

**COVA Peace Network**  
**Hyderabad Development and Peace Project**  
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Career Guidance Counselling Session in New St. Maria High School



Career Guidance Counselling Session in Govt School Kurmaguda



Medical Camp



International Women's Day celebration in Naik Nagar



Sevalal Maharaj Jayanthi in Naik Nagar



Women's Awareness Meeting in Shiva Ganga nagar



**Citizen's Entitlement Book Launch**



**Hindu- Muslim - Christian Faith Leaders offerings Multi Faith Prayers at Inauguration of COVA Community Centre in Hyderabad, India**



**Career Guidance Book Release in Monarch School**

## Activities and Program Reports

### Inauguration of COVA Community Centre, Kurmaguda, Hyderabad 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

COVA Community Center was inaugurated at Kurmaguda, Hyderabad on 26th May 2024 to secure entitlements and enable empowerment of people in four localities of Kurmaguda Ward and to foster harmony and peace between communities of the area.

These Centers will cater to 5000 houses through direct outreach and another 5,000 households through Awareness Programs and Campaigns.

Bro. K. R. Janga Reddy, Smt. Swati and Maulana Mustapha, Christian, Hindu and Muslin Faith Leaders offered Multi Faith Prayers. They invoked the blessings of the Almighty for success of the Community Center and hoped that it will bring together all communities and enable their comprehensive empowerment. They specially urged youth to take all benefits from the Center.

Empowerment: Groups of Youth, Women and Community Leaders will be formed for planning and organizing Development and Peace Programs in the Localities through collaborative initiatives that will include leadership and social media training, spoken English, awareness, career counselling, personality development programs, sports and recreation activities for youth.

Entitlements: Members of the localities will be facilitated to obtain proper documents like Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Bank Account, Caste Certificate etc and their linkages where ever required. This will help them to apply Online and access a wide range of Government Schemes and Programs. Locality members will also get guidance and help to give representations to government departments for problems and get redress properly

Social Harmony: An important component of the Program will be formation of Peace Groups in each locality for prevention of conflicts and promoting harmony, through Multi Faith Celebrations and greater interactions between different communities through sports, recreation and development programs.

Prominent citizens, representatives of organisations, community leaders, women activists and youth participated in the Inauguration Program. All welcomed the establishment of the Centre and offered their full collaboration, partnership and participation in the programs and activities

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### Inauguration of COVA Community Centre, Jangammet, Hyderabad 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024



Another COVA Community Center was inaugurated at Bhatji Nagar, Jangammet Ward, Hyderabad on 23rd June 2024 to secure entitlements and enable empowerment of people in Six localities of Jangammet Ward and to foster harmony and peace between communities in these areas.

Mrs. Aparna Adhikari, Secy. COVA shared her views with women and people present in the program and assured to organise women awareness programs in near future as requested by the public. Mrs. Amena Niloufer, Director KAAM4U interacted with people regarding Social issues present in the area. She appealed all the members present to foster unity which and which only can solve our problems. Local Leaders Mr. Ahmed, Mr Nageshwar Rao, Mr. Jagan etc were also present on the occasion and assured complete cooperation to make this program a successful one.

Sri Mazher Hussain sir explained the objectives of the program Entitlements, Empowerment, and Establishing Peace in area of Poor People. People present in the program have enrolled their names into committees for future programs.

## **Inauguration of 4 COVA - Youth TRAC Sports and Recreation Centers at Kurmaguda Ward, Hyderabad 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



Youth of the area - girls and boys - play Volleyball, Cricket and Shuttle Cock as informal groups with very limited sports material. COVA provided sports material to 4 youth groups of the



Localities and has started the process of formation of proper Sports Teams that will operate through Youth TRAC Centres. These Teams will also organise awareness and capacity building programs. The Centres are dedicated to Holistic Development of Youth through Recreation and for Community Empowerment and Peace.



Over a hundred people - mostly youth and prominent citizens, representatives of organisations, Community Influencers, women activists and seven visitors from Los Angeles USA attended. It was resolved that apart from daily sports and recreation, fortnightly Awareness



Programs will be organised along with tournaments to bring together different teams on a regular basis. Some topics suggested by youth for the Awareness Programs are Personality Development, Spoken English, Career Counselling, Social Media and Leadership Training etc.

Multi Faith Celebration of Festivals will also be organised on a regular basis to promote better understanding of all religions and harmony in Society. The highlight of the Program was an interesting interaction between the locality teams and seven youth who had come from USA.

The discussion centred around gun culture in USA and its dangers, safety of women and opportunities for higher education in US. On the other hand the visitors enquired about the aspirations and hopes of the youth of India and the problems and obstacles faced by them in pursuing their dreams.

## Inauguration of 7 COVA - Youth TRAC Sports and Recreation Centres at Jangammet Ward, Hyderabad 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024



Nearly 70 youth from different areas both Girls and Boys of different communities gathered to take oath of cultivating sports culture and forming Youth TRACs under HDPP project. Esteemed Guests on the occasion were Janab Afzal Sab, Advocate; Sri Ramakrishna, GHMC Sports Coach; Sri Mazher Hussain Sir, Executive Director COVA.

Dr Mazher Hussain sir explained the object of Youth TRACs as not only playing but also volunteering for Social Development. Janab Afzal Sab, Advocate explained some Law tips and assured to attend the Awareness Programs. Mr. Ramakrishna explained about Physical benefits of playing open door games. Sports materials were distributed to the teams of both Girls and Boys. The program reverberated with the cheers of youth.

### Development and Peace Groups Locality Outreach Meetings

To outreach local people and explain the motto of HDPP project and to know the requirements in the area till October 41 Locality Outreach Meetings were organised with Women, Youth, Galli People etc. through which we could select the Local Committee Members and spread the ideals of HDPP Program.



## Meetings of Development and Peace Groups

These are Monthly meetings of Development and Peace Groups to review and plan activities where all communities get involved and participate. The ideal number in these committees is 15 i.e. 5 youth, 5 women and 5 Basthi Leaders.



In almost all the 10 areas the committees are formed, but consistency is still to be achieved. At present 8 to 10 members are regular in different local committees and efforts are on to ensure atleast 15 members to participate on a regular basis. Till now 57 such meetings were organised in which on average 8 to 10 members are participated Regularly.

Good interactions are taking place and many new suggestions are coming from the people. Though we cannot address all their aspirations many new programs, events like Women's Awareness

Programs, Medical Camps etc. are evolving through these Locality Committee Meetings.

### **Orientation Program to 2 Areas Bhoiguda and GM Chawni Peace and Development Group Members**

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**Documentation and Schemes**  
**Fact Sheet from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

<u>S.NO</u>	<u>PARTICULAR</u>		<u>Explanation / Observation</u>
		<b>From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	
	<b>Survey Details</b>	.	
1	Number of Houses Surveyed 20 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	2369	Had to stop data collection as Brane Enterprises, the APP Developer had Stop Working
2	Number of Forms Uploaded	836	As as above
	<b>Meetings</b>		
3	Meeting with Community Influencers	450	In all about 50 community influencers are identify and multiple Meeting are held individually to seek their guidance and support for the Program
4	Outreach Meetings	163	With the Commencement of the Program both the ward the first activity was establishing contact with active member of the local communities in All 163 community member were contacted during the 1 <sup>st</sup> six month and contact with other member also in going on. <i>Data from Monthly Report of Program Officer,</i>
5	DP Group Meetings	57	In the first 4 to 5 months COVA undertook community outreach to link with and mobilise potential DPG Member and later with enlistment of 8 or more DPG Members, 57 Formal DPG Meetings could be organised. COVA utilised the balance funds to organise Meetings of DPG Members to develop Annual Plan for 2025-26.
6	Orientation to DPG Members	5	5 Combined Orientation Program were Conducted for 7 Clusters from 10 Localities with and average participation of 24 Member per Orientation
	<b>For Youth and Women</b>		
7	Youth Groups Active	10	Total Sport Kits provided to 18 Groups Presently 10 groups are Active. 50% of the youth are devoting less the 2 hours for sports and

