty toilets, child road accidents, bullying and kidnapping, molestation of girls and child abuse that children can be exposed to.

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