

## COVA-led initiative empowers students on elder care

Students trained under the Compassionate Citizenship Programme have proposed actionable solutions to improve elder care and address climate concerns. Backed by faith leaders, the initiative will now be expanded to 3,000 schools through a State government–COVA MoU

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**Hyderabad:** Students from various schools in Hyderabad and districts, as part of Compassionate Citizenship Programme, a collaborative initiative between Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) and State Education Department, have proposed specific ‘actionable points’ to address growing needs of senior citizens and escalating climate crisis.

The students underwent rigorous training in social science research and advocacy, which enabled them to come up with the suggestions to improve the quality of life of the elderly. Their work included field studies and direct interactions with stakeholders to move beyond theory and into practical community service.

## Students Lead Faith-Based Call for Care of Elders and Climate Action in Telangana

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**Hyderabad:** Students participating in the *Compassionate Citizenship Program*, implemented by **COVA (Confederation of Voluntary Associations)** in collaboration with the **Education Department of the Government of Telangana**, have emerged as powerful advocates for social responsibility by identifying *12 actionable points* on



**Care of Elders and Climate Change**—and taking them directly to faith leaders for propagation through weekly sermons across religions.

As part of Value Education, students from participating schools underwent an intensive learning process that included expert lectures, social science–based field studies, stakeholder interactions, and training in social advocacy. Through this structured engagement, students examined real-world challenges, identified practical solutions, and learned how to seek redress by engaging officials, elected representatives, and faith leaders.

The students' proposal for elder care focuses on dignity and social integration, advocating for quality time, fulfilment of essential needs, and creation of senior citizen groups in community hubs.

To ensure these points reach the heart of the community, students presented their representations to prominent faith leaders from Hindu, Muslim, and Christian communities.

The leaders including Archbishop Antony Prince Panengadan and representatives from the Arya Samaj and Jamait e Ulema E Hind, committed to propagating the twelve points during their weekly sermons in masjids, churches, and satsangs.

The State government has now signed an MoU with COVA to scale this programme to 3,000 schools across the State, integrating it into the formal Value Education curriculum, said Mazher Hussain, Executive Director, COVA Peace Network.



Students giving Representations to Hindu, Muslim & Christian Faith Leaders



community centres and places of worship for regular social interaction  
Climate Crisis – 7 Key Actions

1. Say no to plastics
2. Planting and protecting trees
3. Avoiding wastage of water
4. Saving energy
5. Promoting public transport, cycling, and carpooling to reduce air pollution
6. Offering drinking water to gig workers and delivery personnel
7. Spreading awareness through posters, rallies, and video messages

### 12 Actionable Points Proposed by Students Care of Elders – 5 Key Actions

1. Spending quality time with elders
2. Ensuring respect and dignity for elders
3. Fulfilling elders' physical and emotional needs
4. Supporting elders living alone
5. Formation of senior citizens' groups in



## Faith Leaders Join Hands for Awareness Campaign

Students prepared formal representations on these 12 Actionable Points and presented them to prominent faith leaders, including **Archbishop Antony Prince Panengadan**, **Mr. Vithal Rao Arya** of Arya

Samaj, **Maulana Mohammed Amer** of Jamiat-e-Ulema- e-Hind, **Rev. Dr. T. Bhasker** of CSI Wesley Church,

and **Mr. Mohammed Azheruddin** of Jamaat-e-Islami.

The students requested that these points be shared with priests, imams, and preachers for dissemination through weekly sermons in **Satsangs, Masjids, and Churches**. All faith leaders appreciated the student-led initiative and agreed to circulate the messages through their respective faith networks, potentially reaching hundreds of congregations across Telangana.



## Plastic-Free School: Students Turn Advocacy into Action

Inspired by the “No to Plastic” action point, students of **Sharada Vidyalaya, Falaknuma**, approached their school principal with a proposal to declare the campus a *Plastic-Free Zone*. Accepting the students’ request, the principal issued a circular banning plastic bottles, bags, and wrapping materials within the school premises—demonstrating how student advocacy can lead to immediate institutional change.



## Scaling Up Across Telangana

Recognising the transformative potential of the Compassionate Citizenship Program, the Education Department of the Government of Telangana has formally integrated it into the school curriculum as part of Value Education. Through an MoU with COVA, the program is set to be scaled up to 3,000 schools across the state.

A total of 28 schools from Hyderabad participated in the Annual Project Works Display Program, where students showcased their research and advocacy efforts and were awarded prizes for outstanding presentations.

## Tribute to COVA Peace Network Leaders

The Annual Project Works Display Program was dedicated to the memory of **Mr. Egbert Samraj, Dr. Anand Raj Varma, Mr. Omim Maneckshaw Debara, Ms. Naheed Banu, and Sardar Nanak Singh Nishtar**—former Presidents of the **COVA Peace Network**, whose leadership over the past three decades helped shape COVA into a beacon of peace, pluralism, and social engagement.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.covanetwork.org/in-school-curriculum>

## Students' 12-point action plan on elders, climate change to feature in sermons across faiths

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Resource Persons: Arunya Jyothi and Ruchit Asha Kamal

**HYDERABAD:** Students participating in the Compassionate Citizenship Program have drawn up 12 actionable points on care of elders and climate change, which will be propagated through weekly sermons across religions after faith leaders agreed to take the campaign forward.

### Students frame solutions after field studies

The students, drawn from schools implementing the Compassionate Citizenship Program run by COVA Peace Network in collaboration with the Education Department of Government of Telangana, worked on the two themes as part of value education.

They attended lectures, conducted field studies using social science methods, interacted with stakeholders and received training in social advocacy to identify problems and propose solutions.

### Five points on elders, seven on climate

For care of elders, the students identified five action points: spending quality time with elders, ensuring respect and dignity, fulfilling elders' needs, helping elders living alone, and forming senior citizens' groups in community centres and places of worship for regular interaction.

On climate change, seven points were proposed: saying no to plastics, planting and protecting trees, avoiding wastage of water, saving energy, using public transport, cycling and carpooling, offering drinking water to gig workers and delivery personnel, and spreading awareness through posters, rallies and video messages.



### Faith leaders back weekly sermon outreach

Students submitted representations on the 12 points to faith leaders, including Archbishop Antony Prince Panengadan, Vithal Rao Arya of Arya Samaj, Maulana Mohammed Amer of Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, Rev. Dr. T. Bhasker of CSI Wesley Church and Mohammed Azheruddin of Jamaat-e-Islami.

They requested the leaders to share the action points with priests and preachers for dissemination during weekly congregations in satsangs, masjids and churches. All the leaders appreciated the initiative and agreed to circulate the material within their faith networks.

### Plastic-free school initiative

At Sharada Vidyalaya, Falaknuma, students inspired by the 'no to plastic' action point approached the principal seeking to declare the campus a plastic-free zone. The school agreed and issued a circular banning plastic bottles, bags and wrapping material on campus.

The Education Department has recognised the programme's potential and included it as part of value education through a memorandum of understanding with COVA to scale it up to 3,000 schools across Telangana.

Twenty-eight schools from Hyderabad participated in the annual project works display, where students were awarded prizes for their presentations.

The event was dedicated to the memory of former COVA Peace Network presidents Egbert Samraj, Anand Raj Varma, Omim Maneckshaw Debara, Naheed Banu and Sardar Nanak Singh Nishtar.



