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Abbreviations

AHB	Andheri Hilfe Bonn
AIDS	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
AMEF	Agriculture Man Ecology Foundation
ANS	Academy for Nursing Studies
AP	Andhra Pradesh
APD	Assistant Project Director
APDS	Andhra Pradesh Dalit Samakhya
APFAMGS	Andhra Pradesh Farmer Managed Groundwater Systems
APFP	Andhra Pradesh Forestry Programme
APMIP	Andhra Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project
APSACS	Andhra Pradesh State Aids Control Society
APSW	Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare
APSWF	Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Fund
APVHA	Andhra Pradesh Voluntary Health Association
APWELL	Andhra Pradesh Groundwater Borewell Irrigation Schemes
BASIX	Bharatiya Samridhi Investments and Consulting Services Ltd.
BC	Backward Community
BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
BIRDS	Bharti Integrated Rural Development Society
CACL	Campaign Against Child Labour
CAPART	Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CBYA	Community Based Youth Association
CD	Check Dam
CDC	Child Day Care
CDCC	Child Day Care Centre
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFM	Community Forest Management
CHETNA	Centre for Health Training Nutrition Awareness
CIG	Common Interest Group
CLDP	Community Land Development Programme
CLRC	Child Labour Rehabilitation Centre
CLSS	Child Labour Special School
CRSP	Central Rural Sanitation Programme
CSW	Commercial Sex Worker
CSWB	Central Social Welfare Board
CWS	Centre for World Solidarity
DCP	Day Care Promoter
DEMO	District Extension and Mass Media Officer
DEP	Dalit Empowerment Programme
DFO	Divisional Forest Officer
DFP	Directorate of Field Publicity
DLA	Department of Legal Affairs
DLDSM	District Level Dalit Samakhya Mahasaba
DM&HO	District Medical and Health Officer
DRDA	District Rural Development Agency
DS	Dalit Samakhya
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police
DWACRA	Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas
DWMA	District Water Management Agency

DWMAPD	District Water Management Agency Project Director
DYA	Diamond Youth Association
DYA&S	Department of Youth Affairs and Sports
DYS	Directorate of Youth Services
EDC	Eco Development Committee
ESH	External Stakeholders
FAHC	Family Health Awareness Campaign
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation
FD	Forest Department
FGD	Focused Group Discussions
FP	Farm Pond
FPAI	Family Planning Association of India
FPS	Family Protection Scheme
FSD	Farming System Development
FWMC	Family Welfare Motivation Camp
FWWB-I	Friends of the Women World Banking – India
GCC	Girijana Cooperative Corporation
GF	Gender Facilitator
GIS	Geographic Information System
GIS	Grama Ikya Sangam
GMC	Groundwater Management Committee
GO	Governmental Organisation
GoAP	Government of Andhra Pradesh
GoI	Government of India
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
HDPE	High Density Poly Ethylene
HIV	Human Immuno Deficiency Virus
HRB	High Risk Behaviour
HRG	High Risk Group
HRP	High Risk Population
HU	Hydrological Unit
IARI	Indian Agricultural Research Institute
IAS	Indian Administrative Service
IAY	Indira Awas Yojana
ICICI	Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Bank ltd
ICYO	Indian Council of Youth Organisations
IDGPA	Institutional Development at the Grassroots for Poverty Alleviation
IES	Indian Environmental Society
IGA	Income Generating Activities
IIC	India International Centre
ILY	International Literacy Year
INR	Indian Rupees
ISI	Indian Social Institute
IYF	International Year of Family
JFM	Joint Forest Management
JRY	Jawahar Rojgar Yojana
KFO	Katholisches Frauenwerk in Osterreich
LAV	Literary Association of Velgode
LC	Literacy Centres
LRB	Low Risk Behaviour
MACS	Mutual Aided Cooperative Societies
MCP	Micro Credit Programme
MCPS	Micro Credit Protection Scheme
MDO	Mandal Development Officer
MERIBA	Mission to Encourage Rural Development in Backward Areas
MF	Micro Finance

MFI	Micro financial Institutions
MI	Micro Insurance
MNO	Mandal Network Organisation
MoE&F	Ministry of Environment and Forests
MoHRD	Ministry of Human Resource Development
MoL	Ministry of Labour
MoL&J	Ministry of Law and Justice
MPP	Mandal Praja Parishad
MPSSS	Malti Purpose Social Service Society
MRO	Mandal Revenue Officer
MS	Mahila Sangam
NA	Need Assessment
NABARD	National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development
NCLP	National Child Labour Project
NEAC	National Environment Awareness Campaign
NEDCAP	Non-conventional Energy Development Corporation Andhra Pradesh
NFE	Non Formal Education
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIPCCD	National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
NIRD	National Institute Of Rural Development
NIRTAR	National Institute of Rehabilitation and Research
NMDFC	National Minority Development Finance Corporation
NNGO	Nodal Non Governmental Organisation
NOVIB	Netherlands Organisation for International Development and Cooperation
NOVOK	Network of Voluntary Organisations of Kurnool District
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NSHN	Non-Sexual Health Needs
NSS	National Service Scheme
NSV	National Service Volunteer
NTFP	Non Timber Forest Produce
NYK	Nehru Yuva Kendra
OBP	Organisation of Beneficiaries Programme
ORW	Out Reach Worker
PAP	Project Affected Person
PAPERP	Project Affected Persons Economic Rehabilitation Programme
PCCF	Principle Chief Conservator of Forest
PD	Project Director
PE	Peer Educator
PEEC	Population and Environmental Education Centre
PGAS	Podupulakshmi Grama Aikya Sangam
PHC	Primary Health Centre
PIA	Project Implementing Agency
PMP	Private Medical Practitioner
PNGO	Partner Non-Governmental Organisation
PPA	Participatory Poverty Assessment
PPI	Pulse Polio Immunization
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
PRM	Participatory Rural Mapping
PSH	Primary Stakeholders
R&R	Rehabilitation and Resettlement
RASS	Rayalaseema Seva Samithi
RCCP	Rural Child Care Programme
RFD	Rock Fill Dam
RFS	Revolving Fund Scheme
RMK	Rashtriya Mahila Kosh
RMP	Registered Medical Practitioner

RWDP	Rural Women Development Project
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SARRAY	Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Adolescents and Youth
SB	Savings Bank
SC	Scheduled Caste
SECRT	Sex Education Counseling Research Therapy Training
SES	Socio Economic Survey
SEVA	Society for Education and Voluntary Action
SHG	Self-Help Group
SHSP	Sexual Health Service Provider
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SIRDP	Society for Integrated Rural Development
SJSY	Swarna Jayanti Swarozgar Yojana
SKN	Stichiting Kinderpostzegels Naderland
SKU	Sri Krishnadevaraya University
SMSS	Star Micro Fin Service Society
SNIRD	Society for National Integration through Rural Development
SNSR	Sri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy
SRBC	Srisailam Right Branch Canal
SRF	Star Revolving Fund
SRHY	Sexual and reproductive Health of Youth
ST	Scheduled Tribes
STA	State Transport Authority
STD	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
SVU	Sri Venkateswara University
SYA	Star Youth Association
TBF	The Bridge Foundation
ToT	Trainers of Training
TREAD	Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development
TV	Television
UGC	University Grants Commission
UK	United Kingdom
UMC	United Methodist Church
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USA	United States of America
VCTC	Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centre
VO	Voluntary Organisation
VSS	Vana Samrakshana Samithi
VYK	Vishwa Yuvak Kendra
WABA	World Alliance for Breast-feeding Action
WARI	White Ribbon Alliance - India
WC	Watershed Committee
WDP	Women's Development Programme
WDT	Watershed Development Team
WED	World Environment Day
WHO	World Health Organisation
WM	Watershed Management
YEH	Youth Ending Hunger
YLT	Youth Leadership Training
YMCA	Young Mens Christian Association
YRSHR	Youth Reproductive Sexual Health and Rights
YWC	Youth Work Camp
ZPHS	Zilla Parishad High School
ZPP	Zilla Praja Parishad

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Messages

Message



Dr. P. S. Rao
Land and Water Coordinator
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New Delhi.

