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Daan Utsav (Joy of Giving week)
Burgula, Telangana, India, October 1-8, 2014

Daan Utsav is a nationwide initiative with far reaching implications celebrated in first week of October starting on Gandhi Jayanti (October 2) every year. According to the web site joyofgivingweek.org, this week renamed as Daan Utsav is a festival that aims to engage people from different walks of life in simple acts of “giving” in forms of time, skills, cash or kind.

Pragathi Welfare Society successfully celebrated Daan Utsav in Burgula Gram Panchayat, Telangana state this year. It helped bring together different sections of the community in the village to participate in the “act of giving- Daan” in a festive atmosphere. We intend to learn from our experiences, improve on the activities and make it an annual event to mobilize our community and nearby villages. About 30 people, including 19 school kids, volunteered to make this event successful.

We at Pragathi feel that an enthusiastic participation of the people is needed for communities to improve and develop. Every individual and Nonprofit organization can potentially participate in Daan Utsav in their own neighbourhood and make it a grass roots movement across the whole nation. Attached on next few pages is our report of activities in Burgula Gram Panchayat.

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Day 1 (October 1,2014)



- Pragati walk in village by volunteers
- Village clean-up for three days
- School toilets clean-up
- Cultural program by school students
- Old and new clothes, old laptop donated

Day 2 (October 2,2014)

- Blood donation camp with 34 donors
- 20 liters milk donated by local farmer for blood donors
- Seven new computers and printers donated by Mr Srikanth
- Micro-soft excel demo class by Mr. Venu
- IT experts visited from Hyderabad- ideas to improve computer literacy in village



Day 3 (October 3,2014)

- Sixteen teams from neighbouring villages participated in Kabaddi tournament.
- Youth discussions and counselling done



Day 4 (October 4,2014)

- Forty four villagers participated in Seva Mela in Hyderabad city
- Skits by school children
- Villagers took part in Rice bucket challenge and donated 25 kgs rice
- Pragathi donated 25 kgs rice

Day 5 (October 5, 2014)

- One hundred and twenty villagers participated in Seva Mela to study different projects
- Skits by school children
- Villagers took part in Rice bucket challenge and donated 125 kgs rice and clothes in Seva Mela
- Pragathi donated 35 kgs rice
- Two small kids (aged 4 and 7) donated Rs 380



Day 6 (October 6, 2014)

- Eye camp with 205 screenings. 130 glasses were distributed and 33 cataracts identified
- Three experts visited village from Hyderabad and had a meeting with Panchayat members to discuss development strategies
- Volleyball tournament for youth with eleven teams from different villages
- One on one counselling for two bright students



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Day 7 (October 7, 2014)

- Mahila Mandal (women group) meetings in 3 villages
- Team from Hyderabad to discuss Agarbathi making with women
- PACE hotel management program in village- discussion with youth

Day 8 (October 8, 2014)

- Career counseling for 10th class students by Nirmaan
- New pair of clothes for 20 Ashram kids
- Rotary team visited Burgula- Water purification plant approved and discussed with Panchayat members
- Inauguration of primary school classroom
- Supporting an Intermediate student's education
- Closing of Daan Utsav with Mandal Education Officer, Sarpanch, dignitaries from Hyderabad- volunteers, tournament winners, others recognized.

