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Srujanavani is a non-profit organization working in the fields of Child education, integrated rural and urban community development projects, calamity relief, and medical support to remote rural and tribal areas, supporting the old and the challenged, etc. We believe that a change we want to see in the society starts from us and hence our primary focus is molding socially responsible citizens. This change in every member percolates to the society as service to fellow humans. It was officially founded on September 26th 1996 as Cops India and over time the name has been changed to Srujanavani.

Srujanavani's Newsletter is an initiative to inform all its members, well-wishers, supporters, benefactors and beneficiaries about its activities and organizational updates. This letter covers the activities carried out during the last financial year Apr-2008 to Mar 2009 and we request you to please drop in your comments/suggestions that would help us to keep you all informed better.

VASUDHA:

Vasudha is a unique and innovative Srujanavani's conceptual home for kids unlike any other existing orphanages where children will not miss the environment of a family and care of a mother. Our Vasudha kids have enacted a small incident from Mahatma Gandhi's life at Srujanavani's AGM-2008 impressing everyone present there by their skill in giving life to the roles they enacted.



17th July the anniversary of Vasudha, also birthday of Chinna (a kid at Vasudha). It is noteworthy that the mother at Vasudha had garnered interest in taking up basic education so that she would be helpful in tutoring the kids. Currently, Suresh (6th standard) is studying at Madhavadhara Government School and Vamsi (4th), Chinna (3rd) and Venkatesh (2nd) are studying at Marrisipalem Government School.

On 2nd November 2008, VASUDHA had been shifted to Srinivasa nagar, D No: 22-53, one of our member Mr.G Pavan Kumar's residence. Some of our Srujanavani members had gifted them with a TV for keeping them updated them about latest Science and Technology, news and make learning a enjoying process through entertainment. Mother is being educated; she had developed in reading newspaper every day for the kids. The eldest kid is good at sketching, some of them were sent to newspaper for printing them in children section of Young World in The Hindu. Encouragement is given to them to realize their innate skills and improve on those fields alongside with academics.

SAPARYA:

Another ripple from Srujanavani Voluntary Association, has taken its shape on 22/11/2008 as SAPARYA, a new free old age home for the poor & needy old people. A long cherished dream of Srujanavani established in Srinivasa nagar, D No: 22-53, one of our member Mr.G Pavan Kumar's residence, which can accommodate 15 members with required facilities to live comfortably. After 2 years of establishing VASUDHA, establishing SAPARYA added another milestone to Srujanavani, though facing many hardships to acquire a home due to associated superstitions and beliefs of the neighbours. The home had been inaugurated by well know social worker Sri. Hari Babji, who is rendering service in areas of helping HIV affected children, old and woman welfare. He is instrumental in developing up New Hope, a child home at Kothavalasa. He also worked as deputy director for SOS (save our souls) a well-known children organization. Recently a donor as a kind gesture donated few household articles including chairs, blankets etc. Team members are in search of destitute collaborating with other Oldage homes who could not afford monthly expenses and adding two new inmates from our own adopted village Madugula.



IRDP (INTERGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM):

One of the principal functional areas of Srujanavani targeting the all-round development of communities is IRDP and is headed by Uma Shankar.

SREEKARAM @ Boddurevu:

IRDP team has started an alternative school SREEKARAM at Boddurevu in Madugula mandal which was built in collaboration of the villagers. The School has been inaugurated by Chief Guest, Sri. Karnam Dharmasri, MLA of the village's constituency, at the School inaugural function on 22/06/2008. The inaugural function started by worshipping Goddess Saraswati, the giver of Knowledge. This was followed by inspiring speeches from Sri Karnam Dharmasri and Srujanavani's Vice-President, Sri Thanakali Narasinga Rao. In his speech, honorable MLA had promised power supply to this remote village which has received a big round of applause from the audience.



Later, slates and uniforms worth Rs.6000 were distributed to the school children. It is a memorable sight watching kids collecting them with great enthusiasm. Their enthusiasm and their parents' joy seeing them at school brought festive atmosphere to the village; probably parents saw future Kalams in their children! Also, mementos were presented to two villagers, Sri. Demudu Babu and Sri. Eswara Rao in recognition of their extensive support for School's construction.

It is worth mentioning that there have been multiple requests to Srujanavani made by nearby village authorities to establish similar alternate schools in those villages. Mrs. Sandhya Rani from Pratham, an NGO that works in education, was impressed with the school and wished to continue a long lasting relationship with the school and our organization.

SREEKARAM @ Rayapalem:

IRDP team has adopted an alternative school thus forming second SREEKARAM School at Rayapalem, Sankaram Panchayat. New Slates were distributed to all the 35 students in the school.



Two paid volunteers have been recruited for IRDP program in Sankaram Panchayat, Madugala Mandal, Visakhapatnam. These volunteers are working in 14 villages under Sankaram Panchayat. We have conducted a survey "Village population and their livelihoods" in 14 Villages in Sankaram Panchayat with help of these two paid volunteers.

Team has also conducted Medical awareness program was conducted in Rayapalem, Sankaram panchayath, Madugala and free medicine was distributed to the poor.



This Year's Indian National republic Day (26th January 2009) was celebrated by the IRDP team with people in Sankaram Panchayat, Madugala Mandal, Visakhapatnam. Conducted events for Children, Men, Women separately to encourage participation of all villagers. Government officials MRO (Mr V.Suryanarayana), MDO (Ms Chandrakala), MEO (Mr.S.Madhusudhan Rao) have also attended this event and motivated the people in Sankaram Panchayat, Madugala Mandal, Visakhapatnam.