I came to know about the work of Star Youth Association during my assignment with PROGRESS, when I was based in Kurnool District. My first interaction with Mr. S C Hassain, Secretary, however was brief and I had very little idea as to what SYA was up to. When SYA was empanelled as one of the partner NGOs of Andhra Pradesh Farmer Managed Groundwater Systems (APFAMGS) Project, I had the opportunity of knowing SYA from a close quarter, since I was coordinating from the side of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, in the year 2004.

When Mr. Hassain informed that SYA is going to complete its 25 years of existence in social service, in one of the APFAMGS meetings, I was taken aback. Later, I was informed that the organization was started by a handful of enthusiastic and patriotic youngsters from a remote village called Velugode, which would later blossom into a big organization. This rare phenomenon impressed me so much that I encouraged SYA to celebrate its Silver Jubilee Year in a big-way. I also suggested Mr. Hassain to bring out a good souvenir to document sweet and sour memories of the quarter decade of institution's life.

I also saw the draft version of the present book and surprised to see the gradual growth of SYA from a small Youth Club into a multi-crore Non Governmental Organization. It is really surprising to see that the same bunch of youth who started the organization is still able to hang on with each other and working for the welfare of the people and growth of the institution. It is always a difficult task to put together what has been done over a period of 25 years. Moreover, we are often limited by the kind of documentation that would have been generated in the initial years. But, looking at the black and white photographs in the souvenir, I should appreciate the SYA youth, who took pains to document and safely preserve the photographs for such a long period.

The journey of SYA from a Youth Club organizing sports events and educational classes for the village youth to spread to entire district and beyond is a no mean achievement. I wish Mr. Hassain and his team a more fruitful and eventful organizational achievements in future.

Dr. P S Rao
3 November 2005
New Delhi

Message



Sri. Mohammad Khaleelullah
Retired Zonal Director
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghatan
Hyderabad.

Dear Hassain,

At the very outset I would extend my congratulation to you and your team of young people on the successful completion of 25 years of developement service to poor rural people. It gives me great pleasure to write a few sentences about your Star Youth Association witch rendered a yeomen service to humanity for the last 25 years.

The Star Youth Association, Velgode was started during the year 1980 when I was working as Youth Coordinator of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) for Kurnool. The youth association was set up by a group of committed youth under the able leadership of a sincere and hard working youth namely S C Hassain. I wondered to note that most of the team members are still continuing their service in various capacities in the youth association, according success to the Star Youth Association.

Today the country is facing many challenges problems like illiteracy, ill health and poverty Social stigmas and economic conditions in rural setup are coming in the way of development. This is the right time for the youth to accept the challenges at any cost in the interest of the society. I have been associated with the organization from the very beginning. It stood firmly with a strong will power to face all challenges to achieve their goal.

The youth association has sincerely approached various agencies, both governmental and Non governmental, at various levels, from District to International for guidance and finances. These agencies have realized the potential of the youth association and extended their support for the cause of rural development. The youth association which started it's activities with a meager self contribution today rose to a prominent position among NGO's in the field of rural development in A P and other States. Star Youth Association (SYA) in my observation occupies an unique place due to its constant struggle and laudable achievements.

Lastly I would suggest the youth to continue the team spirit which is the secret of their success. Sincere efforts and selfless service will definitely pay in the shape of recogniation beyond their expectations

With warm greetings and good wishes

Md. Khaleelullah
6, November 2005,
Mahabubnagar

Message



Smt. Sandhya Srinivasan
Regional Manager
Hyderabad Regional Office
ActionAid India

My association with Star Youth Association is around a decade. Actionaid has been supporting SYA for building and strengthening women's federation of self help groups and empowerment of dalits, since 1997.

I perceive that the strengths of SYA are commitment, accountability and deep rooted in actions. SYA has contributed immensely to Actionaid initiated various participatory studies like Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA) in Class III towns of A.P, Participatory study on trafficking and various dimensions in Telengana and Rayalseema Region of A P, and Participatory study regarding the vulnerability of children in difficult circumstances. The partnership between SYA and Action aid continues to thrive on the principles of mutual respect, support and learning.

It is very inspiring to know that a rural youth association has emerged as a strong and vibrant social change (development) organization. I congratulate SYA for ushering a social change in and around their operational area. The organization which embarked as a "Literary association of Velgode" in 1979 has treaded a long pat of struggles, frustrations, and successes. The iota of activities for the organization has expanded from adult literacy to empowering the marginalized communities on the issues of justice and equity.

Wishing all the best for the future

Sandhya Srinivasan
17, December 2005
Hyderabad.

Message



Sri. V. Paul Raja Rao
Executive Director
Bharathi Integrated Rural
Development Society (BIRDS)
Nandyal, Kurnool District,
Andhra Pradesh

Dear Hassan,

It is my pleasure and happy to send this brief message to congratulate you and your team especially to the community with whom you are working since its inception of SYA.

I still remember the day in November 1989 when you met me and Dr. Govardhan Das at our previous organization "PROGRESS" Office, and the way you have expressed and presented about you and SYA organization and for submitting your Annual Report, is well appreciated and it is still in our memory.

I feel these celebrations and printing of a special report will be a good role model to many others up coming organizations, to learn your struggles, sorrows, happiness, and achievements. I can acknowledge you and your teams sincerity, honest, commitment, transparency and enthusiasm for all your success in the sector.

On my behalf, my family, family of BIRDS including the APFAMGS Project and other PNGOs, Technical Support Team from Hyderbad and other Partners, I congratulate you all for your success in providing 25 years of services to the rural poor, and for this special report on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

BIRDS and APFAMGS Project feels proud to associate with you and SYA.

Congratulations to you and to your team,

With Best Wishes

V. Paul Raja Rao
30, October 2005
Nandyal.

Chief Executive Officer's Note

For the *Star Youth Association*, 2005 was a year of silver jubilee celebrations and this year was particularly challenging for us marching ahead with a new vision by working with poor communities specially children, youth and women. On this blissful occasion, I have pleasure to present this booklet titled "*The Silver Lining*" – A retrospect of its 25 years in Rural Development (1980–2005). The present report is a dissimilar form to our regular previous annual reports, in terms of design, contents and presentation. This brilliant concept of making this publication based on 25 years of experience in working with rural poor was our adored Dr. P.S. Rao (FAO) and I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere gratitude to him. Without his generous support and encouragement the booklet would not have been possible. I wish to place on record my straight gratitude to Dr. S.V. Govardhan Das, for his personal interest and commitment to shape this publication, good-naturedly discussions with SYA board and staff members and précising 25-year history of SYA. I express my heartfelt gratitude to my precious friend and promoter Mr. V. Paul Raja Rao for his cordial encouragement and generous support.