Guests of Honour who presented prizes to students, mementos to schools and Resource Persons and addressed the gathering were Mr. Asadullah Pervez formerly of Emirates Airlines, Mr. Peter H Jayakar, Mr. Abdus Salam,

Ms. Asma Fatima, Mr. Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri, Ms. Meghana Narsimha, Ms. Noorjahan Siddiqui, Dr. Aparna Adhikari, Treasurer of COVA and Dr. Shobha Perindevi, Board Member of COVA presided over the Inaugural and Valedictory Programs respectively.

Judges for the Event were Ruchit Asha Kamal, Ms Arunya Jyothi, for Climate Crises and Dr. Shobha Perindevi and Dr. Aparna Adhikari for Care of Elders.

**Compassionate Citizenship Program**  
Value Education Program of COVA in  
**Collaboration with Education**  
Department, Government of Telangana

**Report of Project Works Display 2024-25**



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Students Showcase Innovative Solutions at Project Works Display Program

Apr 3, 2025



**Scaling Up the Compassionate Citizenship Program**

Hyderabad, April 3, 2025: The Project Works Display Program organized in Hyderabad showcased students' research and initiatives on pressing social issues, including *Climate Change: Concerns and Corrections; Eve Teasing: Problem and Remedies; Sensitivity and Care for the Differently Aabled*. The event, attended by prominent educationists and activists, highlighted the need for experiential learning and social advocacy to foster responsible and compassionate citizens.

**Inculcating Values through Education**

Speaking at the event, Prof. P.L.V. Rao, Member, Telangana Education Commission, emphasized the importance of education in fostering values of compassion, equality, equity, secularism, and harmony—all enshrined in the Indian Constitution. He stressed that no societal progress is possible without peace and harmony and that education should not only impart knowledge but also nurture creativity and imagination. Prof. Rao expressed hope that programs like the *Compassionate Citizenship Program* would be replicated across the country.

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**STUDENTS  
SHOWCASE WORKS  
ON SOCIAL ISSUES**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

Students of Classes VII to IX from 30 schools presented over 100 projects on climate change, eve-teasing and inclusion of the differently abled as part of the compassionate citizenship programme. Developed by the Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) and integrated into Telangana's moral education curriculum, the initiative will soon be expanded to 3,000 schools.

The projects' display, held on Thursday in Hyderabad, brought together students from government, private, corporate, KGBV and residential schools. Through fieldwork, interviews and community engagement, students explored real-world issues, documented challenges and proposed practical solutions. Their reports included insights from victims, officials and community elders, along with documented actions taken individually and collectively.

Addressing the students, Telangana Education Commission (TEC) member Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao emphasised the need for education to extend beyond academics to foster compassion, equality and secularism. He highlighted creativity and imagination as key drivers of societal progress.

Prizes and certificates were awarded by peace activist Gufran Siddiqui, climate activist Nikita Naidu, gender experts Amina Nilofer and Jyotirmaya Jandhyam, women's rights activist Noor Jahan Siddiqui and inclusion resource persons Dhanaunjay and Sumaira. The event was dedicated to the memory of Egbert Samraj, Dr Anand Raj Varma, Omim Maneckshaw Debara and Naheed Banu, former presidents of COVA Peace Network.

**Mr. Zayaan Babukhan, Guest of Honour**, lauded the *Compassionate Citizenship Program* for encouraging students to explore social issues beyond

textbooks and classrooms. He noted that such initiatives address crucial yet often overlooked topics, making a significant impact on society.

### Scaling Up the Compassionate Citizenship Program

Recognizing the potential of the *Compassionate Citizenship Program* developed by **COVA**,



The **Education Department of the Government of**

**Telangana** has integrated it into the **Moral Education curriculum**. The program is set to expand across **3,000 schools in Telangana**, empowering students with **experiential learning and social advocacy skills**.

Students from **government, private, and residential schools** engaged in field studies, interacting with various stakeholders, including victims of eve teasing, the differently abled, and officers of **SHE Teams**. For climate change research, students interviewed senior citizens to understand **water table depletion, encroachment on lakes, and rising climate extremes over the past 30 years**.

### Project Works and Awards

The event culminated in students preparing **Project Work Reports**, where they compiled findings from field visits, secondary sources, identified key problems, proposed solutions, and documented actions taken. The top **100 project works** from **30 schools** were exhibited, showcasing innovative solutions and social action.



**Prominent speakers and activists**, including **Mr. Gufran Siddiqui (Peace Activist, Ayodhya)**, **Ms. Nikita Naidu (Climate Activist)**, **Ms. Amina Nilofer**, **Ms. Jyotirmaya Jandhyam (Gender Experts)**, **Ms. Noor Jahan Siddiqui (Women's Activist)**, **Mr. Dhananjay**, and **Ms. Sumaira (Resource Persons for Differently Aabled)** and **Mr. Ateeq Iqbal** addressed the students and distributed **prizes and certificates**.

### Honoring COVA's Legacy

The event was dedicated to the memory of **Mr. Egbert Samraj, Dr. Anand Raj Varma, Mr. Omim Maneckshaw Debara, and Ms. Naheed Banu**—former presidents of **COVA Peace Network**, who played a pivotal role in shaping the organization's three-decade journey.



## A Future of Socially Aware Citizens

Every year, students participating in the *Compassionate Citizenship Program* propose **creative and practical solutions** for the social issues they research. Their initiatives aim to drive **policy changes, community engagement, and individual action**.

NASIM Foundation, USA and ICAN are Partners of Compassionate Citizenship Program and the Project Works Display Program was sponsored by Khaja Muhammedullah Khan and in Memory of Kasba Ramaiah.

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Hyderabad: COVA project works display on various social issues by students on April 3

Best projects by students on the subjects such as Sensitivity for the Differently Abled, Climate Change and Eve-Teasing Problem and Remedies will be part of the display

By [Telangana Today](#)

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**Hyderabad:** Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) is organising a display of the project works highlighting various social issues by students from across Hyderabad from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on Thursday at COVA, Bandlaguda, Chandrayangutta.

Best projects by students on the subjects such as Sensitivity for the Differently Abled, Climate Change and Eve-Teasing Problem and Remedies will be part of the display, being organised as part of Compassionate Citizenship Programme by COVA in collaboration with State Education Department, Mazher Hussain of COVA in a press release said.

[Hyderabad: 'Game for Peace' by COVA on Jan 13](#)

Prof PLV Rao and former IAS officer and faculty from MCRHRD, Amir Ullah Khan and others will take part in the inauguration and valedictory function.



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**Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism Program**  
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## Youth to create awareness about govt schemes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: Summer 'activism' inspired students of an international school in the city are set to create awareness about government schemes and to start a computer training center at Indra Reddy Nagar in Shankarpalle.

The students of Birla Open Minds International school, which is barely 500 meters away from the village, visited it as part of an internship programme to study development interventions for addressing the challenges of rural life.

"Our study clearly showed that there are serious problems regarding water supply, drainage, roads, and employ-



Birla Open Minds International school students visited Indra Reddy Nagar, Shankarpalle as part of an internship

ment. There is no government school and no hospital or urban health centers," said Aagam Mehta, a student, and ad-

ded that he decided to engage in social activism to help improve the conditions in the village and mitigate the hard-

ships in the life of the villagers.

The internship was organized by COVA from May 20 to June 2. At the end of the internship, students decided to start a computer training center in the village to increase employment among youth in the village and an awareness campaign to spread information about government schemes and programs that were found lacking among the villagers.

Both the proposals of students received instant support. The school offered to sponsor the campaign and the sarpanch came forward to make available space for the computer training center.