SAT (Secondary Activity Team):



Srujanavani's secondary activity team which is part of the EDUCATION Team works on the activities that encourage conceptual learning through experimentation and observation rather than a theoretical approach encouraged in present day educational institutes. The objective is to create a genuine interest and open the mind of the child to explore, experiment, experience and learn.

An attempt towards realizing the above is SAASTRA, a workshop meant to expose children of classes 7th to 9th to experimental and explorative learning by being innovative in building scientific models using commonly available materials like straws, match sticks, glue, paper, etc instead of getting scared by big books and huge home works. This process, children say, helped them relate academics to everyday science; a simple yet powerful way to experience science!

AGM (Annual General Body Meeting):

Srujanavani's Annual General Body meeting for 2008 has been held on 14th and 15th of June at Visakhapatnam. Mr. D. Rama Krishna, Director of Gudilova School, Mr. K. Satyanarayana, Director of SKCMACS Ltd, Mr. R. Venkat Reddy, National Convener, Mr. Chandram, Event Co-coordinator of MV Foundation, honorary guests, had delivered inspiring dialect which boosted the spirits of all those present at the event. Especially, the gathering had been enlivened when they shared inspirational examples from their lives; showing the way forward in a socially conscious journey. One particular example that was heart touching comes from the life of Ms. Krishnaveni, RTO officer, Anakapalli. She had fought against low vision and emerged successful in qualifying for civil services, a dream profession for her to serve her countrymen. Further, there were presentations from various team leaders regarding the updates on respective team's activities and chapter wise activity updates from the In-charges of Visakhapatnam and Mumbai chapters of Srujanavani.



Independence day Celebrations (August 15th)

At our Office:

The 62nd Independence Day of our mother land was celebrated with special guests Mrs. Rama Devi, President of an NGO for orphan children, "BALA TEJASSU" and her Guruji Mr. Partha Saradhi, master of Yoga. Mrs. Rama Devi, a poetess by nature, believes in worship to human as worship to God and also a member of organisation which deals with healing sickness using Yoga, Naturopathy and Ayurveda for free.

Jyothi Prajwalana was followed by Flag hoisting by chief guest & their inspiring speeches making us realize our responsibility as a citizen of INDIA, Importance of Yoga for our inner development. We all recalled the origin of our Flag, its design, its importance and using it appropriately. Skits showing "Unity in Diversity" & Quiz followed up till the end.



By IRDP Team:

The IRDP (Integrated Rural Development Program) team celebrated this Independence Day at Boddurevu and Rayapalem villages (simultaneously at two places) of Sakaram Panchayat, Madugula Mandal, Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh, in a most memorable way. We the Srujanavanians experienced gratification of celebrating this event for the first time ever in these villages which was evident from the blissful faces and the ecstasy they showed to organize and make the day's event a grand success. The delight among the innocent villagers made us to extend our schools and developmental activities to yet another village Rayapalem under our precinct.



The day started with prayer to BHARATA MATA, Flag hoisting by Village head Mr. Gopanna of Rayapalem in Rayapalem, & Mr.Kannayya Dora at Boddurevu followed by games participated by all elders both men and women, children. Collecting prizes in front of the whole village was a pride moment for them which was evident from the blushing faces and raised smiles. Finally a small speech giving them an idea about importance of education, health awareness among villagers was delivered.

The most inspiring person among them is Ms. RAMULAMMA, cook of the school, who provides food to school children with her own money in spite of Government's irregularity in sanctioning the grants. This Independence Day she brought biscuits to children, being a good exemplary of humanity.

Upon request of the villagers 3 new hamlets, Bodhivalasa, Rajayyapeta and Tadivalasa were visited which were even more backward than our village Boddurevu. The kids of the village travel 4 km to Rayapalem for schooling. So, this Independence Day was taken as an opportunity to interact with the villagers. Planning to run a school in these villages to ameliorate the situations which would be possible only when some more compassionate hands join us to move ahead in making the villagers' hopes & dreams come true.

Formation Day (September 26th):

This 26th September is Srujanavani's formation day. Srujanavani had completed 12 successful years and had entered its adolescent 13th year. This year to make it more memorable celebrations at our Office started with pooja to Adi guru, Adi Shankaracharya. Our members shared their experiences of journey with the group all these years. It was followed by planting near about 100 trees like Badam, Ashoka, Sapota, etc in a Government school premises of Penda Gantiyada near Gajuwaka area, Boys hostel, Girls hostel & a near by Police Station. This is a self sustained activity and has enthusiastic participation of our members and their families in providing food, finances and assistance as when required.



Srujanavani Registered under section 12A & IT Exemption under 80G :

Good news to share with you all. We have been awarded 12A/80G certificate by the Department of Income tax acknowledging the activities & ideology followed through integration amidst our busy schedules for noble cause in our organisation. How this benefits you is, 80G certificate will help us to acknowledge your contribution to a noble cause as all the donations that you do to the organisation from now onwards will be exempted from Income tax. For organisation 12A certificate means all the donations received by the organisation will be exempted from Income tax. We are happy to inform you that you can send details of total donation that you have made till now and new donation that you do in this financial year along with your postal address so that we can dispatch a receipt for your donations so that you can make use of that for your Income tax submission.

We take this opportunity to thank all our donors, sympathizers, friends, Sponsors, and family members without whose support and confidence in us it wouldn't be possible to make whatever little progress we made in making our society a better place for our future generations. We wish and hope that your association follows us all along our path to achieve UTOPIAN India. THANK YOU.