			recreation it has become difficult to mobilise and detail youth consistently for sport and development activity. Please see Annexure 3
9	Youth Awareness Programs	25	
10	Youth meetings	32	
11	Advance Orientation Program for Youth	10	Career opportunity after 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12	Womens Awareness Programs	19	Outreach to Enlist Member for DPG
13	Special Orientation Program for Womens	15	On Medical awareness, Domestic Voilence etc
14	Bi monthly Meetings (30)	15	6 meetings per year 2 localities as one cluster. So total meetings in a year $6*5 = 30$ Preparation of the field and formation of group took 6 month and hence Bi Monthly meeting could be organised only from December 2024.
	<b>Apps work</b>		
15	No. of Apps Downloaded	1714	GHMC, Water Works , Electricity Department
16	No. of complaints	279	
17	Complaints Resolved	254	
	<b>Others</b>		
<b>Additional Programs and Activities organised by COVA</b>			
	<b>Medical Camps</b>		
18	Blood Test Camps	3	
	Number of Beneficiaries	116	
19	ENT Camp	2	
	Number of Beneficiaries	230	
20	Medical Camps	1	
	Number of Beneficiaries	55	
	<b>Total No. of Medical Camps</b>	6	
	<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	401	
	<b>Other Activities</b>		
20	BYST Loans Awareness Programs	2	
	Number of Participants	43	
	Update about loan Sanction	Under Process	
21	Slates Distribution Program	1	
	Number of Beneficiaries	55	

22	<b>No. of Multi Faith Celebrations</b>	20	
	No of Participants	1780	Average Participants per meeting 88 against proposed number of 60 per event. As more participants attended the meeting more amount was spent on refreshment etc
	<b>Work at Centers</b>		
	<b>Entitlements</b>		
23	Aadhaar Card Slots Booked	228	
24	No of Adhar Camps Organised	24	
25	No of Aadhar Cards Facilitated	1955	
26	E-Shram Cards	467	
27	ABHA Cards	3693	
28	Voter id	610	
29	PAN Cards	115	
30	Birth Certificates	7	
31	Income Certificates	12	
32	SSC Exam Applications	2	
33	Passport	18	
34	Residential Certificates	3	
35	Caste Certificates	6	
36	Others (Train Tickets)	16	
37	Total No of Person Facilitated for Document	6931	Projected Target for 1yr was 1000 Achieved 690% Please see Annexure 4
38	Facilitation for Document Searches	6473	
39	<b>Foot Fall in Centres</b>	8466	705 per month,23 per day
	<b>Schemes</b>		
40	Dost Admission Confirmation	4	
41	Indiramma Mahila Sewing machine Applications	63	
42	Post Matric Scholarships	6	
43	Rajiv Yuva Vikasam – Applications	12	
	<b>Total Applications for Schemes</b>	73	
	<b>Services</b>	<b>Sample Input</b>	<b>Statistical Projection</b>
44	Free Bus	173	1968
45	School Admission	15	170
46	Account Opening	10	113
47	Ayushman Bharat	04	45

48	Other	15	170
	<b>Total</b>	217	
	<b>Please See Annexure 5</b>		
	<b>One Day Training Programs</b>		<b>No of Participants</b>
49	Leadership Training Program	2	60
50	Check IT, Decoding Fake News	1	35
51	Protection from Cyber frauds and Using WhatsApp Instagram Facebook etc.	1	34
53	Sport Competitions	1	48 (4 Teams)

### Aadhaar Camps

As a part of HDDP program in course of working for entitlements of the people we found that the Basic Document Aadhaar of many people is with lot of abnormalities. And the corrections cannot be done by anyone over online. Hence we approached Aadhaar Seva Kendra Regional Centre, Hyderabad for Collaboration. With the help of Aadhaar Seva Kendra we started organising 2 camps in a month one in each centre.



Till April 2025, 24 Aadhaar Camps were organised and 1955 members were benefitted through these camps. It comprises of New Aadhaar cards to children and Name, Address corrections and Biometric Updatons for elders.

Along with Aadhaar Camps Awareness programs on basic entitlements were organised where the Aadhaar Officers present explained about Aadhaar

upadations, required documents, new Aadhaar facility etc.

## Aadhar Camps – 24

Sno	Date	Place / Venue	Aadhar Officer	No of Benefecieries
1	20-07-2024	Jangammet Community Centre	Sai	112
2	10-08-2024	Kurmaguda Community Centre	Anil	142
3	24-08-2024	Jangammet Community Centre	Ganesh	147
4	24-09-2024	Fatima Old Age Home	Sreeja	108
5	08-11-2024	Kurmaguda Community Centre	Anil	117
6	04-12-2024	Nasheman Nagar	Ganesh	183
7	12-12-2024	Arya Samaj Jangammet	Anil	60
8	15-12-2024	Jangammet Community Centre	Anil	90
9	30-12-2024	Uppar basthi Kurmaguda	Anil	163
10	01-01-2025	Nasheman Nagar	Anil	69
11	18-01-2025	Kurmaguda Community Centre	Ganesh	95
12	20-01-2025	Banjara Community Hall Nayak Nagar	Suresh	75
13	27-01-2025	Jangammet Community Centre	Suresh	115
14	19-02-2025	Jangammet Community Centre	Suresh	54
15	23-02-2025	Banjara Community Hall Nayak Nagar	Suresh	45
16	27-02-2025	Noorjahan Madam Centre	Ganesh	78
17	03-03-2025	Arya Samaj Jangammet	Suresh	43
18	16-03-2025	Kurmaguda Community Centre	Ganesh	50
19	17-03-2025	Kurmaguda Community Centre	Ganesh	48
20	18-03-2025	Jangammet Community Centre	Anil	42
21	19-03-2025	Jangammet Community Centre	Anil	52

22	13-04-2025	Jangammet Community Centre	Raju and Mahesh	22
23	14-04-2025	Noorjahan Madam Centre	Raju and Mahesh	23
24	28-04-2025	Naik Nagar Banjara Community Hall	Ganesh and Raju	22
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1955</b>

### **Bi Monthly Program Bi Monthly Awareness Programs for Career Counselling Jobs in IT Sector**

A Bi monthly awareness Program on topic ‘Planning for Career Opportunities in IT Sector’ was organised by Mr. Moiz Baig, Member of Career Guidance Centre, Charminar. Girls and Boys of 4 Areas participated in this Awareness Program. There was an informal interaction session after the Program with youth where lot of questions were raised by students regarding career opportunities in software field which were cleared by Mr. Mirza Moiz baig Sab.

### **Bi Monthly Awareness Program on Legal Awareness about Traffic Rules**

A Bi monthly awareness Program on topic ‘Legal Awareness About Traffic Rules and our Rights’ has been organised by Advocate Afzal Sab. Youth of 4 Areas participated in this awareness programme. There was an informal interaction session after the programme with youth where lot of questions were raised by the youth and answers were given by Janab Afzal Saheb.

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### **Special orientation on Citizens Rights by Advocate K. Thrigunathma- 5 Sessions**



### **Citizens’ Rights Awareness Sessions**

Conducted by Advocate Trigunatma, this session informed participants about their Constitutional Rights.

Citizens' rights are the fundamental freedoms and entitlements granted to individuals by their government. These rights ensure equality, freedom, and protection under the law. They typically include:

- **Right to Equality:** Protection against discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or other factors.
- **Freedom of Speech and Expression:** The ability to voice opinions without fear of government retaliation.
- **Right to Vote:** Participation in democratic processes to choose representatives.
- **Right to Education:** Access to learning opportunities for personal and societal development.
- **Right to Privacy:** Protection of personal information from unlawful intrusion.
- **Legal Rights:** Fair treatment in legal proceedings, including the right to a fair trial.

These rights empower individuals to participate fully in society and hold governments accountable.

- **Additional Discussions:**
  - Issues related to **property disputes** and **civic concerns**.