THE HANS INDIA

# Price rise hits poor below the belt

Survey reveals increasing misery forcing families to sell valuables

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THE rising prices are having a catastrophic impact on the lives of the poor, lower middle class and middle class families, specially in the Old City, where most households live hand to mouth with what they earn through daily wages.

According to a survey carried out by a city-based NGO, Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA), barring high income group, all other families that are designated under poor, lower middle class and middle class segments are struggling even to secure food for their members.

As a part of the 'Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism Programme (CCRAP), the NGO carried out a 15-day survey in the Old City to determine the impact of growing inflation on the households of four different sections of society that includes the high income group.

The survey found that most poor, lower middle class and middle class families are finding it difficult to get basic food grains due to rising prices. No access to health care facilities, proper sanitation and lit-



ter-free atmosphere are the other prevailing conditions, adding to their woes.

However, families of the high income group are found worried only over re-payment of EMIs. They are refraining from purchasing gold and silver due to price rise, besides scaling back their vacation plans.

All the three sections of society are struggling to get access to fuel, cooking oil, groceries, LPG, milk, vegetables and meat.

On an average, the poor families found scaling back their monthly purchase of rice by 6 kg flour, oil



and vegetables by 3 kg as grain and food is beyond their reach due to growing inflation.

Dr. Mazher Hussain, executive director, COVA, said "a team of 25 students from different schools took part in the training programme and survey that began on 9th of this month and concluded on May 22."

He added that "the primary objective of the programme is to make students sensitive human beings and responsible citizens through gaining exposure to different social issues and develop the required ca-

capacity to make society better"

"They were trained to undertake social sciences research, develop solutions for social problems, use media to make public aware of problems and solutions, besides approaching the elected representatives and officials for redress of problems," explained Hussain.

The survey also shed light on growing misery among the poor who are parting with valuables to secure wherewithal for sustenance. Almost 55 percent poor families are found selling their assets, like jewellery or vehicles, while 33 percent are borrowing after parting their articles.

Among the lower middle classes and the middle classes, 25 percent are found to have sold their assets and 20 percent simply pawned.

"All the three sections largely count on borrowing loans with the lower middle classes leading in the group with 75 percent borrowing followed by 45 percent of the poor and 30 percent of the middle class. The whiplash of inflation also leaves a heavy impact on people's ability to save. Leave alone saving, the rising prices left people without wherewithal for sustenance," reveals the survey.

# DECCAN Chronicle

## Students Initiative Takes a Child Labourer Back to School



**In a heartening turn of events, three compassionate students, undertaking fieldwork on child labour, stumbled upon a saddening reality — a young boy, out of school for two years, compelled to assist his father in construction work. (By Arragement)**

Hyderabad: In a heartening turn of events, three compassionate students, undertaking fieldwork on child labour, stumbled upon a saddening reality — a young boy, out of school for two years, compelled to assist his father in construction work. Determined to make a difference to his life, the trio, with the guidance of their teacher, embarked on a mission to convince the boy's father. Their efforts bore fruit as he relented, leading to the boy's enrolment in the eighth grade at their residential school.

This humane act is a manifestation of the broader 'moral education' initiative, a collaborative effort between the state education department and COVA Peace Network. Under this program, students across government, private, and residential schools transcend traditional classroom learning, delving into topics like child labour, dowry, care of elders and participatory budgeting through experiential learning, promoters of the initiative said.

Impressed by their success, the education department and COVA peace network announced plans to expand the compassionate citizenship program (CCP) to 3000 schools across 22 districts, starting from the academic year 2024-25. In a celebratory event held on Saturday, CCP's project works display showcased 250 projects covering all their earmarked segments. Men of eminence like R. Venkat Reddy of MVF, Dr Kiran Kumar from Woxsen University and educationist Maharukh Driver, among others, presented prizes and certificates to the achievers. The event was dedicated to the memory of past presidents of COVA Peace Network-Egbert Samraj, Anand Raj Varma, Omim Maneckshaw Debara and Naheed Banu.

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<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/current-affairs/students-initiative-takes-a-child-labourer-back-to-school-885551>

## **COMPASSIONATE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM BY COVA PEACE NETWORK ENGAGES STUDENTS IN MORAL EDUCATION**

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Students were trained in social advocacy to analyse issues, formulate possible solutions and work for redress through individual initiative, collaboration with friends, family, fellow students.

**Hyderabad:** As part of Moral Education initiated by Education department in collaboration with COVA Peace Network, the students of government, private and residential schools engaged in systematic understanding of child labour, dowry, care of elders and participatory budgeting through experiential learning made possible by the Compassionate Citizenship Program.

Students were trained in social advocacy to analyse issues, formulate possible solutions and work for redress through individual initiative, collaboration with friends, family, fellow students and represent to elected representatives, officials and faith leaders to help address issues and partner to transform society for better.

According to Mazher Hussain, COVA, the students also learnt about Raja Rammohan Roy, Swami Vivekananda, Savitri Bai Phule, Jyotiba Phule, Sir Syed Ahmed, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and others in social studies. Education department and COVA Peace Network will extend the Compassionate Citizenship Program to cover 3,000 schools in 22 districts from academic year 2024-25, he said.

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<https://telanganatoday.com/compassionate-citizenship-program-by-cova-peace-network-engages-students-in-moral-education>

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## Walk to Wake Up Society!

**School Students Rally with COVA to Bring Awareness on Social Problems among people on Child Labour, Care of Elders, Dowry and Budget Management.**

**Hyderabad:** The Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA), in collaboration with the education department of the Government of Telangana, organised a program called “Walk to Wake Up Society” on Saturday, March 2, to bring awareness on social problems among people on child labour, care of elders, dowry, and budget management.

COVA is a national network of voluntary organisations working for communal harmony and community empowerment in India.

The program, which was attended by students from various schools in Hyderabad, was flagged off from Charminar.

As per the press release, the volunteers raised placards and slogans addressing various social issues. They brought awareness about the issues as well as their punishments among the public.

- There are over 6 crore children in India who are forced into labour, and the punishment for employing child labour is Rs 50,000 and up to 2 years of imprisonment.
- Every 90 minutes, a woman dies due to dowry violence, and the punishment for dowry death is 7 years of lifetime imprisonment.
- There are 14 crore elderly people in India, of whom 9 crore are working to survive and 5 crore are below the poverty line. Meanwhile, the punishment for ill-treating parents is 3 months imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5,000 under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

The students carried out the rally with slogans urging people to take responsibility and bring about change in society.

Later, they divided into small sub-groups and rallied through different localities around Charminar, interacted with people, and distributed pamphlets to make them aware of these problems.

CLICK for detailed Report:

<https://bnnbreaking.com/society/hyderabad-students-rally-with-cova-awareness-drive-on-social-issues-from-charminar>

More Media coverage at:

<https://www.siasat.com/hyderabad-students-conduct-rally-against-child-labour-dowry-2985846/>

## THE HANS INDIA

### COVA devised pilot project to sensitize students about transforming society



School students can be seen representing the Secretary School Education Department to apprise her about the formative experience they hands-on during the Compassionate Citizenship Program being organised by

In collaboration with the School Education Department, Government of Telangana, a pilot project called ‘Compassionate Citizenship Program’ has been organised by the Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) in the state to sensitize school students about social issues faced by the society and help them develop a sense of purpose to transform communities and social environment thereby to promote a better society to live-in.

During the program, it is said that around 500 students from 33 schools in Hyderabad city picked-up an array of the topics to work over the project being initiated by the COVA, an NGO working for the upliftment of the society through ensuring peace and harmony and literary promotions across the country.