I am proud that the birth of SYA took place at the hearts of self-less dedicated young founder members. We started our youth-to-community work with an intention to do some thing to needy community around us. We did not contemplate a village-based youth group will become as *Voluntary Organisation*. Since its inception up to 1991 our focus was only on community-based youth related activities with active collaboration of Nehru Yuva Kendra. We are grateful to Mr. Mohd. Khaleelulaah, (Youth Co-ordinator) for providing initial guidance. SYA journey of development interventions started in the month of November 1991 with SIDA support by adopting 10 project villages. We are indebted to Late Mr. E. Sampath Kumar, who is at that time staff member of MYRADA for his consultancy at free of cost and demonstrate the way to access external funds. Since then, we have received active funding support from both Governmental and Foreign Aid to implement various developmental interventions.

As founder member of Network of Voluntary Organisation in Kurnool District (NOVOK), SYA builts linkages with District Administration, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and ActionAid. As active member of NOVOK, SYA promoted SHG movement by formation and strengthening of SHGs and village and mandal level networks. I am indebted to Sri S.P. Trucker, I.A.S., Sri Prabhakara Varma, and Smt. Sandhya Srinivasan (ActionAid) Sri Premachadra Reddy, I.A.S., who has trust on SYA initial stage and also provided guidance and steadfast support as UNDP and ActionAid Partner NGO.

SYA has entered Micro Finance Sector as BASIX Collaborator in December 1997. But, we do not know about this sector, we started just to help needy poor women to access financial services. Then we approached FWWB-I not only for loan funds we need their technical support. We proudly note FWWB-I only organisation is promoting small NGOs to strengthen micro credit & micro insurance sector in India. SYA and 20,000 poor women and their family members of SYA operational area are greatly indebted to Smt. Vijaya Lakshmi Das (CEO) and Smt. Dhaksa Niranjan (Programme Head – Credit) for their back-up and consent support.

In SYA's cruise to address issues environmental and natural resource management in promoting and strengthening CFM movement in the adjacent Nallamalla forests area, SYA become partner of most prestigious technical project "*Andhra Pradesh Farmers Managed Ground Water Systems*" to enable rural farmers to manage their own ground water systems in and around Guthi of Anantapur District. Again I specially acknowledge the generous support of Mr. V. Paul Raja Rao for the selection as partner of APFAMGS project network since August 2004.

In the field of gender and human rights, SYA is greatly involved gender and dalit human rights movement. I take this opportunity to convey my acknowledgements to all the SHG Networks Leaders and Dalit Samakhya Leaders particularly the driving forces viz., Mr. Umi Denial and Mr. P. Anjaiah of AAI, Ms. Elvira Greiner and Ms. Heike Kluve of AHB, Germany, Fr. Kulandai Raj and Mr. S. Santiago of AHB India Office.

Since inception SYA focus on health of youth & women, SYA became partner of APSACS & ANS Network to deal issues of STD/HIV/AIDS, reproductive and sexual health of youth. The support of the officials of APSACS and ANS cannot be forgotten, in this context.

I gratefully acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices made by the committed young and energetic staff members by doing justice to their duties in remote operational areas. I remember the countless sleepless nights my SYA staff and I spent to organize grass-root events to build-up primary rapport building with communities. I never ignore the love and affection showered on me personally and on SYA by project stakeholders, community leaders and so on. I am ever grateful to GOD for giving me and SYA an opportunity to work with underprivileged sections of the community, through which I draw inspiration to live.

Number of individuals and NGO networks have guided and supported me and SYA in fulfilling legal and financial obligations. SYA statutory Auditor Mr. K.V. Krishnaiah has shaped the accountability and transparency systems into the SYA. Service of Legal Advisor Mr. P. Pullaiah (Senior Advocate) is gratefully acknowledged. Press and Media has given wide-coverage to SYA each and every event. I place on record my gratitude for press and media for their reporting on SYA. Doctors have spared their valuable time whenever SYA conducts health camps. Local Court Judges and Police officials supported a lot at the time of issues of gender and dalit for security and justice. The District Administration and Mandal Level Governmental Officials positively responded to project staff, for which I shall be grateful to them.

Last but not least, I am very much thankful to the Executive Body of SYA for their constant support and encouragement in management of SYA day-to-day operations smoothly and fruitfully.

S.C. Hassain
December 28, 2005
Velugode

25 Silver Linings

1 Ignited teenagers of Velgode

As a vital and vibrant human resource, youth held the key to growth and development of any nation. Youth always played a major role in shaping demographic and social-economic changes of a country. Therefore, youth had an obligation to actively participate in shaping the destiny of a nation, which in turn determined its own destiny.

Recognizing this immense potential of youth, the Government of India consciously attempted to involve its young population in the national development process. In accordance with this strategy, in 1972, a National Programme was launched with the establishment of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) at New Delhi, which served as national center for youth activities.

In proceeding years, NYKs were established at State well as District Level. In the year 1979, a massive campaign was initiated to take the youth movement to grass-root level. Active youth were encouraged to establish Youth Clubs at Taluk/Mandal as well as village level. This was necessary as the development of India was synonymous with the development of its rural part, constituting major chunk of the country.

Around the same time, five teenagers of Velugode village in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh (AP), who just came out of school, realized the role of literacy in nation building. The 5-man army voluntarily started teaching other teenagers as well as adults by giving evening classes at one of the street corners (Somayajula centre) of Velugode village. Their effort was to impart reading and writing skills to everybody they could reach.

Ten more neo-literates who benefited from evening classes of 5-man army joined them and called themselves as "Literary Association of Velugode" (LAV). By raising small donations and using their small savings, they also ventured into organizing cultural events, within a month of baptism. Within another six months, they were in a position to organize a sports competition at the village level. Matured behavior of 15-member teenager group received attention of local press (daily newspapers). This made LAV a talking subject of newspaper readers across the District.







Five Stars of Star Youth Association



Syed Chinna Hassain is founder member of SYA. On inception, he served as the President till 1985. Since then he is the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the organization. He is born into a middle-class Muslim family. His father was a well known Medical Practitioner in Velugode, who also organized several free medical check-ups in his time. As a youth, Mr. Hassain was active participant in activities of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and National Social Service (NSS). He completed his research work at Sri Venkateshwara University (SVU) during 1988-93, as a Research Fellow of University Grants Commission (UGC). He taught Population Studies at Sree Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy Degree College, Velugode, during 1984-88. He also took up an occasional consultancy assignment in the fields of Micro Finance, Watershed Management, Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA), Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), Child Labor, Gender and Self Help. He continues to stay at Velugode and remains the contact point of SYA in all its activities.



Kambhum Krishna Murthy is founder member of SYA, serving in the capacity of the Vice President, since inception. He comes from a middle class weaver's family. He is a Graduate in History, Economics and Population Studies. He gained expertise in PRA Methodology, Community Forest Management, Credit Usage and Delivery, Composite Credit Mechanism, Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Community Development Planning and Management of Self-Employment Schemes for Youth and Women, Sexual Health, Child Labor, Urban Poverty Assessment, Financial Management, because of his continuous involvement with activities of SYA. He also takes up small consultancy assignments, especially in Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA) and Joint Forest Management (JFM). He continues to stay at Velugode and spares active participant of all SYA activities.



Rodda Rami Reddy is founder member of SYA. He hails from a small farmer family in Velugode village. He served as Secretary on inception of SYA till 1990. On his appointment as Senior Assistant in the State Transport Authority (STA), he had to officially get himself detached from the organization. He holds a Master of Philosophy (M Phil) degree in Population Studies from SVU. He continues to associate himself with SYA, informally and guides his friends in SYA on organizational aspects. He also participates in some activities of the organization such as Board Meetings and Trainings, apart from helping SYA build up linkages with Government Departments. He was Personal Assistant to Commissioner – State Transport, during 1997-2004.