<b>Bi Monthly Meeting – 15</b>				
<b>Sno</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place / Venue</b>	<b>Resource Person / Officer</b>	<b>No of Participants</b>
1	19-10-2024	Nayak Nagar	Mrs Meghana Narsimham	40
2	25-11-2024	Jangammet Community Hall	Mr. Baburao (BYST)	40
3	04-01-2025	New St Maria High School	Anum Siddiqui	80
4	05-01-2025	Javeed High School	Anum Siddiqui	70
5	29-01-2025	Bharat Nagar Anganwadi School	Anum Siddiqui	25
6	04-02-2025	Monarch High School	Vijaya Bharathiya and Other Schools Correspondent	60
7	19-02-2025	Jangammet Community Hall	Dr Ahmedi and Team	55
8	28-02-2025	Javeed High School	Noorjahan Siddiqui	150
9	06-03-2025	Falaknuma Degree College	Syed Mazher Hussain	23
10	08-03-2025	Naik Nagar Ground	Noorjahan Siddiqui	150
11	16-03-2025	Bhoiguda Library	Adv Trigunatma	45
12	16-03-2025	Banjara Community Hall	Adv Trigunatma	40
13	23-03-2025	Basti Dawakhana	Adv Trigunatma	45

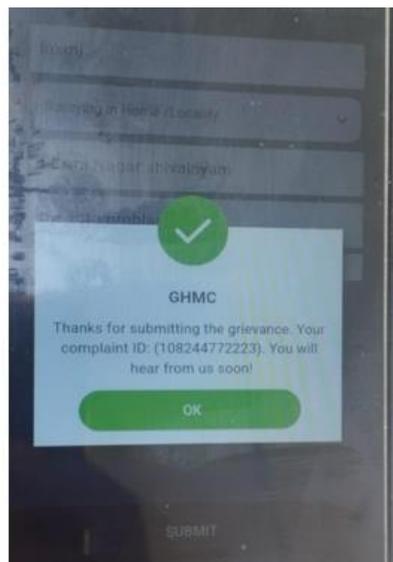
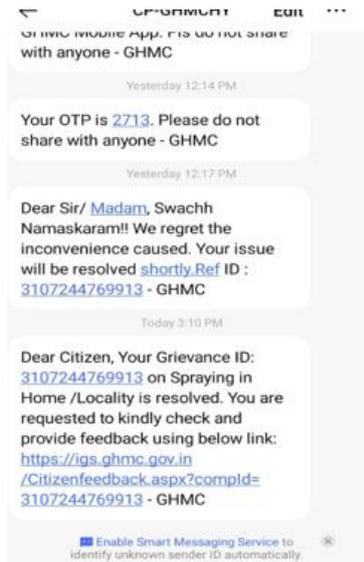
14	23-03-2025	Javeed High School	Adv Trigunatma	56
15	26-04-2025	New St Maria High School	Adv Trigunatma	40
			<b>Total</b>	<b>919</b>

## Awareness about Citizen Charters of GHMC, Electricity Department and Water Works

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Program as many committee members and general people placed their problems of Civic Amenities like Garbage Lifting, Water Overflow, Power Problems etc. in community outreach meetings, we took awareness campaign about Citizen Charters and the Apps present to solve the Civic Problems. There is a very good response thousands of people downloaded the Apps and many started Complaining about the problems of concerned Departments. 90% of the Problems were attended by the Departments and were resolved. 10% of the problems, which require intervention and budget allocations from higher level are under persuasion.

Through community meetings and outreach in localities wide distribution of the pamphlets of 56 Services of GHMC, Water works, Electricity Board were taken up. And very good response received from the people for this activity. A drive has been taken up to download Citizen service Apps and complain about the civic problems in the slums.

By 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 1714 people downloaded the Apps, complaints were raised over Apps were 279 and among them 254 are resolved. People are also facing the problem of Polluted water which needs more persuasion and intervention by Higher Authorities.



## Women Empowerment Programs

### Special Women's Awareness Programs

Through discussions with Local People Women's Awareness Programs suggestion came for programs for awareness and empowerment of women. In response, COVA agreed to organise one program for women of two localities together every month.. Till April 2025, 15 Women's awareness programs were conducted Resource Persons from different fields attended these programs to enlighten the women of different Topics like Care of Elders by Smt. Shobha Perindevi, Health and Well being for women by Smt. Amena Niloufer, Acts for the Protection of Women and Their effective Usage by Smt. Hemalatha, Financial Literacy by Smt. Meghana Punjala, Gynec and PCOD by Dr Ahmadi Begum, and about Nutrition and Diet Anum Siddiqui etc. These are part of awareness Sessions for Every Two months, But exclusively for women and on issues of interest to them.

<b>Special Orientation Programs for Women - 15</b>					
<b>Sno</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place / Venue</b>	<b>Resource Person / Officer</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>No of Participants</b>
1	26-01-2025	New ST Maria High School	Dr Ahmadi Begum	PCOD and Gyn Issues	60
2	02-02-2025	Banjara Community Hall	Dr Ahmadi Begum	PCOD and Gyn Issues	16
3	02-02-2025	Arya Samaj Hall	Dr Ahmadi Begum	PCOD and Gyn Issues	19
4	09-02-2025	Pragathi High School	Dr Ahmadi Begum	PCOD and Gyn Issues	13
5	15-02-2025	Javeed High School	Dr Ahmadi Begum	PCOD and Gyn Issues	45
6	24-02-2025	Khaja Baba Area Leader Home	Dr Anum Siddiqui	Diet in Fasting	15
7	24-02-2025	Javeed High School	Dr Anum Siddiqui	Diet in Fasting	45
8	11-03-2025	Anganwadi School	Ms Amena Niloufer	Domestic Violence	25
9	11-03-2025	Bhoiguda Community Hall	Ms Amena Niloufer	Domestic Violence	16
10	15-03-2025	Bhoiguda Library	Ms Amena Niloufer	Domestic Violence	25
11	15-03-2025	Govt School Kurmaguda	Ms Amena Niloufer	Domestic Violence	30
12	19-03-2025	Arya Samaj Hall	Ms Amena Niloufer	Domestic Violence	25
13	19-03-2025	Javeed High School	Ms Amena Niloufer	Domestic Violence	32
14	04-04-2025	Basthi Dawakhana	Ms Amena Niloufer & Aparna Adhikari	General Area Issues	35
15	13-04-2025	Bhoiguda Library	Ms Amena Niloufer & Aparna Adhikari	General Area Issues	20

				<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>
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## International Women’s Day



### International Women’s Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm by 6-Year-Old Girls to 60+ Women in Hyderabad!

Feb 28, 2025



**Hyderabad:** The spirit of **International Women’s Day** came alive in **Kurmaguda Ward, Hyderabad**, where over **150 girls and women, ranging from 6-year-olds to senior citizens above 60**, actively participated in a series of fun-filled activities and cultural performances.

The event was marked by **sports competitions**, including **Skipping Rope, Lemon & Spoon Race, Three-Leg Jump, and Musical Chairs**, along with **singing and Rangoli-making competitions**. The celebrations concluded with a **spectacular Batukamma and Dandiya performance**, uniting women across generations in an electrifying display of energy and togetherness.

**An Early Celebration to Accommodate Ramazan:** Although **International Women’s Day** is celebrated on **8th March** worldwide, this special program was **preponed to 28th February 2025** due to the onset of **Ramazan from 2nd March**. Despite the date change,

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HYDERABAD | SATURDAY | 1 MARCH 2025

### Games feature women

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 28

Sixtyfive-year-old Ram Bai played games after 50 years. Over 30 elderly women took part in the games, and requested regular events. They were participating in Women’s Day event at Kummarguda here on Friday. With over 150 women and girls participating in sports and cul-

tural programmes, the event ended with Bathukamma and Dandiya performances. Organised by COVA Peace Network with local groups, the event was held now, instead of March 8, International Women’s Day, due to Ramzan. Noor Jahan Siddiqui from COVA highlighted their work in empowering women in education for over 30 years.

the enthusiasm among participants remained high, with



many young and elderly women **celebrating**

**Women's Day for the first time in their live**

**Empowerment Through Fun and Participation:**

One of the most heartwarming moments came from **Ms. Ram Bai, a 65-year-old resident of Chandraiya Huts**, who participated in the **Spoon & Lemon Race and Musical Chairs**. Reflecting on the experience, she shared, *"After 50 years, I got the opportunity to play like a child again. Now I realize what I have missed all these years!"*

More than **30 elderly women** actively took part in the games and expressed their wish for such programs to be organized regularly. Their participation symbolized how empowerment is not just about serious discussions but also about reclaiming joy, fun, and a sense of community.