According to MazhrHussain, the Executive Director of COVA Hyderabad, “Four districts such as Hyderabad, Mahabubnagar, Warangal and Vikarabad have been selected for implementation of a message oriented ‘Pilot Project’ that stretched over five months.”

During the five month long program, he said, around 25,000 students from 122 government, private and residential schools from both urban and rural areas of the four districts took part in the pilot project and picked up different themes that include Care for Elders, Problem faced by Parents while Educating Children, Social Media: Fake News, Child Labour, Eve Teasing, Public Services, Environment: Plastic Usage, Participatory Budgeting for Children, Basic Introduction to Social Science and Social Advocacy.

While working on a theme ‘Care for Elders,’ the students found that most of the elders suffer loneliness, ill-health and financial constraints in their serenity. After finding this, many students

said they have started spending more time with their grandparents and enjoying their compassion.

The students even submitted representation to Ministers and officials concerned demanding special counters or timings for elders in government hospitals. They felt that elders should be with their families in serenity instead of Old Age Homes.

As part of the program, an event was organised today at Boys' Town High School in Jahanuma area under Bahadurpura constituency experts delivered lectures to the students who participated in field visits and earned a formative experience while interacting with the society through working over the project.

It is said that so far, 44 experts delivered 1000 lectures on 10 different topics and sensitized a volume of 25,000 students out of which 10,700 have carried out nearly 230 field visits covering the pilot project spread over five long months.

# Compassionate Citizenship Program

Pilot Project by

## COVA Peace Network

Implemented in collaboration with

**SCERT** (Telangana State)

**In 122 Schools of Telangana for 2022-23**

### Preliminary Report

#### Sensitising School Students to Community Issues through Social Sciences Approach

This Pilot Program is a collaborative initiative between School Education Department, Government of Telangana and Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) to undertake implementation of the Compassionate Citizenship Program in 122 schools in 4 districts of Telangana State during the year 2022-23. The objective is to explore and assess the implementation and impact of this Program in sensitizing students to social issues and equipping them to undertake micro level social transformations in their communities and environment.



*Ultimate Endorsement: After attending the first lecture of the Program, a teacher of Vandana School of Warangal obtained permission to enable participation of her daughter (who is studying in another school) in the Compassionate Citizenship Program.*

*She says there is marked change in the girl's behaviour towards her grandparents, has become more active in school activities including bringing issues to the notice of school management and her extravagance is turning to frugality with consciousness for need to budget!*

#### *Lecture with PPT*

#### **In Schools where big Halls were available**

If the Pilot proves successful, the program could be extended to other schools in Telangana over the coming years to make the students across the State sensitive human beings motivated to transform society for better- through individual and collective actions.

#### **Four Districts are selected for implementations of the Pilot Project:** Hyderabad;

Mahabubnagar; Warangal and Vikarabad. In all 122 government, private and residential schools from both urban and rural areas participated with 25,000 students attending the lectures on social issues that were organized in the schools in each districts.

**Topics Covered:** 1. Care of Elders 2. Public Services 3. Environment: Plastic usage; 4. Problem faced by Parents in educating children 5. Participatory Budgeting for children; 6. Social Media: Fake News 7. Child Labour; 8. Eve Teasing; 9. Basic Introduction to Social Science and 10. Social Advocacy

Each District selected five of the seven social topics listed above and Basic Introduction to Social Sciences and Social Advocacy was offered to all students in all districts.

**44 experts delivered 1000 lectures on the 10 topics and 10,700 students participated in the 230 Field Visits to equip themselves for preparation of Project Work Reports on the social issues covered.**

## **Some Key Perspective and Attitudinal Transformations in Students**

(Please see Annexure for detailed Report)

### **I. Care for Elders:**

1. Elders are an asset and a treasure trove of values for the family
2. They are being neglected and sometimes disrespected and abused
3. Most elders suffer from loneliness, ill health and financial distress
4. Most students have said that they have started spending more time with grandparents and have become more respectful in their interactions.
5. Students have submitted Representations to Ministers and Officials to for better facilities for Elders
6. Have started recording videos to be posted on YouTube to bring awareness among other students to take care of elders properly and respectfully
7. Elders should be in Our Homes and not in Old Age Homes!



### **Problem Faced by Parents in Educating Children**

1. The income of parents is not enough to educate their children for better quality of education and even for a single child for some parents.
2. Heavy Fees and many other charges by Schools
3. Govt should provide text books, notebooks and uniforms to all private schools as providing to the students of govt schools.
4. Not make demands on parents that will be difficult for them to fulfill
5. Study well to compensate for the sacrifices made by parents
6. YouTube Videos to make other students and youth aware about the problems faced by parents in educating children.

### **III. Social Media: Fake News**

1. These days' children are using smart phones and playing games so much.
2. Excessive involvement with social media can affect your grades
3. here is also danger of Fake News and Frauds on Social Media
4. Fake News Makes It Harder For People To See the Truth
5. Preparation of Posters and awareness programs
6. Videos on Social Media about dangers of social media and how to protect oneself
7. Representation to Cyber Cells to spread more public awareness





#### IV. Child Labour

1. Children want to study but their parents are facing financial problems and sending them for child labour.
2. Children's are working in Hotels, Mechanic shops & Working in home.
3. Children engaged in child labour are also becoming addicted to drug abuse and other bad habits and are spoiling their life's
4. Ban Child Labour.
5. Take strong and strict action against employers and parents of child labour.
6. Free school and college education for all children
7. Spread awareness on Child labour with children and in society

#### V. Eve Teasing

1. Women experience physical and psychological harassment
2. Loss of dignity and self respect
3. No awareness about harms of eve teasing and how to prevent it among girls and boys
4. If anyone teases a girl take action on him.
5. Give awareness to girls & boys.
6. Posters prepared to spread awareness about eve teasing
7. Awareness to other students in School Assembly and classes about Eve Teasing
8. Videos on YouTube to spread awareness about Eve Teasing

#### VI. Public Services

1. Disposal of garbage is getting worse because bins are not available.
2. Lifting of garbage is irregular
3. Irregular and unclean water supply
4. Open nalas and open drainage system becoming a home for mosquitoes and houseflies.
5. Most people are not aware of how to make complaints and about the Call Centers and Apps of GHMC, Water Works and Electricity departments. Students helped people download the Apps and also make complaints using the Apps and Call Centers

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### SURVEY: MANY IGNORANT OF GHMC SERVICES

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MAY 22

School students who underwent a 15-day activism programme conducted by an NGO found that the people were unaware about using GHMC services to resolve civic issues, and that nalas continued to be a threat.

The objective was to provide direct experience to students on social issues and train them on resolving problems. The students interviewed 71 persons from four different income groups.

6. Students gave Representations to officials and elected representatives with suggestions for improving public services:
7. Prepared Posters to spread awareness among people about Citizen's Charters and Apps and Call Centers to register complaints
8. Reaching out to people to help download Apps and use Helpline numbers
9. YouTube Videos to make other students, youth and citizens aware about accessing public services using Apps and Call Centers.

## VII. Plastic Usage

1. Excessive use of plastic-based things by the people.
2. People are aware about the harms of using plastic but continue to use for convenience
3. More awareness programs are required to discourage people from using plastic
4. The government should make available plastic bags disposal system in cities and rural areas.
5. Seal plastic bags manufacturing factories.
6. Encourage use of paper or canvas bags, cans, boxes, etc instead of plastic based material.
7. It is reported that one girl student in Warangal threw away all plastic items from the house and asked parents to use items of steel and other non- plastic material.
8. YouTube Videos to make other students, youth and members of public aware about dangers of using plastic and alternatives available.

