



COVA
Peace Network

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



Awards for COVA & Partners: State- National - South Asia - International

COVA (Confederation of Voluntary Associations), is a national network of voluntary organisations working for communal harmony and community empowerment in India and peace in South Asia.

Established in 1995 in Hyderabad, India, the members and partners comprise of community groups working at grassroots to national and international organisations and networks undertaking advocacy and policy interventions.

COVA is also engaged with multilateral bodies like the United Nations Organisation, G20, BRICS, SAARC and others for structural transformations of the world order to make society more equitable, sustainable, just and peaceful.



MAJOR INITIATIVES IN THE JOURNEY OF COVA



Peace Initiatives

Riot Prevention in 42 communally sensitive localities of Hyderabad

Formed Peace and Development Networks in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Partnering to facilitate Citizens Action for Manipur

Multi Faith Celebration of All Festivals: By inviting our neighbours of different communities to share a meal, share about our core values and share our Understanding of The Almighty to create the magic of mutual respect and harmony in society

Intra Faith Initiatives:

All Religions are being weaponized for vested interests resulting in antagonism and violence between communities. Intra Faith Program involves Faith Leaders of different religions critiquing misuse or abuse of their own religion to ensure it is not weaponised to promote violence in society.

Inter Faith Forum (IFF):

COVA has leaders of different faiths who collectively work for prevention of violence in localities and propagation of useful messages on different social issues like Pulse Polio, HIV, RTE, Accessing services from Government departments etc.

Initiatives in Kashmir:

Proposed the idea and facilitated the meeting between Indian Parliamentarians and Hurriyat Leaders in October 2010 that reduced violence in the valley for 4 years.

Peace in South Asia:

Flags for Peace Campaign by COVA stands out by setting the trend of spectators waving flags of both India and Pakistan at Cricket matches to communicate message of peace and goodwill in the stadium and to the world through TV channels!

Peace through Cyberspace

- a) COFI (Cyber Operations for Fraternity and Integration) Networks to secure cyberspace for peace.
- b) #CHECKIT- Offers training in decoding and exposing Fake News.

Our Constituencies

COVA Works with children, youth, women, men, entrepreneurs, professionals, officials and elected representatives through grassroot organisations, schools, colleges, universities, vocational training centers, self help groups, theatre teams, professional clubs, management, business and corporate groups for empowerment of communities and a just and peaceful society

Work with Refugees:

There are 8000 refugees in Hyderabad from 9 countries. COVA provides subsistence rations and support for education, livelihood and medical emergencies to the most destitute.

Structural Transformations

Compassionate Citizenship and Responsible Activism Program

Objective: To take students beyond classrooms and textbooks for experiential learning of social issues to make them sensitive human beings and responsible citizens.

Outcome: Students are enabled and motivated to live as responsible citizens and Change Champions of their communities

Education Department of the Government of Telangana has incorporated this program in the school curriculum for classes 7th to 10th as part of Moral Education.

Research and Advocacy for Policy Transformations

From Job Seekers to Job Creators: HRD Ministry accepted to include 3 recommendations of COVA in college curriculum to orient students accordingly

Financial Inclusion: Finance Ministry of Government of India incorporated 9 of 12 recommendations of COVA in the banking sector. Five of these recommendations are included in the MUDRA Scheme. Idea of eMUDRA was proposed by COVA



Women Entrepreneurs of COVA with RBI Governor Mr. Raghuram Rajan

THE MAGNIFICENT COALITION OF SOUTH ASIA

"South Asian Coalitions, are not easy to come by and coming together on a rainbow of issues is welcome. I have the privilege of cooperating with COVA on issues concerning peace, Justice Human Rights and good neighborly relations. The contribution of Dr. Mazher Hussain has been simply outstanding. One can only wish them well."

Admiral L. Ramdas.
Former Chief - Indian Navy



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