**COVA Peace Network's Commitment to Women's Empowerment:**

The event was **organized by COVA Peace Network**, in collaboration with **Chandraiya Huts Development & Peace Group** and **Kurmaguda Development & Peace Group**, with the objective of **holistic development and empowerment of women**.

Addressing the gathering, **Ms. Noor Jahan Siddiqui, a member of COVA Peace Network**, highlighted the organization's **three-decade-long efforts** to uplift women in **South City of Hyderabad** in the fields of **education, healthcare, and peace-building**. She emphasized, *"Women have the power to transform their families and communities. By standing together, we can ensure peace, progress, and harmony between different communities."*



### **Distinguished Guests & Prize Distribution**

The event was graced by **prominent guests**, including:

- **K. Sajaya** – Social Activist
- **Mateen Ansari** – Dohara
- **Shreela Ghosh** – Educationist
- **Vyomakesisri** – Educationist
- **Zakera Javeed** - Educationist
- **Aparna Adhikari** – COVA and Psychologist

The esteemed guests **addressed the gathering** and **distributed prizes** to all participants, recognizing their enthusiasm and spirit.

### **A Call for More Such Initiatives**

The overwhelming response from the women of Kurmaguda has underscored the **need for regular community engagement programs** that foster **physical well-being, emotional upliftment, and social bonding**. The success of this event has inspired the organizers to explore **more initiatives to empower women** and create **inclusive spaces for all age groups to connect and celebrate together**.

This **International Women’s Day celebration in Hyderabad** was not just a commemoration but a **testament to the strength, resilience, and joy of women from all walks of life**. It proved that age is no barrier to **having fun, celebrating life, and embracing empowerment**.

With events like this, **COVA Peace Network and its partners continue to inspire women to break barriers, reclaim their joy, and work towards a more empowered future**.

## Youth Programme Drug Abuse Day at Chandriah Huts, Kurmaguda Youth 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024



On the occasion of World Drug Abuse Day an awareness program in the Volleyball is organised at Chandriah Huts, Kurmaguda. Nearly 20 youth and 15 other people participated in this program. After playing Volley Ball the youth joined the program and interacted with Mr. Mazher Hussain sir on Drug Abuse and the Work of COVA – HDPP program in the area.



Speaking on this occasion Sri Mazher Hussain sir how drug addiction is growing in city. He also assured that in we are going to conduct awareness programs on Drug Abuse so that we can identify our friends who are getting addicted in early stage and protect them from addiction. Local Leaders joined the program and appreciated the efforts of COVA. After the program a delegation along with Dr. Mazher Hussain met Local Circle

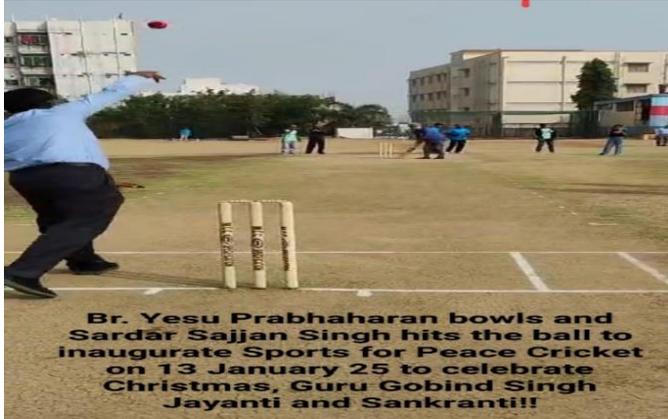
Inspector of Police to represent on Behalf of COVA



A REPORT OF  
**Sports4Peace Cricket Tournament & Multi Faith Celebrations\***  
For Christmas, Guru Govind Singh Jayanti & Sankranti

Organised by

**COVA**  
Peace Network



**Br. Yesu Prabhakaran bowls and Sardar Sajjan Singh hits the ball to inaugurate Sports for Peace Cricket on 13 January 25 to celebrate Christmas, Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti and Sankranti!!!**

**Hyderabad: 'Game for Peace' by COVA on Jan 13**

Being organised by COVA Peace Network, the cricket match will have 12 players of all religion, caste and locality lines

BY TELANGANA TODAY  
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**Hyderabad:** Sports4Peace Cricket Tournament & Multi-Faith Celebrations will be held for Christmas, Guru Govind Singh Jayanti and Sankranti at Boys Town School Jahanuma, Hyderabad, on January 13 from 9 am to 5.30 pm.

Being organised by COVA Peace Network, the 'Game for Peace' will have a five-over match from 3.30 pm to 4.15 pm where 12 players from all teams will be mixed along religion, caste and locality lines. Ten guests will also participate in making two teams of Harmony to play for peace, a press release said.

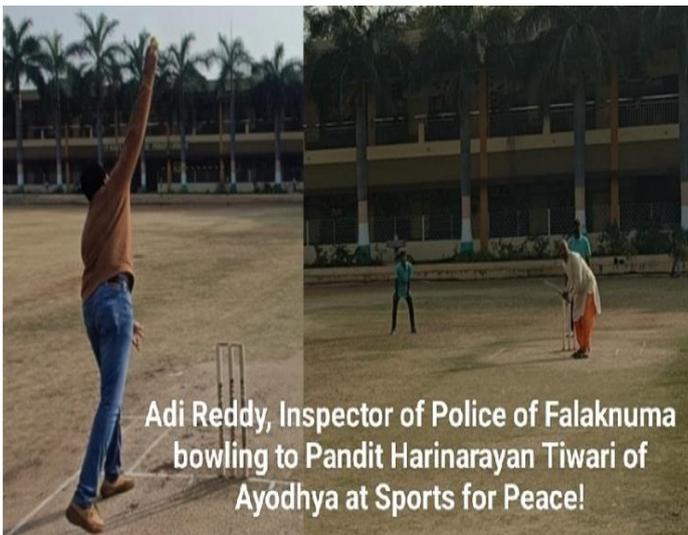
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On 13 January 2024- Boys Town High School, Hyderabad.

**Br. Yesu Prabhakaran bowled and Sardar Sajjan Singh hit the ball  
To inaugurate the Cricket Tournament!**

The Highlight of the Event was the "**Game for Peace:**" A five over cricket match in the evening where 12 players from all teams mixed along religion, caste and locality lines. 10 Guests of Honour of the Program also participated to make two teams of Harmony to **Play for Peace!**

The Teams had representations from Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Sikhs with members from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. Most castes also participated with a sizable number from the Lambadi community.



**Adi Reddy, Inspector of Police of Falaknuma bowling to Pandit Harinarayan Tiwari of Ayodhya at Sports for Peace!**

**DECCAN Chronicle**  
**COVA holds interfaith cricket match for peace**

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

Team COVA Peace Network organised a five over cricket match for Sankranti, Christmas and Guru Govind Singh Jayanti at the Boys Town High School in Hyderabad on Monday. It had teams with representations from Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Sikhs faiths from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.

Participants were there from most castes but a sizable number were from the Lambadi community. Ten guests of honour of the programme also participated as two teams played for harmony and peace. Dr. Mazher Hussain, executive director of COVA (Confederation of

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Voluntary Organisations) spoke about the concepts of sports for peace and multi faith celebrations and thanked all for their active partnership in making the programme a success. The teams had players chosen from all religions, caste and locality lines. Zhenis from Kazakhstan spoke about the sports culture in his country and explained how faiths coexist. As part of multi faith celebrations, Brother

Prabhakaran spoke about how Christmas is celebrated across the world. Sardar Sajjan Singh explained about the life and contributions of Guru Gobind Singh and reminded that service to humanity is the hallmark of Sikhism.