## VIII. Participatory Budgeting

1. Students and people in society have less knowledge about budgeting.
2. The future of students will be better if the students get knowledge about budgeting leading to better society.
3. Request parents to give pocket money so they learn about budgeting
4. Government should give direction to all schools for inclusion and participation of students in school annual day, sport day and other events.
5. Prepare YouTube video about own experience with budgeting



**Field Interview: Auto Driver**



**Field Interview: Woman in Shopper**

**Annexure**  
**Eight Social Issues:**  
**Key Findings, Suggestions and Actins by Students**

**1. Care of Elders**

**Key Findings**

- Elders are an asset and a treasure trove of values for the family
- But their families are not bothering about them
- They are being neglected and sometimes disrespected and abused
- Most elders suffer from loneliness, ill health and financial distress
- Many do not get pension and cannot afford medical treatment.
- When Government is giving them pension their family members are taking it away and still they are taunting them.
- Family members are not taking care about their health and not taking even for hospital check-ups.
- There are no special facilities like separate counters or timings for them in government hospitals
- Many do not have proper documents that makes it difficult for them to avail government services
- Some children abandon their parents who are forced to live in old age homes or beg on the streets



➤ **With a Woman in Old Age Home**



**Interviewing a Senior Citizen**

**Actions Taken by Students**

- ✓ Most students have said that they have started spending more time with grandparents and have become more respectful in their interactions.
- ✓ Some Students have prepared profiles of some elders in Old Age Homes to get some professionals and rich people to adopt them and give monthly financial support
- ✓ Representation to Ministers and Officials to provide:
  - i) Special counters / timings for Senior Citizens in Hospitals
  - ii) Support to get all the required official documents like Aadhar Card etc
  - iii) Pension for all and enhancement in pension



**With a Sick Elderly Person in Hospital**



**A Social Scientist in Making**

### **Actions Planned by Students**

- A Play to highlight the plight of elders and what is required to be done
- Posters in schools, colleges and public places to bring awareness about issues of elders
- Celebrate birthdays in Old Age Homes
- YouTube Videos to make other students and youth **aware** about the issues of elders and what can we do to address them

### **2. Public Services**

#### **Key Findings by Students:**

- Disposal of garbage is getting worse because bins are not available.
- People have no choice but to throw their trash on the streets, leaving hurdles for residents and creating major health problems.
- .Lifting of garbage is irregular
- Irregular and unclean water supply.
- No speed breakers to stop vehicles near schools.
- Throwing of garbage into the open nalas and also blocking sewerage lines
- Open drainage without lid and which also have water lines passing through it.
- Open nalas and open drainage system becoming a home for mosquitoes and houseflies.
- Most people are not aware of how to make complaints and about the Call Centers and Apps of GHMC, Water Works and Electricity departments

#### **Actions Taken by Students**

- ✓ Students made people aware about the ways to make complaints
- ✓ Helped people download the Apps and also make complaints using the Apps and Call Centers
- ✓ Students gave Representations to officials and elected representatives with the following suggestions:
  - 1) Government to install garbage bins in every lane for dry waste & wet waste.

- 2) The garbage lifters should clear the garbage properly & regularly
- 3) Increase the number of garbage lifting vehicles and also increase the frequency of lifting garbage.
- 4) Government should provide clean water regularly.
- 5) Government should close the system of open nala and open drainage system.
- 6) Provide speed breakers near all schools

### **Understanding Civic Amenities for the Poor**

#### **Actions Planned by Students**

- Posters to spread awareness among people about Citizen's Charters and Apps and Call Centers to register complaints
- Outreach to people to help download Apps and use Helpline numbers
- YouTube Videos to make other students, youth and citizens aware about accessing public services using Apps and Call Centers.



### **3. Plastic usage**

#### **Key Findings by Students:**

- Excessive use of plastic-based things by the people.
- No proper garbage bins where plastic can be thrown.
- People just throwing plastic on the roads and are not caring about the environment.
- Leading to unpleasant odors and creating health problems in the society.
- Animals are also getting affected as they are eating these plastics and many are dying.
- It upsets the Food Chain
- Causes Groundwater and Air Pollution
- Cleaning plastic is expensive
- People are aware about the harms of using plastic but continue to use for convenience
- The government should make available a plastic bags disposal system in cities and rural areas.

- More awareness programs are required to discourage people from using plastic
- Shopkeepers are using plastic carry bags as they are cheaper
- Ban on use of plastics is not having much results
- We have to move to further stages to seal plastic bags manufacturing factories.
- Encourage use of paper or canvas bags, cans, boxes, etc instead of plastic based material.



**Quizzing a Shopkeeper on use of Plastic Bags      Students with director of SCERT**  
**Actions Taken by Students**

- ✓ Some students have stopped using plastic bags, glasses etc.
- ✓ It is reported that one girl student in Warangal threw away all plastic items from the house and asked parents to use items of steel and other non- plastic material.
- ✓ Students gave Representations to officials and elected representatives for the following:
  1. Ban of plastic in society and all over the state should be implemented properly & strictly.
  2. Fine should be imposed in a strict way as the traffic police is imposing challans.
  3. Plastic manufacturing industries should be sealed.
  4. Govt should provide proper dustbins for disposed of plastic.
  5. Govt should start mega awareness program in society.
  6. Govt should promote alternates of plastics.

**Actions Planned by Students**

1. Posters to spread awareness about dangers of using plastics
2. Awareness Programs with students of own school and other schools on accessing civic services
3. YouTube Videos to make other students, youth and members of public aware about dangers of using plastic and alternatives available.

#### 4. Problem faced by Parents in Educating Children

##### Key Findings by Students:

- The income of parents is not enough to educate their children for better quality of education and even for a single child for some parents.
- Heavy Fees and many other charges by Schools
- The increasing prices of text books and note books day by day.
- The high prices of uniform.
- Malnutrition of students.
- Schools are seeing increase in dropouts of children.



**For the Poor**



**For Middle Classes**

#### Challenges of Educating Children

##### Solutions Proposed by Students:

1. Govt should provide text books, notebooks and uniforms to all private schools as providing to the students of govt schools.
2. Govt should provide nutrition kits to students of all schools.
3. Provide field projects and sports activity to students in schools.

##### Actions Planned by Students

- Study well to compensate for the sacrifices made by parents
- Not make demands on parents that will be difficult for them to fulfill
- Follow up with Government for free books for students of private schools
- YouTube Videos to make other students and youth aware about the problems faced by parents in educating children.

#### 5. Participatory Budgeting for children

##### Key Findings by Students:

- Students and people in society have less knowledge about budgeting.
- People take loans and get trapped in debt because of lack of knowledge about budgeting.
- There is no proper planning for spending of money in our society.



**A Challenged Person in Wheel Chair**



**Middle Class Person**

### **All Sections Lack Financial Planning**

#### **Actions Taken by Students**

- ✓ Representations to Government
  1. To provide a lesson in school syllabus on budgeting.
  2. Government should give direction to all schools for inclusion and participation of students in school annual day, sport day and other events.
  3. The future of students will be better if the students get knowledge about budgeting leading to better society.