Bandela Gopi is founder member of SYA. He hails from a tenant farmer family in Velugode village. He served as Treasurer on inception of SYA till 1990. On his appointment as Teacher in a Government School in Chittoor District, he had to officially get himself detached from the organization. He is a Post Graduate in Economics from SVU and Graduate in Education from Annamalai University. He continues to associate himself with SYA, informally and guides his friends in SYA on organizational aspects.



Gurram Ram Bhupal Reddy is founder member of SYA. After a stint as honorary member, he has been the President of SYA, since 1990. He is a small farmer living in Velugode. His uncle, Late Gurram Venkat Reddy was a well-known freedom fighter, who went to jail for his association with Indian National Congress. Mr. Buhupal Reddy's studies came to an abrupt end with the High School, after which he had to look after agriculture. He gained expertise in Participatory Rural Appraisal, management of Self Help Groups, housing, sanitation, Social Forestry, Sexual Health and Watershed Management, gender and leadership development, because of his continuous involvement with activities of SYA. He continues to stay at Velugode and continues to be an active participant of all SYA activities.

2 Birth of Star Youth Association

By 1979, a District level NYK was established at Kurnool town. The Coordinator of Kurnool NYK, Sri Mohammad Khaleelulla became interested and excited about big hearts of Velugode teenagers. He specifically traveled to Velugode village to interact with LAV and advised its members to register an association, under Societies Registration Act, so that the group can access not only NYK programmes but also other government schemes. By that time the membership of the association rose from 15 to 82. LAV took the advice of NYK Coordinator and registered LAV as "Star Youth Association" (SYA), on 10 November 1980, with the Registrar of Societies, Kurnool.

Star Youth Association is registered under:

- *Societies Registration Act (XXI) of the 1860 [No. 174 of 1980 dated 10th November 1980] with the Office of the Registrar of Societies, Kurnool*
- *Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act [010270046 dated 4th August 1987] with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI)*
- *Section 12AA [Hqurs.I/88/12A/02-03/ DIT(E) dated 23rd July 2003] with the Department of Income Tax, GoI*
- *Section 80 G [DIT(E)80 G/88/02-03 dated 23rd July 2003] with the Department of Income Tax, GoI*

Ignited by five-teenagers and fuelled by NYK, the "Star Youth Association" thus came into being as a secular, non-profit, non-governmental, Voluntary Organization (VO) constituted with educated and dedicated youth, who then went on to excel both in studies as well as social work.

At present, SYA is managed by a team of professionally trained development workers who chose to remain with the community and area where they originally came from.

Initially, SYA was engaged in community orientated works like literacy, awareness, skill development, tree plantations, leadership training, work camps, youth conference etc. After a decade of youthful activities, SYA took a major leap and transformed itself from a mere elitist youth group to a group with larger agenda of rural development.

Its area of operation also increased from the single Velugode village to a total 125 villages in Kurnool and Anantapur Districts, at the time of writing this report.

Vision

People inhabiting the SYA operational area do not violate human rights; ensure social justice; and share local resources equitably, irrespective of caste, creed, religion and political affiliation.

Mission

Bring and hold together youth of all classes for mutual help and service to the society, especially vulnerable sections; by promoting self-managed, people based institutions, leading to sustainable development

Objectives

1. Encourage and facilitate the youth participation in community development
2. Encourage and assist community interest in matters pertaining to youth
3. Help the Government in implementation of developmental projects in rural areas and popularizing concepts of self-reliance, socialism, democracy, national integration and development of scientific spirit
4. Develop a comprehensive youth service
5. Provide a forum for communication between young people and support development of youth in the society
6. Document newspapers, periodicals, books and leaflets disseminate information to youth
7. Carry out action research on community education and youth problems
8. Develop linkages with regional, national and international organizations related to youth
9. Work for social, educational, economical, physical and political growth of young people as well as needy rural people.

Driving force

The Executive Body of SYA was constituted with 7 members Board. Board's responsibilities were clearly defined and laid down in a written constitution. The management is vested in the Executive Body. It runs programmes/ activities of the SYA, on a day-to-day basis. EB was re-elected by the General Body, once in every 4 years. The Secretary was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organization and represented SYA on all its legal and official matters. Present Board of SYA is furnished in table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Board of SYA, per November 2005

SNo	Name	Designation
1	Mr. G.R.B Reddy	President
2	Mr. KK Murthy	Vice-President
3	Mr. S.C. Hassain	Secretary
4	Mrs. M. Vijayamma	Joint Secretary
5	Mrs. G. Lakshmi Devi	Treasurer
6	Mrs. C. Vardhini	Member
7	Mrs. S. Premamma	Member

Work Stations

SYA's Head Office is located at Velgode village, in a plot of 25 cents, suitable for further development. It has an own pucca building at its head quarter, while rented houses serve as Field Offices at Rudravaram, Sirvel and Atmakur, in Kurnool District and Guthi in Anantapur District.

Head Office of SYA is furnished with computer systems and fax facility. A Documentation Centre stores about 3750 books, covering topics on child care, youth welfare, women's development, population, environment, health, development, etc. Additionally, SYA is on the mailing list of about 40 Foreign and Indian publishing houses and regularly receives periodicals. Documentation Center is open to



SYA members, staff and other development workers.

Mobility of the work force is through one Ambassador Car, 15 motor cycles, 16 mopeds and 15 bicycles. CEO is equipped with a laptop for carrying the work wherever he goes.

Work Force

Table 2.2 furnishes the details of work force of SYA, per November 2005.

Table 2.2: Work Force, per November 05

SNo	Designation	No
1	Chief Executive Officer	1
2	Project Consultants	2
3	PNGO Coordinator	1
4	Agriculture Facilitator	1
5	Hydrological Facilitator	1
6	Institution Development Facilitator	1
7	Gender Facilitator	1
8	Project Coordinator	6
9	Branch Manager	6
10	Central Team Member	10
11	Loan Officer	25
12	Civil Engineer	1
13	Social Organizer	1
14	Village Coordinator	6
15	Community Organizer	15
16	CFM Organizer	2
17	Teacher	3
18	Counselor	1
19	Outreach Workers	4
20	Office Assistant	4
21	Accountant	3
22	Office Manager	6
23	Documentation Manager	1
24	Internal Auditor	1
25	Watchperson	1
26	Cook	1

Current Initiatives

- Andhra Pradesh Farmer Managed Groundwater Systems (APFAMGS) Project
- Farming System Development (FSD) Project
- Dalit Empowerment Programme (DEP)
- Promoting Women's Rights and Gender Equality through SHG Network in Atmakur Mandal
- Micro Finance (MF) and Micro Insurance (MI)
- Community Forest Management Initiatives (CFM)
- Child Labour Special School (CLSS)
- Watershed Management (WM)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health of Youth (SRHY)

3 SYA's work recognized

In its pursuit of rural development, SYA's efforts were recognized at all levels. At local level SYA's work received a regular press coverage. SYA also received several *letters of appreciation/recognition* at the local level particularly from the Primary Health Centers, Mandal Parishad Development Office, Mandal Revenue Office and Forest Department. At the District and State level SYA and its members were honoured for their efforts. In this section, let us look at some of the main awards and appreciations received by SYA.

SYA received the *Andhra Pradesh State Voluntary Organization Award,* from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, in the year 1992. This award is given, every year, to a Non Governmental Organization in recognition of its outstanding services in the field of Rural Development and Social Service. SYA was chosen, in the year 1992, for running vocational training Centers, training on nursery raising, tree plantation, Family Welfare measures and organizing several youth related events.