Pandit Harinarayan Tiwari from Ayodhya explained the importance of Sankranti and why it is celebrated. Gari Mustafa Scoflyani appreciated the concept of multi faith celebrations and the importance of respect for all faiths and the need for peaceful coexistence when the world is gripped by unprecedented violence. Prizes and medals were distributed to the winners and mementos were given to the guests of honour.

International flavour was added to the occasion with Mr. Zhenis Telemossov of Kazakhstan who spoke about the sports in his country and how many faiths coexist. As part of Multi Faith Celebrations, Br. Prabhakaran shared his Greetings for Christmas and said that every time someone in need is helped, he thinks of the helper as God and so a God is born in the hearts of people every day! Sardar Sajjan Singh spoke about the life and contributions of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and that the core beliefs and practice of service to humanity that is the hall mark of Sikhism.

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**Team of Nayak Nagar were the  
Winners and Bharat Nagar we the  
Runner Up!**

Prizes and medals were distributed to all Teams and mementos to the guests of honour, Umpires and coaches. Speaking at the Valedictory Mr. Adi Reddy, Inspector of Police of Falaknuma appreciated the program of the cricket tournament and Multi Faith Celebrations together. He stressed that sports can be a



good character builder and urged youth to utilise these opportunities. Dr. Munawar Kamal of Chicago, USA felt more such programs should be organised across the country and urged youth to prepare themselves to lead the country in future. Mr. Munawar Khalid Saudagar, a banker from USA spoke about the different programs that COVA is very successfully taking up for upliftment of society and he is happy to partner with the organisation.

Mr. Shyam Lal and Mr. Ashfaq Hussain narrated their joint contribution to prevention of communal violence in Sultan Shahi area that became a model for other sensitive localities of Hyderabad and contributed to cessation of riots in the city. Mr. Saheer of Indialogue Foundation, Mr. Kammela Sai Baba of Sports Coaching Foundation and Mr Saleem, commentator from Hyderabad Cricket Association also spoke.

## **Partnership with 8 Locality Sports Groups**

After the inauguration of the Youth TRAC Programs, even in the remaining areas youth groups were formed and collaboration for support in organising sports has been discussed and arranged. The Youth groups were given Sports material and

The Three Objectives of the Program are:

1. Empowering Youth
2. Facilitating access to all Entitlements available to the youth and community as citizens
3. Modelling youth as Peace Ambassadors to promote harmony in society

It is proposed to catalyse 10 Youth Groups through Youth TRAC in Kurmaguda and Jangammet Wards of Hyderabad.

This is an initiative of Hyderabad Development and Peace Project of COVA Peace Network.

## Youth Awareness Programs (Fortnightly Trainings)

Forming the Youth Groups as part of the Project and Regular Awareness Programs are going on. Till October 15 Groups were formed and 17 Awareness programs were organised. The Resource persons took sessions on different topics. Because of Festivals and Exams these were a bit less in this half year, which are yet to pickup. Details available in Google Sheet on HDPP Meetings and Programs.

## Career Counselling After SSC & Graduation

19<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Designed to support recent graduates in making informed career decisions and enhancing employability.

- **Objectives:**
  - Clarify career goals based on individual interests and strengths.
  - Explore opportunities in higher education, government jobs, private sector, and entrepreneurship.
  - Provide emotional and motivational support during the transition.
- **Approaches Used:**
  - Personality and aptitude testing.
  - One-on-one counselling sessions.
  - Resume building and interview preparation workshops



Sno	Date	Place / Venue	Resource Person / Officer	Topic	No of Participants
1	19-02-2025	New St Maria High School	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	80
2	19-02-2025	Pragathi High School	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	60
3	26-02-2025	GGHS Falaknuma Girls	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	210
4	27-02-2025	GBHS Falaknuma Boys	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	50
5	11-03-2025	TGMREIS Sanatnagar Boys -1	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	56
6	12-03-2025	Govt School Kurmaguda	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	97

7	16-03-2025	SC, ST Girls Hostel	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	40
8	18-03-2025	SC, ST Girls Hostel	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	76
9	19-04-2025	COVA Head Office	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	
10	19-04-2025	COVA Head Office	Syed Jaffer Hussain Quadri	Career After SSC	25
				<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>694</b>

## Multi Faith Celebrations



**Number of Multi Faith Celebration Events Organised: 20**  
**Festivals Celebrated:**

1. Ugadi-Gudi Padwa- Navratri- Eid-Ul-Adha (Ramadan)
2. Baisakhi- Chaitraoba - Ram Navami
3. Mahavir Jayanti –Parsi New Year Day
4. Bakrid-Raksha Bandhan- Kurmaguda
5. Bakrid-Raksha Bandhan- Jangammet
6. Ganesh Chaturthi and Milad un Nabi - Kurmaguda
7. Ganesh Chaturthi and Milad un Nabi - Jangammet
8. Diwali - Mahavir Nirvana - Guru Nanak Jayanti –  
for 2 Wards Combined

**Date:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024  
18<sup>th</sup> August, 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024

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| 9. Christmans and Sankranthi – Kurmaguda       | 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 |
| 10. Christmans and Sankranthi – Jangammet      | 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 |
| 11. Sankranthi & Pongal – for 2 Wards Combined | 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                |
| 12. Republic Day Celebration- Kurmaguda        | 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                |
| 13. Republic Day Celebration - Jangammet       | 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                |
| 14. Gandhis Martryms Day                       | 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                |
| 15. Sri Santh Sevalal Maharaj 286th Jayanthi   | 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2025               |
| 16. International Womens Day – Kurmaguda       | 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025                    |
| 17. International Womens Day – Jangammet       | 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                   |
| 18. Ram Navami - Eid Ul Fitr                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                   |

### **Multi Faith Celebrations of Mahavir Jayanti- Ram Navami- Ramazan- Baisakhi- Establishment of Khalsa Pant**



Girls-Boys-Youth Men & Women of different Religions, Castes participated in the program on this occasion where faith Leaders spoke about the Life and Message of Bhagwan Mahaveer; Celebration of Birth, Life and Example of Lord Ram as Ram Navami; Values inculcated by Ramazan and the Social Benefits of Zakat and Celebration of Baisakhi as a harvest Festival that marks the New Year and is also the day on which Guru Gobind Singh ji, the Tenth Guru, established the Khalsa Pant.

Members from different religions and communities felt the Magical Spell of Multi faith Celebrations that could provide the opportunity to understand teachings of other faiths and interact with members of different Communities that helped address some ill informed biases to promote a Harmonious and Peaceful Society.

### **Parsi New Year Day (15<sup>th</sup> August), Bakrid (17<sup>th</sup> August), Raksha Bandhan (19<sup>th</sup> August) As Multi Faith Celebrations**

#### **Appeal to People to Organise Multi Faith Celebrations in their Homes**

**CALLING:** Muslims- Christians - Parsis and Hindus to invite their neighbours with Families from other religions to their Homes to Celebrate Bakrid-17th June, Feast of Mother Mary -15th August, Parsi New Year Day- 15th August, Raksha Bandhan -19th August 2024 to Experience the Magic of Multi Faith Celebrations

On the occasion of Parsi New Year on 15<sup>th</sup> August a Parsi New Year Celebration Program has been organised at Jorastrian Club, Secunderabad, Hyderabad. Nearly 300 members gathered

on this occasion. Discussion on Multi Faith Celebration Concept was introduced to many people who came for this celebration.

Bro. Vargheese, Bro. Thomos, Smt. Padmaja Shah, Smt. Sajaya, Dr. Mazher Hussain are the important Persons from COVA interacted with the people in explaining the concept of Multi Faith Celebrations.