#### **Actions Planned by Students**

- Request parents to give pocket money so they learn about budgeting
- Request school managements to include students in planning and preparing budgets for school events
- Prepare YouTube video about own experience with budgeting

### **6. Social Media: Fake News**

#### **Key Findings by Students:**

- These days' children are using smart phones and playing games so much.
- Excessive involvement with social media can affect your grades
- Over half the world's population is on social media
- People are using mobile to see news in social media and posting on facebook, whatsapp, etc.
- But there is also danger of Fake News and Frauds on Social Media
- Fake News Makes It Harder For People To See the Truth
- Email and internet fraud is growing.
- There is Identity fraud ( When personal information is stolen and used)

- Theft of financial or card payment data is causing great loss to people.
- If we do not try to stop this fake news and misuse of social media we get so many problems



**With Cyber Cell**



**Field Survey on Social Media & Fake News**

**Actions Taken by Students**

- ✓ Preparation of Posters and awareness programs
- ✓ Videos on Social Media about dangers of social media and how to protect oneself
- ✓ Representation to Cyber Cells to spread more public awareness

**Actions Planned by Students**

- Awareness Programs to propagate about uses and dangers of social media and how to protect oneself

**7. Child Labour;**

**Key Findings by Students:**

- Children want to study but their parents are facing financial problems and sending them for child labour.
- Some children's are going for agriculture work using harmful chemicals.
- By this chemicals the children's are getting many diseases.
- The children's who don't have work to do they are begging on roads & streaks.
- Children's are working in Hotels, Mechanic shops & Working in home.
- Children engaged in child labour are also becoming addicted to drug abuse and other bad habits and are spoiling their life's

**Actions Taken by Students**

- ✓ Representation to Government for the following:
  1. Ban Child Labour.
  2. Take strong and strict action against employers and parents of child labour.
  3. Free school and college education for all children
  4. Spread awareness on Child labour with children and in society

## Actions Planned by Students

- ✓ Programs to spread awareness against Child Labour

### 8. Eve Teasing

#### Key Findings by Students:

- Women experience physical and psychological harassment
- Loss of dignity and self respect
- Sexual objectification
- Limitation of freedom of movement
- They will get fear to go out.
- They cannot go out alone
- They cannot do Public activities.
- No awareness about harms of eve teasing and how to prevent it among girls and boys



**Interviews with Offices of SHE Teams**

#### Suggestions by Students

- ✓ If anyone teases a girl take action on him.
- ✓ The police have to see no one should harass girls. .
- ✓ Police should keep check on roads and other places.
- ✓ Give education to girls.
- ✓ Build hostels for education of girls.
- ✓ Give freedom for Girls & let them enjoy.
- ✓ Give awareness to girls & boys.

#### Actions Taken by Students

1. Posters prepared to spread awareness about eve teasing
2. Awareness to other students in School Assembly and classes about Eve Teasing
3. Letters to SHE Teams demanding:
  - i) Spreading greater awareness among public about eve teasing
  - ii) Strict action against those engaged in eve teasing

## Actions Planned by Students

- ✓ Videos on YouTube to spread awareness about Eve Teasing

### Representations to Authorities

Students prepared and submitted Representations on the five topics taken up for 2022-23 to the following:

1. Ministers and Secretaries of all concerned departments
2. MPs, MLAs, Corporators and Sarpanchas
3. Directors of Concerned Departments
4. Collectors and SPs
5. Local Officials

Some Representations were given in person and some were submitted through emails and Inward Sections

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# THE HANS INDIA

## COVA, CII celebrate World Water Day with students

HYDERABAD

THE Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) commemorated the 'World Water Day' on Tuesday. The theme for the programme was Groundwater: Making Invisible Visible. The objective was to inspire people, especially students and youth, to learn more about water-related issues and to take action and make a difference. As part of the programme, competitions in painting, poster designing and declamation were organised for school students on the theme at Boys Town High School, Jahanuma. Over 200 students from six

schools participated.

On this occasion, Khader Mohinduddin, General Manager, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board detailed the efforts taken by the government to supply water to all. He lamented the gross misuse of water by citizens for washing cars etc and urged all citizens to conserve water in the interest of future generations and for the continuity of humanity. Dr Mazher Hussain of COVA said that 40 years back water was available for free for all, but now everyone has to buy water. "If we continue to be careless, we may not get even a drop of water in the near future even if we are willing to spend a fortune," he added.

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HYDERABAD: JUNE 11, 2013 00:00 IST

### **Student activism: It gets GHMC going**

If you are inspired and committed, you can do a lot. This was proved by a group of student activists who made the GHMC set right the dysfunctional clock atop the Mahbub Chowk. What the students did was to dash off representations to the civic body which forced it to repair the clock which had stopped functioning.

Heritage protection- 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. The students also convinced a local channel to telecast messages and run scrolls on water conservation and other social issues. The student activists 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. All this is the result of a month-long activism program conducted by COVA and ICAN on various social issues. A theatre training workshop was also organized by the *Koshish* Theatre Group, a COVA affiliate, wherein 50 students participated.



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### **Young activists in action**

The COVA-ICAN exhibition was aimed at developing social activism and the topics ranged from child labour, environment to issues affecting the Government schools. For students of city schools, meeting with children working in automobile workshops, general stores and selling bangles on pushcarts in Charminar sensitised them on the worrisome issue. Equipped with the draft of NCLP, they questioned the child labour rehabilitation project officer.

#### **Field work**

“We spoke to a child working in a shop in Khilwat. His father was killed in an accident and there was no one to feed his extended family. So he left school to take care of them,” says Syed Azimuddin, a Std. VIII student.

“The shopkeepers were rude to us when we questioned them about employing children,” adds his team mate Syed Abdul Raza, sharing their field report with other school children visiting the COVA-ICAN exhibition.

#### **Social activism**

The event was aimed at developing social activism among students of schools in old city. The topics in focus ranged from child labour, environment to issues ailing the Government schools. It was after meeting Schoolchildren of Government schools and visiting the schools in Rein Bazaar, Imam Bada and Edi Bazaar that the students presented the problems haunting the

Government schools, namely appalling student-teacher ratio, lack of drinking water facility and unsafe buildings.

**How healthy?**

Children of Yakutpura recorded the health hazards affecting their locality. They shared the footage over the laptop - unhygienic conditions abutting the nala flowing through Dabeerpura, Yakutpura and Talab Katta, and the garbage dump near the TB Hospital. "How can garbage be dumped near a health centre?" questions Abdul Basith, a Std. VII student of Imam Baksh Memorial High School.

As for the nala, he says that a road build over the long nala can decongest the traffic in the narrow lanes here.

**The exhibition definitely found the young activists come up with out of the box solutions.**

Abdul Basith Std.VII, Imam Baksh Memorial High School: "We recorded the land and water pollution in the nala at Yakutpura. A road built over the long nala can be a deterrent for people to dump wastes and serve as a walkway or road for people.

Sumeina Kausar, Std. IX, Rainbow High School: Government schools were established by the State to meet education needs. What we found was lack of infrastructure, mid-day meal and teachers.

Hafsa,Std. IX, Crown International School: Our project was on pollution. Air pollution is the cause for breathing problems. One is witnessing global warming. Acid rain results in damage to monuments.

Unisha Mirza,Std. IX, Lords Model School: We focused on the impact of pollution. Sound pollution can have a negative impact on health. Likewise, alarming deforestation and water pollution can have a dangerous impact on our lives.