Star Youth Association

Reg.No.174/80

It is a state level voluntary organisation presently extending its activities in the Kurnool district. It is actively involved in implementing various youth welfare and community development programmes. It organised vocational training centres in tailoring and typewriting benefitting about 60 men and women youth. It has also conducted a training programme for 35 youth of different organisations in raising nurseries and tree plantation. 20 one day family welfare motivation camps in 20 villages of Kurnool Revenue Division were conducted to motivate the people to take to family welfare measures. The highlight of the programmes taken up by the organisation during 1991-92 is the rural women development project covering 10 villages of velgode and Bandi Atmakur Mandals. Under this project 10 women literacy centres, leadership and awareness camps for rural women, training in tailoring and typewriting and interest free credit support for income generation are being taken up. Besides all these welfare measures, the organisation is also involved in organising youth conferences, symposia and seminars for the youth on the themes of national values like social rights of girl child, National integration and financial management, leadership training etc.,

By the nature of activities of this organisation, it is recognised as a best social organisation of the area.

Address :

Village Velgode,
Atmakur Talluk, Kurnool Dt. - 518 533.

Chief Executive Officer of SYA, Mr. S. C. Hassain participated in Micro Finance India Conference at New Delhi, organized by CARE-India. Prof. C. Rangarajan, then the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, participated as Chief Guest in the conference. He appreciated the work of SYA and promised to visit SYA's area of operation.

Vice President of SYA, Mr. K. K. Murthy received *Best Volunteer award,* on the occasion of State level National Integration Camp held at Hyderabad, under Directorate of Youth Services, GoAP, in the year 1991.

SYA won the *District Youth Award* instituted by Nehru Yuva Kendra for services rendered during the financial year 1991-92, from the District Collector, Kurnool. The award consisted of a shield, a certificate of appreciation and INR 1000 in cash.

SYA received a district level award for running its Child Labour School at Velgode, efficiently, in the year 2004. The Clerk cum Cluster Organizer (CCO), Mr. Raghavender Reddy, received the award from the Honourable Minister of Mines and Geology, Shri. M. Mareppa, at Kurnool town.

Mr. G. S. R. Reddy, former Treasurer of SYA received certificate of appreciation from Velgode Farmer Association, for his excellent service in youth related activities, in Velgode village. He received the certificate from Dr. Shiva Shanker Reddy, a local Medical Practitioner and leader of farmer society.

Chief Executive Officer of SYA, Mr. S. C. Hassain received *a certificate of commendation* on the occasion of Independency Day (August 15) celebrations in the year 2004, for his efforts in promoting Women Self Help Groups and linking them with Banks.

Project Coordinator of SYA, Ms. Sarithanjali received a *certificate of commendation,* in 2003, for promoting Women Self Help Groups and facilitating formation of Village and Mandal SHG Networks.

Several citations were made on the work of SYA, some of which are shown on the next page.












GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

This Commendation Certificate is issued to

Sri & Smt. Hassan.

Working as Star youth Association, Velgodu.

on the eve of 54th Republic day on the 26th January 2003 in recognition of his / her outstanding work during the year 2002 - 2003.

Dist. Revenue Officer KURNOOL

Collector & District Magistrate KURNOOL


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has submitted their 2002 Institutional Action Plan and is an active member of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Council of

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NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

May it be Known that

This Certificate has been presented to

Star Youth Association, Velgode

by

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kurnool

In appreciation of the voluntary services rendered during 1991-92 Presented this 15th day of January 1992

YOUTH COORDINATOR

DISTRICT COLLECTOR & CHAIRMAN


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Congratulations for Being a Valued Partner for Our Rural Business for the Year 2003 – 2004.

Shridhar Sathuluri

4 Partnerships of SYA in rural development

SYA was a self ignited social action, which later received financial and technical support from several local, district, state, national and international agencies. We now look at Partnerships of SYA with different agencies, right through its 25 years of existence.

Memberships/Affiliations:

- NOVOK, Network of Voluntary Organizations of Kurnool District
- Sa-Dhan, a national level collective of Community Finance Development Institutions
- ICYO, India Council of Youth Organization
- Micro Credit Summit Council of Non Governmental Organizations
- APVHA, Andhra Pradesh Voluntary Health Association
- NYK, Nehru Yuva Kendra
- CACL, Campaign Against Child Labor
- RMK, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh
- WARI, White Ribbon Alliance – India
- JIGNYASA, Network for Youth Reproductive Sexual Health

Grant-in-aid from Individuals

- Membership Fee
- Donations from members

Grant-in-aid from Government Agencies

- CAPART, Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology, GoI
- MoE&F, Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI
- MoL, Ministry of Labour, GoI
- DYA&S, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports (Under MoHRD, Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI)
- DLA, Department of Legal Affairs (Under MoL&J, Ministry of Law and Justice, GoI)
- CSWB, Central Social Welfare Board, GoI
- DYS, Directorate of Youth Services, GoAP
- APSWF, Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Fund, GoAP
- DRDA, District Rural Development Agency, Kurnool
- DWMA, District Water Management Agency, Kurnool
- APSACS, Andhra Pradesh State Aids Control Society, GoAP

Grant-in-aid from International Agencies

- SIDA, Swedish International Development Agency, Sweden
- KFO, Austria
- UMC, United Methodist Church, USA
- SKN, Stichiting Kinderpostzegels Naderland, The Netherlands
- Action Aid India, UK
- NOVIB, Norwegian
- (Through a Nodal Agency - Center for People's Forestry, Hyderabad)
- AHB, Andheri Hilfe-Bonn, Germany
- TBF, The Bridge Foundation, USA

Grant-in-aid from Multi/Bi-Laterals

- UNDP, United Nation's Development Programme
- FAO, Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations
- (Through a Nodal Agency – BIRDS, Bharathi Integrated Rural Development Society)
- (Through a Nodal Agency – AMEF, Agriculture Man Ecology Foundation)
- GTZ, German Technical Cooperation, Germany
- (Through a Nodal Agency – FWWB-I, Friends of the Women World Banking - India)

Loan from Financial Institutions

- BASIX,
- RMK, Rashtriya Mahila Khosh
- NMDFC, National Minority Development Finance Corporation
- FWWB-I, Friends of Women World Banking - India
- ICICI, a commercial bank

Loan from Individuals

- Board members
- Executive Director, BIRDS a NGO

5 Thriving for rural literacy

Literacy was the igniting force for the existence of SYA today. Naturally, it continued to spread literacy even today through several of its self initiatives as well as a part of externally supported activities.

During 1983-84, SYA concentrated more on adult education and could make about 150 illiterate youth as literates (ability to read and write). 20 members of SYA conducted evening classes on a weekly basis for those 150 students at the Somayajula Street corner of Velgode.



The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the year 1990 as International Literacy year (ILY) to intensify efforts to spread literacy and education the world over. The year was also observed as the year of the girl child by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries. In an effort to support these two remarkable declarations, SYA opened an Adult Education Centre for Young Women in Dasaripeta of Velgode, on the National Youth Day, January 12, 1990. A batch of 15 young women was enrolled in the literacy centre for a 6-month intensive course.



Apart from starting an Adult Education Center at Velgode, SYA also celebrated the Year of the Girl-child by organizing Awareness Generation meetings for students of other Non Formal Education (NFE) Centers, run in nearby villages. Topics covered included: status of girl in a family, girl's Education, special care needs of a young girl, etc. Table 5.1 gives details of the same.