**Raksha Bandhan as Multi Faith Celebration**  
**Venues: Kurmaguda and Jangammet COVA Community Centers**  
**19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**



Girls-Boys-Youth Men & Women of different Religions, Castes participated in large numbers in Jangammet and Kurmaguda Wards to tie Rakhis, Share Sweets Exchange Gifts and Pledged to Establish and Respect Bonds of Kinship to Promote Harmony & Peace in Society

**Ganesh Chaturthi and Milad un Nabi Festivities as Multi Faith Celebrations**  
**11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

Girls-Boys-Youth Men & Women of Different Religions & Castes Participated in Jangammet and Kurmaguda Wards. **Sri NCV Narasimha Charyulu of Vedantha Pandith Parishad** explained the importance and values promoted by Ganesh Chaturthi. He further explained that it comes during the month of Bhadrapada, where diseases increase and the leaves used in pooja of this time are of medicinal value and protect us from diseases. He also emphasised that the big ears of Lord Ganesh teach us to listen more and the small eyes to concentrate better, Hence this is a Festival of Gaining Knowledge.



**Mr Omar Shafeeq, Tamir E Millat**, Informed Milad un Nabi, the Birthday of Prophet Mohammed, is an occasion to learn the great values propagated and practiced by him. He narrated many incidences from the life of Prophet Mohammad that show his spirit of forgiveness, kindness, respect towards women, behaviour with practitioners of other faiths and concern for the weak and the environment.



**Mr. Muniruddin Mujahid, Founder Member of COVA** lamented how people of different religions used to live together in Hyderabad in the past and now separate neighbourhoods are being formed leading to misunderstandings and hatred that could again lead to violence and riots. He also detailed the efforts by COVA in restoring peace in the old city.

**Dr. Mazher Hussain of COVA**, shared that the core objective of Multi Faith Celebrations is to invite families in our neighbourhood to promote better understanding. He appealed to all to pledge to invite their neighbors from other communities for the upcoming festivals and for all festivals to come.

**All participants appreciated the Multi Faith Celebrations Program** and promised to invite

their neighbours for all their festivals to promote better understanding and social harmony. The speakers asserted that religions cannot and should not be used for hatred and violence and youth to be protected from getting corrupted by the social media.

**The Program ended with Milad Kheer and Ganesh Laddu.**

**Diwali- Mahavir Nirvana - Guru Nanak Jayanti Festivities  
In Hyderabad as Multi Faith Celebration  
24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024**

Responding to the Call of COVA likeminded people and organisations came forward to organise Multi Faith Celebrations. In association with Telangana Stree Seva Samithi Many Multi Faith Celebrations were organised. Raksha Bandhan, Diwali are the prominent Multi Faith Celebrations organised in collaboration with Telangana Stree Seva Samithi.



Celebrating Diwali at Fathima Old Age Home along with Local Committee Members of Jangammet area was really amazing. Rice, Dal and other material were also donated on this occasion to Fathima Old Age Home. Smt. Shoba Perindevi, Mr. Md. Wasif, Sri Srinivas Reddy and others expressed that their joy doubled by sharing happiness of Diwali with the members of other Community and Elders.

Old Age Home Members, Local Committee Members and General Public also joined in this Celebration. On this occasion crackers were distributed and Diyas were lightened. The Celebration by lighting the crackers ended with distribution of Jalebi Sweets to all present.

**Multi Faith Celebrations**

**On the Occasion of  
Diwali, Mahavir Nirvana &  
Gurunanak Jayanthi**

**On 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 - at 4:00pm**

**Venue:  
Fathema Old Age Home**



## **Diwali- Mahavir Nirvana - Guru Nanak Jayanti Festivities In Hyderabad as Multi Faith Celebration 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024**

Children-Youth- Men and Women of Different Religions and Castes Participated at Urdu Ghar, Hyderabad on 3rd November 2024 for a Joint Program for Multi Faith Celebrations by COVA Community Centers of Kurmaguda and Jangammet

**Sri Hari Narayan Tiwari, Hindu Pandith** of Allahabad speaking on this occasion said Diwali is the festival of prosperity. We must light diyas of knowledge to remove the darkness of ignorance. Shubh Laabh are the achievements: first shubh i.e. goodness and then prosperity Laabh

**Sardar Sajjan Singh, Member, SGPC Amritsar** spoke about the virtues and values taught by Guru Nanak. The path of truth, patience, brotherhood and respect for all religions. He emphasized that spreading peace and exchange of basic ideas of every religion is the need of the hour.



**Br. Yesu Prabhakaran, Director Boys Town Group of Institutions and Dr. Mazher Hussain of COVA** narrated the importance of Mahavir Nirvana and explained that it is a celebration for the final release or liberation of Lord Mahavir's Soul, the 24th or last Jain Tirthankara. It is celebrated at the same time as the Hindu Festival of Diwali. They also said that after his Nirvana, a group of followers established Jainism.



### **The Vows of Jainism**

1. Nonviolence
2. Always speak the truth
3. Do not steal
4. Show sexual restraint (with celibacy as an ideal), and
5. Do not become attached to worldly things

Presiding over the Program, **Br. Thomas Chakalakala, Secretary COVA**, conveyed his Greetings on the Festive Occasion and appealed for understanding of all faiths and their practices.

Others who shared their Greetings and messages included **Sufi Nizam Pasha, Muneeruddin Mujahid, Anita Yadav, Syed Jafer Hussain, Ms. Maimoona and Ms. Noor Jahan Siddiqui.**

Sports material and sketching kits were presented by the guests to children and youth as Festival Gifts.

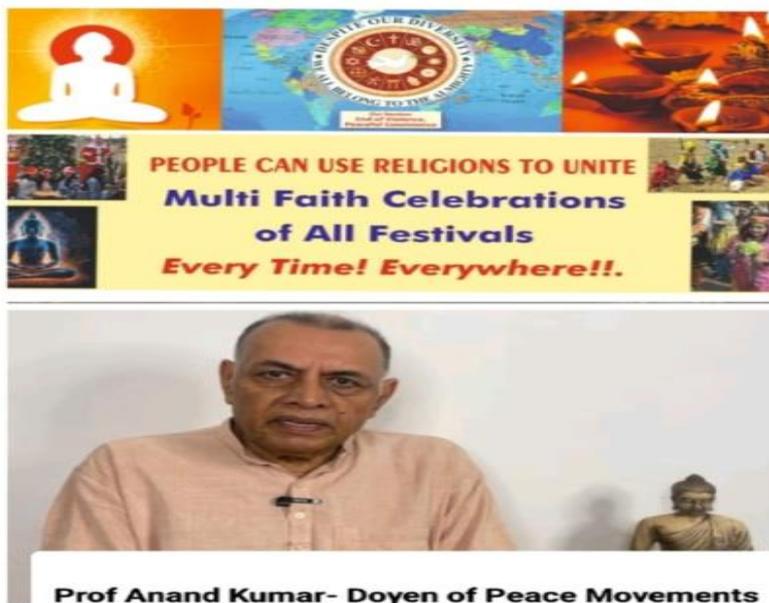
**Mr. Bharatesh Kidambi, Project Coordinator of COVA** shared a PPT showing different Multi Faith Celebrations involving 7 religions organised by COVA. He also explained that the core objective of Multi Faith Celebrations is to invite families in our neighborhood to promote better understanding. He appealed to all to pledge to invite their neighbors from other communities for all festivals to come.

All participants appreciated the Multi Faith Celebrations Program and promised to invite their neighbors for all their festivals to promote better understanding and social harmony. The speakers asserted that religions cannot and should not be used for hatred and violence and youth to be protected from getting corrupted by the social media.

Sone Papdi and Laddus added sweetness to the Festivities!!

The Program started with Rangoli and lighting of Diyas and concluded with the National Anthem

### **Messege by Prof. Anand Kumar**



Prof Anand Kumar- Doyen of Peace Movements in India Today the World is demanding Answers: Should we honour other faiths also or disrespect them Please Click the Link for his Message:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vwSYvairr4>

It is a Multi Faith world and India has been so for a long time. Ignorance of others leads to apprehension, fear and insecurity

Knowing others promote understanding and trust India is blessed to be a Multi Community, Multilingual and Multi Faith Nation.

This should and can be preserved and promoted by inviting our neighbors from other religions and communities to our festivals for Multi Faith Celebrations!

Many families in India and in other countries are taking to Multi Faith Celebrations to double their Joy!

## Remembering Mahatma

A Program to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his Martyrdom Day was organised by COVA Peace Network on 30th January 2025 in Hyderabad.