**నల్ల సమాచారం** - నెక్

**వరంగల్లో ఈనెల 25న ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్ డిస్ షే ప్రోగ్రామ్**

మార్చి 24, నల్ల సమాచారం న్యూస్ / వరంగల్ : 25 మార్చి 2023న ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్ డిస్ షే ప్రోగ్రామ్ మణిద్వీపా గార్డెన్స్, పోతన రోడ్, రామన్నపేట, వరంగల్ నిర్వహిస్తున్నట్లు కొవా హైదరాబాద్ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ డైరెక్టర్ మజిల్ మున్సిపల్ కమిషనర్లు ప్రకటనలో తెలిపారు. కారుణ్య పౌరసత్వ కార్యక్రమం కోవ పీస్ నెట్వర్క్ ద్వారా ఫైలట్ ప్రాజెక్ట్ ఎస్ సి ఇ ఆర్ టి (తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రం) సహకారంతో అమలు చేయబడిందని తెలిపారు. 2022-23 కోసం తెలంగాణలోని 122 పాఠశాలల్లో సాంఘిక శాస్త్రాల విధానం ద్వారా కమ్యూనిటీ సమస్యలకు పాఠశాల విద్యార్థులను సుస్థిరం చేయడం జరుగుతుందని అన్నారు. ఈ ఫైలట్ ప్రోగ్రామ్ 2022-23 సంవత్సరంలో తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రంలోని 4 జిల్లాల్లోని 122 పాఠశాలల్లో కారుణ్య పౌరసత్వ కార్యక్రమాన్ని అమలు చేయడానికి పాఠశాల విద్యార్థులు, తెలంగాణ ప్రభుత్వం కాన్వెడేషన్ ఆఫ్ వాలంటరీ అసోసియేషన్స్ మధ్య సహకార కార్యక్రమం. రాజ్ కేంద్రం సంవత్సరాల్లో తెలంగాణలోని ఇతర పాఠశాలలకు ఈ కార్యక్రమాన్ని విస్తరించనున్నామని అన్నారు. పెద్దల సంరక్షణ, పబ్లిక్ సర్వీసెస్, పర్యావరణం ఫ్లాస్టిక్ వాడకం, పిల్లలకు విద్యను అందించడంలో తల్లిదండ్రులు ఎదుర్కొంటున్న సమస్యలు, పిల్లల కోసం భాగస్వామ్య బడ్జెట్, సోషల్ మీడియా షేర్ న్యూస్, బాల కార్మికులు ఈవ్ టీజింగ్, సామాజిక శాస్త్రానికి ప్రాథమిక పరిచయం, సామాజిక న్యాయవాదం అంశాలు కవర్ చేస్తారని, వరంగల్లోని 26 పాఠశాలలకు చెందిన 450 మంది విద్యార్థులు 25 మార్చి 2023న వారు రూపొందించిన ఎంపిక చేసిన ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్ నివేదికలను ప్రదర్శిస్తారని, మణి ట్విపా గార్డెన్స్, పోతన రోడ్, రామన్నపేట, వరంగల్, గూగుల్ విడుదలమా డోకించబడిందన్నారు. ఉదయం 9.30 గంటలకు వరంగల్ మేయర్ శ్రీమతి గుండు సుధారాణి , మధ్యాహ్నం 2 గంటలకు వరంగల్ ఎమ్మెల్యే సన్నపనేని సరేందర్ ప్రసంగాన్ని ప్రారంభిస్తారని తెలిపారు. ఉదయం 10.30 గంటల నుంచి మధ్యాహ్నం 2 గంటల వరకు ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్లను విద్యార్థులు ప్రదర్శిస్తారని, ఇలాంటి ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్లను 21 మార్చి 2023న హైదరాబాద్లో 500 మంది విద్యార్థులు ప్రదర్శించారని, 27 మార్చి 2023న వికారాబాద్లో 29 మార్చి 2023న మహబూబ్ నగర్ లో నిర్వహించబడుతుందని వివరించారు.

# సామాజిక సమస్యలపై ప్రాజెక్టు మోడల్స్ డిస్కస్

వరంగల్ మార్చి 25 (ప్రజామంటలు): వరంగల్ లోని మణిడిప్ప గార్డెన్స్ లో ఎస్సీఆర్డీ తెలంగాణ విద్యాశాఖ,కోవా సంయుక్త ఆధ్వర్యంలో ప్రభుత్వ, ప్రైవేట్ పాఠశాల విద్యార్థిని విద్యార్థులకు సామాజిక సమస్యల పైన రకరకాల ప్రాజెక్టులు మోడల్స్ డిస్కస్ కనివారం చేశారు. వరంగల్ జిల్లాకు చెందిన 26 ప్రభుత్వ, ప్రైవేటు పాఠశాలలు పాల్గొన్నాయి. రిబ్బన్ కట్టేసి కార్యక్రమాన్ని ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ పోటీలో సోషల్ మీడియా ఫేక్ న్యూస్ విభాగంలో వందన హైస్కూల్ వరంగల్ ప్రథమ బహుమతి, ప్లాస్టిక్ విభాగంలో శివనగర్ హైస్కూల్, బడ్జెట్ విభాగంలో గౌట్ హైస్కూల్ కాకితిగల్గ నరేంద్ర నగర్ హైస్కూల్, వరంగల్, పబ్లిక్ సర్వీస్ విభాగంలో ప్రగతి హైస్కూల్, వరంగల్, కేరాఫ్ ఎల్డర్స్ విభాగంలో బీసీ హైస్కూల్ ఉరుసు వరంగల్ బహుమతులు వచ్చాయి. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో కోవా డైరెక్టర్ మాజర్

హుస్సేన్, సామాజిక కార్యకర్త అనిత రెడ్డి, కోవా బోర్డ్ మెంబర్ రఘుభ, వరంగల్ డిప్యూటీ కోవా ప్రోగ్రాం ఆఫీసర్



రహత్ ఎంపి, రిసోర్స్ పర్సన్స్ కిరణ్, సతీష్ చంద్ర, వాలంటర్స్ రంజిత్, అశోక్, వంశీ, వివిధ పాఠశాలలకు చెందిన ఉపాధ్యాయులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

# ప్రజాపాలన

జాతీయ తెలుగు దినపత్రిక

## ప్లాస్టిక్ వలన కలిగే అనర్థాలను నివారించు

కోవా డైరెక్టర్ ఎండి మజార్ హుస్సేన్

వికారాబాద్ బ్యూరో 27 మార్చి ప్రజాపాలన : ప్లాస్టిక్ వలన కలిగే దుష్పరిణామాలను జన చైతన్యం చేయాల్సిన అవశ్యకత ఉందని కోవా డైరెక్టర్ ఎండి మజార్ హుస్సేన్ అన్నారు. సోమవారం వికారాబాద్ క్లబ్బు ఫంక్షన్ హాల్ లో ఎస్సీఆర్డీ కోవా స్వచ్ఛంద సంస్థ ఆధ్వర్యంలో 30 పాఠశాలల ప్రాజెక్టు వరకు నిర్వహించడం జరిగింది. ఈ ప్రాజెక్టు వర్కు కార్యక్రమాన్ని కే.బుచందర్ రెడ్డి షీ టీం సభ్యులు ప్రారంభించడం జరిగింది. కార్యక్రమంలో కోవా డైరెక్టర్ ఎండి మజార్ హుస్సేన్ ప్రోగ్రాం కోఆర్డినేటర్ అబ్దుల్ కలీం వి అమరేశ్వర్ ప్రోగ్రాం ఆఫీసర్ బి.గోపాల్ ఎండి అశ్వక్ 30 పాఠశాలల నుండి ఉపాధ్యాయులు ఉపాధ్యాయురాళ్లు ఒకరు చొప్పున పాల్గొనడం జరిగింది. బాల బాలికలు అందరు కూడా పాల్గొనడం జరిగింది. కోవా ఎస్ సి ఆర్ టీ కలిసి తెలంగాణలోని నాలుగు జిల్లాలు హైదరాబాద్ వరంగల్ మహబూబ్ నగర్ వికారాబాద్ ఒక్కొక్క జిల్లాలో 32 పాఠశాలలను ఎంపిక చేసుకొని సామాజిక సమస్యల మీద ఏడవ తరగతి ఎనిమిదవ తరగతి 9వ తరగతి బాల బాలికలకు అవగాహన కల్పించారు. ముఖ్యంగా వికారాబాద్ జిల్లాలో కేర్ ఆఫ్ హెల్డర్స్ పబ్లిక్ సర్వీస్ ఎన్వైరాన్మెంట్ ప్లాస్టిక్ యూసేజ్ సోషల్ మీడియా ఫేక్ న్యూస్ ఈవ్ టీజింగ్ సమస్యలపై సంబంధిత అధికారుల చేత అవగాహన కల్పించడం జరిగింది.