Table 5.1: Awareness Generation Meetings organized by SYA to mark the Year of the Girl Child

SN	NFE Center	Village	No
1.	Kottakottalu	Abdullapuram	22
2.	Devalam Veedi	P Devalapuram	20
3.	Sher Ahmed Street	Velgode	24
4.	Kapu Veedi,	Velgode	25
5.	Gangabavi Veedi	Velgode	19
	Total No of students		110

As part of the Adult Literacy programme, starting with NYK support in 1988 and later under SIDA programme, SYA conducted intensive 6-moth vocational training programme for empowering the women with skills in tailoring and typewriting. Forty poor young educated girls were trained in lower typewriting course, in two batches, during 1992-93. Forty more girls from Mothkur, Narayanpur, Abdullapuram and Lingapuram were trained in tailoring, during 1992-93.

6 Sports – a platform for community organization

First grant-in-aid was received by SYA from NYK-Kurnool on 18th May 1981, in the form of INR 1,000/- for buying sports material. They used this money for buying articles such as carom-board, badminton bats, volley balls, etc. With hectic sporting activity, the association membership again rose to 150. SYA organized games/sport competitions, using this material.

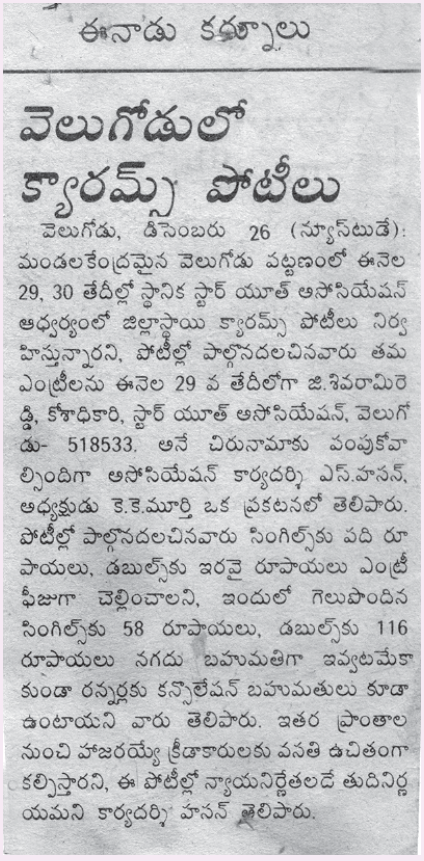
In February 1982, SYA organized District Level Ball Badminton Tournament at ZPHS grounds. Regional (Atmakur Taluk) Carroms competitions were organized by SYA in January 1983. In the moth of July 1983, SYA conducted a volley ball coaching camp for local youth, with the help of a resource person deputed by NYK.

SYA held a Volleyball coaching camp for Rural Youth from 20-07-1983 to 30-07-1983 at Z.P. High School, Velgode in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kurnool. On behalf of Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mr. S. Ahamed Hussain, NIS Vollyball coach headed the camp. Three teams were trained and benefited through the camp.



SYA conducted Regional Level Sports and Games tournaments from 30-01-1983 to 31-01-1983 in Velgode





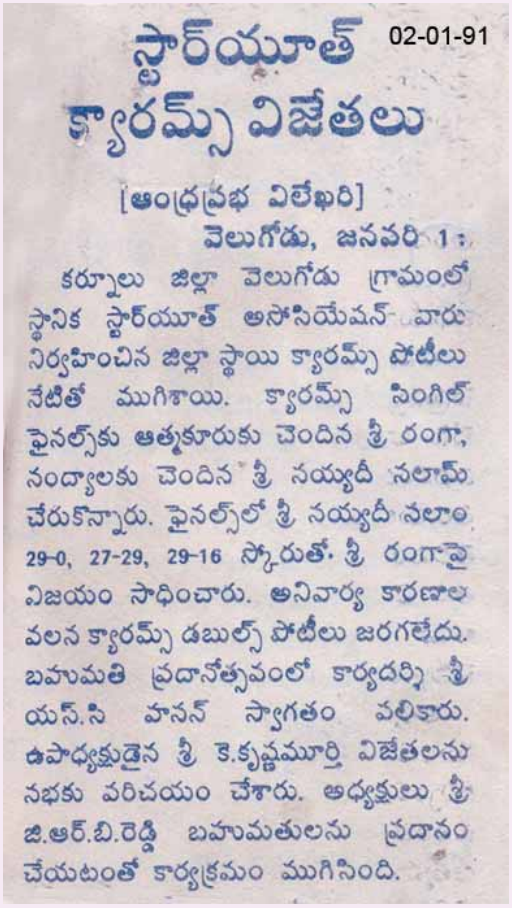
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Year 1985 was declared International Youth Year by the UN. SYA organized a District level Corroms Competitions in the moth of January to mark the occasion, with NYK support.

SYA conducted a Carroms Competitions for local youth groups in order to develop team spirit from 13-02-1982 to 14-02-1982 at Samithi Elementary School, Velgode. Another District level Carroms Tournament was organized by SYA during 29-30 of December, 1990, in its rented office premises. More than 25 players participated in the tournament. The tournament included two open categories viz., singles and doubles. Cash prizes were given to winners in each category.



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SYA held a sports competition for women and children, on occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's birth day, in the year 2004. About 450 women and 246 children participated in the meet, from 20 villages. Women sports included musical chairs, skipping, running, singing, kabaddi and kho kho, while children competed in events like running, kabaddi, kho kho, singing and skipping. Winners were given prizes.







7 Cultural Art - a medium to spread messages

Cultural medium was a powerful tool in the hands of SYA, since the beginning, to spread messages related to its work. SYA continued to use different forms of cultural art, especially the folk-art to bring its messages effectively to rural masses. SYA covered a variety of topics including literacy, HIV/AIDS, human rights, gender roles, and groundwater management.

A major cultural programme was organized by SYA at Z.P. High School premises on 20-08-1980 and Association members staged three Telugu dramas viz., Varudu Kavalenu (Bridegroom wanted), Eechata Sanmanamulu Cheyabadunu (Falicitations done here) and Alludu Vasthunadu Jagratha (Beware, son-in-law is coming).



SYA organized a Folk Art Festival, under NYK, at Velgode, ZPHS, in March 1986. 27 folk artistes performed different art forms such as tolubommalata (puppetry), golla suddulu (shepherd's stories), kollatam (a dance form using sticks) and bhajana (spiritual songs).



A novel Cultural Campaign, called Podupulakshmi Kalajatha (Thrift Goddess folk art) in all project villages by the SYA staff/ volunteers as Artists of the Campaign in the months of August, September and October of 1995.



A Cultural Training camp was organized in 1998 for 20 SHG leaders members (10 from each Mandal), selected by the MNOs. This was an uplanned activity organized after recognizing the importance of intervention through internal monitoring of other partner NGOs. The total

training period was 8 days. Different mass media communication skills were covered in this training, highlighting issues like literacy, education, thrift, health, women empowerment and social justice.



Under APFAMGS Project, in the year 2004, kalajatha (cultural programme based on different forms of folk art) was used as communication tool to spread project messages, at all the 70 target villages of the project in Anantapur and Kurnool Districts. After the Kalajatha people started realizing the importance of the Ground Water Management concept and felt that huge investments on bore well drilling is putting the farmer is debts.





Box 7.1: Case Study of APFAMGS Project

Narayan Naik in tears after seeing his own experience highlighted in kalajatha

Mr Naraya Naik of Japla Thanda, in Anantapur District, was a small farmer eking out living by cultivating dry crops on his 9-acre patch of land. He wanted to go in for irrigated crop and planted Citrus in 4 acres. He drilled two bore wells, of which one was successful with low yield. The yield was not sufficient for irrigating his 4 acre Citrus crop. After 6 months the second bore well also went dry.