Over 100 Students from different schools painted and drew to express themselves on the Theme:



### India in 2025: Following or Violating Teachings and Values of Gandhi

The essence of the teachings and values of Mahatma were creatively portrayed in the Street Play-

#### SHANTI HI RASTA

Conceived, directed and enacted by Students of Yashwantrao Chavan School Of Social Work, Satara, Maharashtra

Please CLICK the Link to enjoy the Play!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoOMQeTTetU>

The Guests of Honour for the Program were Mr. B. Ramakrishna Raju, Member of the Executive Committee of COVA,

Sardar Rachpal Singh Khalsa, Sikh Faith Leader, Mr. P. Sainath Reddy, Chartered Accountant and Author,

Ms. Sheela Ghosh, Principal, Integral High School and Mr. Ateeq Iqbal, Philanthropist.

**Mr Ramakrishna Raju** asked students if they have studied any teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and urged them to follow Gandhian principles.

Speaking on the occasion **Sardar Rachpal Singh Khalsa** stressed the key role played by Gandhi in expelling Britishers from India through non violence.

He underlined that religion should not be used for violence and wanted the students to take example from the three monkeys of Gandhiji.

**Ms Shreela Ghosh** remembered the sacrifices of martyrs in attaining independence. She urged that we all should work hard for an equitable society.

**Mr Sainath Reddy** spoke about developing respect and harmony among different religions and equal participation of all citizens of India will make a strong society.

**The Program concluded with the Guests of Honour distributing Certificates and Gifts to the students**

## **Training Programmes Spoken English Courses**

Spoken English Courses in Kurmaguda and Jangammet Wards are scheduled to start from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.

Identification and short listing of locality participants, interviews for selection of Resource Persons, developing Program Design and Course Material and arrangements for venues were undertaken from September and October 2024.

Sno	Centre Name	Enroll for Program	Completed Course
1	Falaknuma Degree College	35	25
2	New St Maria High School	25	12
3	Javeed High School	33	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>46</b>

### **Reasons for dropout:**

- 1) Major reason for Dropout was times of availability of the Resource Person which was after 6pm while the participants wanted classes by 4 or 5pm. Initially the students that was mostly women, agreed for 6pm time but later were facing some issues from their families as it was getting late to reach home.
- 2) The Course offered in Falaknuma Degree College, where apart from students others were also allowed to participate was better in retention.
- 3) For the coming year it is proposed to locate the Spoken English Classes in Intermediate or Degree Colleges where the college students along with others can also join ensuring better enrolment and retention

### **Message from DR Vyoma Resource Person Spoken English Course**

Completing this community engagement program has been an incredibly rewarding journey, filled with moments of inspiration and unexpected breakthroughs for me. Teaching Spoken English to homemakers, students from non-English medium backgrounds, and individuals with no formal education has been a humbling experience, proving that the desire to learn knows no boundaries. Witnessing their confidence grow, their skills flourish, and their eagerness to embrace new knowledge has been nothing short of extraordinary. Their progress has far exceeded expectations, showcasing the power of perseverance, opportunity, and the right support system. A heartfelt thanks to COVA for creating this transformative platform—one that empowers, uplifts, and changes lives. Being part of this initiative has been a privilege, and the impact will surely resonate far beyond the program itself.

This program has also been a transformative journey for me as a teacher, challenging me to adapt, innovate, and connect with a diverse group of learners in ways I never had before.

Couldn't find better words...

Thanks much for the opportunity sir...

Continue: Transforming Lives, Transforming Futures....

Sincerely,  
Dr Vyoma

Please click the link for Feedback Students of Spoken English Classes

1) Sana Begum – Spoken English Falaknuma Degree College

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/iwuFlrOMoXw>

2) B Swathi – Field Officer – Spoken English- New St Maria High School

<https://youtube.com/shorts/LZz3mmbeWJE>

### **Leadership Training Program 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**

Leadership Training Program was organised on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in collaboration with Anurag University for which preparations were done in September and October months of 2024. The Google form was created; Local Leaders were recruited for the Program. Short listed men, women, youth of different community were invited to this workshop in 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024. On the basis of target audience with the help of Anurag University Professors a Program schedule with activities and interactive sessions. The program was well acclaimed by all the Participants. 32 members participated in this camp.



### **Leadership Training Program 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

Like November this this time also Leadership program was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with the collaboration with Anurag University. Based on the google form us shortlisted Home makers, Youth, Local leaders and Male. This time the topic was covered on- Identification of Issues in Community, Community mobilization and so on. The programme is organised by using some Methodology like Group Discussions, Field Visit, and Leadership learning through blindfold game. Total 35 participants were attended in this programme.

Please click the Video Link for Feedback from participant of Leadership Training Program

# Cyber Frauds and Digital Protection Training

27<sup>th</sup> April 2025



This module focused on enhancing digital awareness and cyber safety practices among community members.

- **Topics Covered:**
  - Common cybercrimes: identity theft, phishing scams, ransomware, and data breaches.
  - Basic smartphone usage: SMS, camera, storage management (Android).
  - Digital communication tools: email creation, WhatsApp usage, Meta AI integration.
  - Online tools: Google Search, Maps, Play Store.
  - Social media engagement: Facebook and Instagram account management.
- **Cyber Protection Techniques:**
  - Creating strong and unique passwords.
  - Enabling two-step verification.
  - Updating device software and installing apps from trusted sources.
  - Spotting fake messages, verifying URLs, and recognizing scams.
  - Practicing safe online behavior and information sharing.
- Please click the Video Link for Feedback from participant of Cyber Frauds Training Program

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Medical Camps

As part of the program, as per the request of the local people we collaborated with the organisations like Akruthi, CSC etc for medical camps. Till now 4 such camps were organised. In CSC Blood Test Camps it is noteworthy that Nearly 35 test reports were given including HBA1C and Vitamin –D at free of cost. And in ENT camps by Akruthi Along with free Doctor Consultation Audiogram Tests are done and Basic Medicines are provided free of cost. Till now 526 members benefitted through these medical camps under this project.



### Medzone Maternity and General Hospital – Free Medical Camp and Awareness Session

### Free Distribution of Slates to Anganwadi Children 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Collaborating with other organisation and donors we could make donors to come directly to the slums and interact with them. As part of it we involved donors to support vulnerable children by distribution required materials to them.

As part of Multi Faith Celebration on 24<sup>th</sup> October the children of 4 Anganwadi Centers were gathered and Slates, Slate Pencils and Chocolates were distributed to the children.

Smt. Shobha, Donor Distributed the Slates.



# **Development and Peace Groups Meetings for Preparation of Annual Planning Meeting 2025-26**

## **1. Introduction**

This report summarizes the findings from a series of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) conducted in various communities to assess public awareness and perceptions related to Government Schemes, Community Harmony, and Youth Awareness. The FGDs were conducted as part of a broader initiative to gather grassroots-level insights to inform policy and program development for the year 2025-2026.

## **2. Objectives**

The main objectives of the FGDs were:

- To evaluate community awareness and understanding of various government welfare schemes.
- To explore community sentiments and practices regarding social harmony and inclusivity.
- To understand youth perspectives, aspirations, and levels of civic and social engagement.

## **3. Methodology**

Participants: Community members including youth, women, local leaders, and elders.

Dates & Locations: 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Nayak Nagar Banjara Community Hall

7<sup>th</sup> April, Nayak Nagar, Banjara Community Hall

11<sup>th</sup> April, Nayak Nagar, Banjara Community Hall

13<sup>th</sup> April, Jangammet, Arya Samaj

14<sup>th</sup> April Jangammet, at DPG member's House

Tools Used: Discussion guide, note-taking, and observation checklists.

## **4. Key Findings**

### **A. Government Schemes**

- Awareness: Mixed levels of awareness. Some participants could name key schemes on Senior Citizens Pension, Single Women pension while others had limited or no knowledge.
- Access Issues: Common barriers include lack of documentation, poor information dissemination, and bureaucratic delays.
- Suggestions: More outreach through local media, community volunteers, and regular information camps.