# విద్యార్థులు సామాజిక మద్దతుల పట్ల జాగ్రత్తతో మెలగాలి నెహ్రూ యువ కేంద్ర డైరెక్టర్ మచ్చ రాజు

వరంగల్, అక్షిత బ్యూరో :

వరంగల్లోని మణిద్వీప గార్డెన్స్ లో ఎస్ సి ఆర్ టి తెలంగాణ విద్యాశాఖ కోవా అధ్యక్షుల ప్రభుత్వ, ప్రైవేట్ పాఠశాల విద్యార్థుల విద్యార్థులు సామాజిక సమస్యల పైన రకరకాల ప్రాజెక్టులు మోడల్స్ డిస్కస్ చేయడం జరిగింది.. వరంగల్ జిల్లాకు చెందిన 26 ప్రభుత్వ మరియు ప్రైవేటు పాఠశాల ఇందులో పాల్గొనడం జరిగింది. నెహ్రూ యువ కేంద్రం డైరెక్టర్ మచ్చరాజు ఈ కార్యక్రమాన్ని రిబ్బన్ కట్ చేసి ప్రారంభించడం జరిగింది.. ఈ పోటీలో సోషల్ మీడియా ఫేక్ న్యూస్ విభాగంలో వందన హైస్కూల్ వరంగల్ ప్రథమ బహుమతి సాధించడం జరిగింది, ప్లాస్టిక్ విభాగంలో శివనగర్ హై స్కూల్, బడ్జెట్ విభాగంలో గౌట్ హైస్కూల్ కాశిబుగ్గ నరేంద్ర నగర్ హై స్కూల్, వరంగల్, పబ్లిక్ సర్వీస్ విభాగంలో ప్రగతి హై స్కూల్, వరంగల్, కేరాఫ్ ఎల్లర్స్



విభాగంలో వీసి హైస్కూల్ ఉరుసు వరంగల్.. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో కోవా డైరెక్టర్ మాజర్ హుస్సేన్ సామాజిక కార్యకర్త అనిత రెడ్డి, కోవా బోర్డ్ మెంబర్ ఎం , ఏ,రఘుభ వరంగల్ డిప్యూటీ కోవా ప్రోగ్రాం ఆఫీసర్ రహత్ ఎంపి, రిసోర్స్ పర్సన్స్ కిరణ్, సతీష్ చంద్ర, వాలంటర్స్ రంజిత్ అశోక్ పంశీ వివిధ పాఠశాలలకు చెందిన ఉపాధ్యాయులు పాల్గొన్నారు..

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### వరంగల్లో ఈనెల 25న ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్ డిస్కస్ ప్రోగ్రామ్

వరంగల్ మార్చి 24 (ప్రజామంటలు): 25 మార్చి 2023న ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్ డిస్కస్ ప్రోగ్రామ్ మణిద్వీపా గార్డెన్స్, పోతన రోడ్, రామన్నపేట, వరంగల్ నిర్వహిస్తున్నట్లు కోవా హైదరాబాద్ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ డైరెక్టర్ మజర్ హుస్సేన్ శుక్రవారం ఒక ప్రకటనలో తెలిపారు. కారుణ్య పౌరసత్వ కార్యక్రమం కోవా వీసి నెట్వర్క్ ద్వారా ఫైలట్ ప్రాజెక్ట్ ఎస్ సి ఆర్ టి (తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రం) సహకారంతో అమలు చేయబడిందని తెలిపారు. 2022-23 కోసం తెలంగాణలోని 122 పాఠశాలల్లో సాంఘిక శాస్త్రాల విధానం ద్వారా కమ్యూనిటీ సమస్యలకు పాఠశాల విద్యార్థులను సున్నితం చేయడం జరుగుతుందని అన్నారు. ఈ ఫైలట్ ప్రోగ్రామ్ 2022-23 సంవత్సరంలో తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రంలోని 4 జిల్లాల్లోని 122 పాఠశాలల్లో కారుణ్య పౌరసత్వ కార్యక్రమాన్ని అమలు చేయడానికి పాఠశాల విద్యా శాఖ, తెలంగాణ ప్రభుత్వం కాన్వెడరేషన్ ఆఫ్ వాలంటరీ అసోసియేషన్స్ మధ్య సహకార కార్యక్రమం. రాబోయే సంవత్సరాల్లో తెలంగాణలోని ఇతర పాఠశాలలకు ఈ కార్యక్రమాన్ని విస్తరించనున్నామని అన్నారు. పెద్దల సంరక్షణ, పబ్లిక్ సర్వీస్, పర్యావరణం ప్లాస్టిక్ వాడకం,



పిల్లలకు విద్యను అందించడంలో తల్లిదండ్రులు ఎదుర్కొంటున్న సమస్యలు, పిల్లల కోసం భాగస్వామ్య బడ్జెట్, సోషల్ మీడియా ఫేక్ న్యూస్, బాల కార్మికులు ఈవ్ టీజింగ్, సామాజిక శాస్త్రానికి ప్రాథమిక పరిచయం, సామాజిక న్యాయ వాదం అంశాలు కవర్ చేస్తారని, వరంగల్లోని 26 పాఠశాలలకు చెందిన 450 మంది విద్యార్థులు 25 మార్చి 2023న వారు రూపొందించిన ఎంపిక చేసిన ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్ నివేదికలను ప్రదర్శిస్తారని, మణి ద్వీపా గార్డెన్స్, పోతన రోడ్, రామన్నపేట్, వరంగల్. గూగుల్ బిరునామా జోడించ బడిందన్నారు. ఉదయం 9.30 గంటలకు వరంగల్ మేయర్ శ్రీమతి గుండు సుధారాణి , మధ్యాహ్నం 2 గంటలకు వరంగల్ ఎమ్మెల్యే సన్నప్పనేని నరేందర్ ప్రసంగాన్ని ప్రారంభిస్తారని తెలిపారు. ఉదయం 10.30 గంటల నుంచి మధ్యాహ్నం 2 గంటల వరకు ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్లను విద్యార్థులు ప్రదర్శిస్తారని, ఇలాంటి ప్రాజెక్ట్ వర్క్లను 21 మార్చి 2023న హైదరాబాద్లో 500 మంది విద్యార్థులు ప్రదర్శించారని, 27 మార్చి 2023న వికారాబాద్లో 29 మార్చి 2023న మహబూబ్ నగర్లో నిర్వహించబడుతుందని వివరించారు.