To save the plants, he drilled 7 bore wells randomly, of which two wells yielded marginally. With total yield of two bore wells also, he was unable to irrigate his crop. He took loans for drilling the bore wells, hoping that one good crop can solve all his problems. But, unfortunately that did not happen and now he repents for his blind investments, knowing fully well that chances of getting a bore well with sufficient yield were minimal. He also realized that there were several other farmers in his village, who have the same experience as his.

A Kalajatha Show was organized under APFAMGS Project at Japla Thanda in 2004. Mr. Naraya Naik also attended the show. One play-let in the show depicted a farmer going in blindly for drilling bore wells for irrigating his crops and ending up in debts, ultimately committing suicide unable to repay his loans. He was in tears when the play-let was on and realized how close the play-let resembled his real life. After the kalajatha, he came to APFAMGS staff, in tears, and narrated his experience and congratulated them for working for a noble cause. He extended his support in all the project activities, later.

8 Developing leadership qualities in youth

As SYA itself was a voluntary initiative of young people, it continued to target youth for all its activities, in the beginning. SYA still continued to use the power of youth in spreading messages of its plethora of activities.

In 1980, immediately after the registration, SYA was affiliated to NYK-Kurnool and made partner of all NYK activities in the district. First exposure of Velgude youth to outside world was in the form of participation in a training camp "Youth Leadership Training" organized by NYK-Kurnool.

By 1982, SYA graduated from a mere participant in NYK to that of actually organizing its Youth Leadership trainings, in Velgode itself, covering entire district. Its members became trainers of fresh youth seeking training by that time. Again in July 1983, SYA conducted another Youth Leadership Training Camp, which continued till 1985, on annual basis.



Year 1985 was declared International Youth Year by UN. District Youth Conference was organized by SYA in June, in Velgode (ZPHS), wherein 85 youth representatives from different youth organizations across the district participated.

In August 1986, NYK organized youth leaders training camp at Kurnool. Two representatives of SYA participated as trainees in the programme. In November, the same year, two volunteers from SYA participated in Youth Work camp under NYK.

In January 1987, NYK organized a seminar on self-employment schemes and social responsibility at Velgode. 15 educated unemployed youth participated in the discussions. In August, the same year, SYA organized a lecture on Indian War of Independence and youth, wherein a History lecturer delivered the lecture. 15 SYA members attended this lecture. In December, a Youth Leadership training camp under NYK was organized at Atmakur town. 4 members of SYA participated as trainees.

In January 1988, SYA organized Workshop on "youth association and village development" on the eve of National Youth Day at Velgode. 18 representatives from youth associations in Velgode mandal participated in the workshop. Same month, a lecture programme on "social welfare through a youth association" was organized at Velgode. 25 members of SYA



participated in the lecture delivered by the District Social Welfare Officer. October – started a 6-month free vocational training (type writing) was imparted in rented premises. 25 educated tribal youth attended this training programme.

SYA organized a Group discussion Programme of "Women rights in present Indian Society" held on 05-02-1989. Mrs. Rani of Vijayawada, a Social Worker conducted the programme and attended by 20 young women.



SYA observed the National Youth Day on 12-01-1989 by organizing a symposium on "Youth Workers and Social Change" Total 15 Youth workers participated.

SYA held a regional Youth Leaders Meeting on 10-2-1991 at the Mandal Praja Parisad Primary School, Velgode, wherein 24 in member-representatives of various Youth Associations drawn from Atmakur Assembly Constituency of the Kurnool District participated. The objective of the meeting was to provide grass roots youth leaders with an Opportunity to exchange views and experiences on the Role of Youth organizations in the village Development.

An eve of "Voluntary Action Day" SYA organized a "Youth Work Camp" to Construct ½ km approach road of the local Z.P. High School and a meeting on "National Integration" at Vempenta Village, Pamulapadu Mandal of the Kurnool district in collaboration with local Diamond Youth Association. Forty four youth Workers Comprising representing various Youth Associations and village teachers took part in the programme.



As part of the programme, ½ km approach road of the local Z.P.P. High school was constructed by the participants. After that, a meeting on "national integration" was held at office of the diamond Youth Association.

SYA organized a five day State Level National Integration Camp at the Campus of Telugu University, Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh from 26th to 30th July, 1993, under the Central Scheme of Financial Assistance for promotion of national Integration. Objectives of the camp were to: infuse the spirit of National Unity and brotherhood among youth who have the greatest share in production and development; familiarize youth with the issues of National Integration; prepare a "Plan of Action" for the Student and non-student youth organizations to play positive role towards National Integration; and Increase the level of knowledge about the all religious teaching. Lectures were followed by interaction in the camp, apart from Group Discussions, Role Play, Film Shows, Rally and sight seeing to holy places of all Religions.



SYA received 168 requests from different youth organizations, NSS, NYK, Mahila Mandals and Voluntary Organizations. Due to financial limitations, SYA selected 50 youth (16 women) from Kurnool, Chittoor, Anantapur, Mahbubnagar, Ranga Reddy, Kadapa, Krishna, Warangal, Nalgoda and Guntur Districts.

Apart from conducting activities, SYA also participated in several programmes conducted by others such as: Workshop on "role of youth in modern society and women development"; Youth Work Camp on laying of internal roads at Kothapathakota; Social Forestry in Velgode conducted by Population and Environmental Education Center; NYK sponsored exposure visit to Youth organizations in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa; "Orientation Programme for Youth workers Income Generation Project for Women" organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra (International Youth Center), New Delhi for selected youth workers in India form 18th to 22nd march, 1991 at its premises.

If the law in books was good and the law in action was bad, Legal Awareness and Legal Action was required to put the law in motion and draw its benefits are conditions for securing justice under the law. Keeping that in view, SYA organized a Para-Legal Training Camp for Young Social Workers at Nandyal from 27th to 31st March, 1993. The training programme was sponsored by the Department of Legal Affairs, Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes (CILAS), under the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (GoI).



Participants of the Training Camp included young social workers representing their Youth Associations, Women's Associations and other Voluntary Agencies. Out of 89 youth applying for the training, only 30 were invited owing to budget constraints. However, 42 turned up at the venue, which had to be accommodated by raising donations.

The Honourable District and Sessions Judge of Kurnool, Shri. J. Dasaradhi (also the Ex-Officio Chairman of the District Legal Aid Committee, Kurnool) graced the occasion to share his valuable experiences. Apart from six members of SYA, six reputed Advocates practicing at Nandyal and Kurnool towns participated in the camp as resource persons.



The five-day training camp consisted of lecture sessions of resource persons were followed by lively and extensive discussions on topics:

- Role of Para-legal system in Rural Development – Social Analysis and Social Work
- First Information Report (FIR), Complaint, investigation, trail, Judgment, punishment and evidence in criminal cases;
- Crime categories, criminal liability, structure of criminal court and their jurisdiction
- Motor and Transport Vehicle (MTV) Acts
- Criminal procedure code, rights of neglected wives, children, parents their maintenance and duties of citizens
- Function and powers of police officers, citizens legal remedies against police torture and abuses of power
- Constitutional law, supreme court relating to the fundamental rights, constitutional rights
- Constitutional rights of ST, SC, women, minorities, constitutional remedies, case of writ petition and Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and Tenancy Act
- Civil courts and their jurisdiction, procedure in civil cases injection power of attorney, affidavit and notice.
- Points to remember when buying land, sale, mortgage, leas, gifts of property and code of compensation
- Law relating to Marriages and Divorce of Hindus, Muslims and Christians
- Governmental Legal Aid Schemes to the poor, Committee for implementing legal and Schemes (CILAS) and Plan of Action of the Para legal trainees
- Land Acquisition and procedures, contract laws
- Remedies against offences of marriages, dowry, prostitution, untouchability, public nuisance, breach of peace, self-offences and outraging the modesty of women

In the concluding session, Shri B. Ananda Mohan, Subordinate Judge of Nandyal gave the valedictory address. The camp concluded with awarding of certificates of participation to the trainees.