### **B. Community Harmony**

- Perception: Generally peaceful coexistence reported, though occasional issues arise around political or religious events.
- Initiatives: Communities appreciate festivals, sports events, and interfaith meetings as means of fostering harmony.
- Concerns: Misinformation on social media and lack of youth engagement were noted as potential threats.

### **C. Youth Awareness**

- Engagement: Youth are enthusiastic but feel underrepresented in decision-making.

- Needs Identified: Skill development, employment opportunities, and platforms for civic participation.
- Challenges: Migration for jobs, lack of local opportunities, and peer pressure were recurring themes.

## **5. Recommendations**

- Strengthen local awareness campaigns about government schemes through grassroots workers.
- Promote inclusive events that build mutual respect and social bonds.
- Involve youth in planning and implementation of community programs.
- Establish youth centers or clubs that offer training, mentorship, and civic education.

## **6. Conclusion**

The FGDs revealed valuable insights into community dynamics, policy awareness, and youth aspirations. Continued engagement with local populations will be key to bridging knowledge gaps and building more inclusive and effective development strategies.

### **Annual DPG Meeting-19<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Participants:** 80 DPG Members and 7 Resource Persons

#### **Introduction**

The Annual Meeting with the Development and Peace group (DPG) members was successfully conducted on 19th April 2025 at the COVA office. The event witnessed active participation from 60 DPG members and seven expert resource persons. The primary objective of the meeting was to encourage collective reflection, exchange of ideas, and strategic planning for addressing community challenges.

#### **Participant Grouping**

To ensure focused discussions and inclusive participation, attendees were divided into the following thematic groups based on their backgrounds and interests:

1. **Home Makers Group**
2. **Youth Group**
3. **Political and Local Community Leaders Group**
4. **Minority Group**
5. **Working People Group**
6. **Social Workers (Asha/Anganwadi/SHG)**

This categorization enabled context-specific dialogue and allowed for the diverse experiences of community members to be shared and understood.

#### **Group Discussion Topics**

Each group engaged in discussions around critical community themes. The topics explored were:

1. **Awareness and Issues Regarding Government Schemes and Documentation**  
Discussions focused on the accessibility of government welfare schemes, barriers in

documentation processes, and suggestions to improve awareness and outreach at the grassroots level.

**2. Youth: Problems and Solutions**

This session addressed key challenges faced by youth, including unemployment, lack of skills, and social pressures. The participants proposed various community-based interventions and skill development opportunities.

**3. Harmony in Family and Neighborhood**

The discussion emphasized the importance of maintaining peaceful relationships within families and communities. Participants shared practical ideas for conflict resolution, mutual respect, and community-building practices.

**The Outcome**

The DPG Annual Meeting served as a platform for reflection, dialogue, and collective problem-solving. The insights shared by different groups will inform future interventions by COVA and partner organizations. The active participation and meaningful contributions of all members and resource persons were highly appreciated. This gathering reaffirmed the commitment of DPG members to foster inclusive development, social harmony, and grassroots empowerment.

**Adoption of Programs and Activities for 2025-26**

The final DPG meeting marked the successful conclusion of the annual planning cycle. The collective agreement and adoption of the new activities and Programs reflect the commitment of all stakeholders to strengthen community-level planning and ensure more participatory governance. Follow-up actions and monitoring mechanisms will ensure that the adopted reforms are implemented effectively and sustainably.

**The Final Programs and Activities for 2025-26 are detailed below:**

<b>Action Plan-2025-26</b>		
<b>Constituency/ Issue</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Youth	Education	Spoken English
		Scholarships
		Career Counselling
		Personality development
	Sports and Recreation	Sports centres (10)
		Sports Competitions-2 events
	Employment	Information about Jobs Opportunities and Job Melas at the Centres and through Social Media
		Linkages to Competative Exams coaching centres- Govt
		Linkages to Competative Exams coaching centres- Private

	Linkages to Technical Skills Institutions	IT-Computer Courses-Software - Electronics-Hardware- Graphic Designing Refrigeration,Electrician, air conditioning etc
	Mental Health & Addiction	General Awareness On Addictions Refereral to Rehab centres for Counselling & Deaddicton Referal for Counselling on Mental Health
	Youth Ambasadddor	5 Youth Ambasadddors-1 for two localities to be enlisted
Women	Home Makers	Counselling to DV Victims
	Linkages to Self Employeed	Trainings for Livelihood 1)Tailoring- Professional 2)Beautician
Political and Community Leaders	Community Influencers	Regular Individual Meetings Invitation as Special Guest Empowerment Programme-Leadership Etc
Vulnerable Groups	Elderly People	Awareness Programme
	Differently Abled	SADERM Certificate
Minorities	Religious	Exclusion-Communalisation Social Harmony Violence Prevention
	Linguistic	Exclusion Social Harmony
Civic Issues	GHMC, Waterworks & Electricity Department	Awareness Programmes Downloading APPs Lodging Complaints Complaint readdressal Issues
Documentation		Govt Documents for identity and accessing different Schemes, Programmes and Bank Account etc
		Scholarship

Facilitation for Schemes		SADARAM
		Free Bus
		ABHA Health Card - Health Benefit
		Single Women Pension
		Old Age Pension
		Widow Pension
		For Schemes such as Ration Card, 2BHK and Shadi Mubarak political Leaders have requested COVA not to take this as their party carder is involve in Helping with this schemes
DPGs		1) Formed and Functional
		2) Average DPG Membership-15
		3) Bimonthly meetings
		4) Half Yearly review meetings

### Resource Materials Developed – Brochures and Leaflets - 11

Resource Material Developed.

1. COVA Brochure

COVA Brochures – Covanetwork

2. General Introduction to HDPP Program

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/>

3. Overview of Technical Training courses for Youth

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1732013749694-58a7c3d5-ba87>

4. Career Guidance after 10 th Class Book-Pdf.pdf

<https://www.covanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/Career-Options-After-Grade-10-Resource->

5. Hand book to obtain Basic Documents and Schemes

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1732013749694-58a7c3d5-ba87>

6. Constitution – 3 languages

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1737799982583-4b8096e4-70cf>

7. Citizen Charters – Services offered by 56 Civic Services offered by GHMC, Water Works and Electricity Departments

<https://www.covanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/>

8. Leadership

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1732013740425-0516809d-16d4>

9. Cyber Crimes

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1732013740425-0516809d-16d4>

10. Nutrition

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1732013749694-58a7c3d5-ba87>

11. Ear CARE

<https://www.covanetwork.org/peace-through-development/#1732013749694-58a7c3d5-ba87>

### **Annexure**

Scheme and services availd by community members

Total community member help with obtained / updating document =6473

Sample serve %569

Statistical projection for different service availd

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<b>S.no</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Sample input</b>	<b>Statistical projection</b>
1	Free bus	173	1968
2	Scholarship	15	170
3	School admission	15	170
4	Account opening	10	113
5	Ayushman bharat	4	45
6	Others	15	170

**Services  
Avalied**

**2636**

## **Annexure**

### **Elected Representatives and Officials met, Representations submitted – 19**

1. Letters to aadhaar Seva Kendra Manager for Camps – 6
2. Letters to SC, ST, BC Residential Schools Officials for Joint Programs - 4
3. Letters to Police Officials regarding programs and awareness camps – 6
4. Meeting with Local Corporator and representations to him – 2
5. Letter to Women and Differently abled Department - 1

## **Annexure**

### **Collaborations With Organisations – 10**

12. CSC (Common Service Centre) – For free Blood test Camps
13. Ashray Akruthi Foundation – For ENT Special Camps
14. SCF (Sports Coaching Foundation) – for Sports Events to youth and Donation of Sports Material
15. GMR Foundation – Job Oriented Courses for Youth along with Placements
16. Boys Town – Job Oriented courses
17. CGC (Career Guidance Centre) – Advance Learning particularly in software field and also guiding towards placements
18. KAAM4U – Guiding towards jobs according to Qualifications
19. Telangana Stree Seva Samithi – Women’s Awareness Programs on Problems of Elders, Women Education, Service Activities etc.
20. Aadhar Seva Kendra
21. MEDZONE – Maternity and General Hospital