9 Advocating for a small family

Small family norm one of the strong pillars of SYA, not only preached but also practiced by all its members. It continued its work on family welfare with young couples as well as teenagers advocating for small family.

SYA held a public meeting at Samithi Upper Primary School, Velgode on "Responsible Parenthood" on 27-03-1981 and the speaker of the meeting was Mr. N. Prasad, Lecturer in Population studies, S.N.S.R. College, Velgode.

SYA members Mr. S.C. Hassain, Mr. S. Obulesh and Mr.K.K.Murthy attended and spoke in a Discussion programme on "The Family Planning and False rumours" conducted by the Population and environmental education center, Velgode, on 22-02-1985.

Mr. S.C.Hassain of SYA participated in the "Population Education and Family Welfare Orientation Programme" organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra, New Delhi from 20-01-1988 to 24-01-1988.

Modern Contraceptive Methods awareness Programme for married women from 07-05-1988 to 14-05-1988 organized by SYA. Nearly 175 young women participated in the 10 groups meetings.

SYA Conducted a Lecture Programme on "Family Life Education for non-student youth" on 05-10-1988. 20 non-student youth participated.

Population and Family Life Educational Campaign for Student Youth was organized from July 21 to 24, 1989, as part of youth-to-youth population activities, for students of four Junior/Degree Colleges viz., Government Junior College – Atmakur, Government Degree College – Nandikotkur, Government Arts College - Kurnool and Sri Venkateshwara Degree College - Giddalur. Mr. G. Bramahananda Reddy, Research Scholar and Mrs. Sai Sujatha, UGC-Research Fellow of the Department of Population studies, Sri Venkateswra University, Tirupati gave two lectures in each college. About 180 student youth participated in the campaign.

In commemoration of the "World Population Day" observed all over the World on 11th July, the SYA organized a special lecture programme on "The role of rural youth in population and Environmental issues" at Santhajutoor village with the help of local Chaitanya Youth Association. 35 young people of the village attended the programme. In his special lecture, Mr.S.C.Hassain, UGC-Senior Research Fellow of the Department of population studies, SVU, Thirupathi and Secretary of SYA called upon the youth to strive earnestly for the control of population and saving of environment.





వనమహోత్సవం సందర్భంగా నంతజూటూరు గ్రామంలో చైతన్య యువజన సంఘం సభ్యులు, ఆ గ్రామ సర్పంచ్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో చెట్లు నాటుతున్న దృశ్యం

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వెలుగోడు, జులై 14 (న్యూస్‌లైన్ ప్రతినిధి): వెలుగోడులోని స్టార్ యూత్ ఆర్గనైజేషన్, నంతజూటూరు గ్రామానికి చెందిన చైతన్య యువజన సంఘం సంయుక్త ఆధ్వర్యంలో నంతజూటూరు గ్రామంలో ప్రపంచ జనాభా దినోత్సవాన్ని నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా పర్యావరణ రక్షణలో గ్రామీణ యువత పాత్ర అనే అంశంపై ప్రత్యేక ఉపన్యాస కార్యక్రమంలో శ్రీ వెంకటేశ్వర యూనివర్సిటీ జనాభా అధ్యయన కేంద్ర విభాగపు యు.జి.సి సీనియర్ రిసెర్చ్ ఫెలో వెలుగోడు స్టార్ యూత్ కార్యకర్తల ఎన్.ఎస్.ఎస్ వాలంటీర్లు పాల్గొన్నారు. సమావేశంలో ఎన్.ఎస్.ఎస్ మాజీవాలంటీర్ ప్రతి సంవత్సరం జులై 11వ తేదీన ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా జనాభా దినోత్సవాలు జరుగుతున్నాయని, జనాభా సంబంధిత అంశాలు ప్రతి ఒక్కరిలో అవగాహన కల్పించడం, గణాంక సేకరణ ప్రయోజనాలను వ్యక్తిగతంగా, సామాజికంగా ప్రయోజనాలను వివరించడం ఈ జనాభా దినోత్సవాల ప్రధాన లక్ష్యమని అయన అన్నారు. జనాభా పెరుగుదల, పర్యావరణ పరిరక్షణ అనే అంశాలు సన్నిహిత సంబంధం కలిగి ఉన్నాయని, నేటి ప్రపంచంలో మన భారతదేశంలాంటి అభివృద్ధి చెందుతున్న దేశాలలో జనాభా పెరుగుదలకు 95 శాతం దోహదపడుతున్నాయని వారన్ తెలిపారు. ప్రస్తుత ప్రపంచ జనాభా 5.4 బిలియన్లు జనాభా ఉన్నదని క్రీ.శ. రెండువేల సంవత్సరానికి ఈ జనాభా 6.3 బిలియన్లకు చేరుకుంటున్నదని ప్రపంచ జనాభాలో మనదేశ జనాభా 16 శాతం ఉన్నదని వారన్ తెలిపారు. ప్రస్తుత పర్యావరణంలో వస్తున్న చేగాలు, ప్రస్తుత పర్యావరణతో ప్రపంచంలోని ఉత్పత్తిదాయకాలైన అరణ్యాలలో కేవలం ఒక శాతం మాత్రమే అరణ్యాలు మనదేశంలో ఉన్నాయని, మనకున్న నల్ల భూభాగంలో మరింత తక్కువగా ఉన్న ప్రకృతి సంపద దానికోసరం అడవులు తగ్గిపోతూ ఇంకరంవల్ల తీవ్ర పరిణామాలకు దారితీస్తూ భవిష్యత్ అందరం రంగా మారుతున్నదని అయన వివరించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో భాగంగా వందలకు మొక్కలను గ్రామంలో నాటి వనమహోత్సవం కూడా జరిపారు.

Twenty one-day Family Welfare Motivation Camps for Youth were organized by SYA, in 20 Mandals of the Kurnool Revenue Division of the Kurnool District, with the financial support of government of Andhra Pradesh, Directorate of Youth Services and Yuvasakti from 14th September to 30th December, 1991. 1238 rural youth (1058 males and 180 females) participated in the camp. Resource Persons for all the 20 camps included the Youth Workers and Volunteers, staff of the District Extension and Media Office (DMHO Office), Nehru Yuva Kendra, Primary Health Centers of the concerned Mandal and other non-Governmental Voluntary agencies, apart from members of Star Youth Association. Camps started with presentations of resource persons followed by live discussions, group discussions and distribution of small booklets on Family Welfare to all the participants.



On July 11th, 1992 World Population Day was celebrated by SYA, on the advice of FPAI, SYA organized a special lectures programme at Gattu thanda (a Tribal Colony) by focusing on the theme "Youth Leaders in Social Change". Around 125 tribal youth participated in the programme. At the beginning of the programme, Mr. Sukur Naik, Adviser of CBYA and Mr. Moti Naik, Panchayat Member discussed health problems of the tribal community. In his key note address, Mr. S. C. Hassain, UGC-Senior Research Fellow of the Department of Population Studies, SVU, Thirupathi and the Secretary of SYA called upon the youth to strive earnestly for the promotion of family welfare and quality of life. Mr. B. Ambram Singh, Health Education Officer of the Primary Health Centre, Velgode stressed the need for adopting temporary methods by tribal young couples. His lecture discussed vital issues of Planned Parenthood and contraception. In addition to this, Mr. B. Sreenivasulu, Health Assistant, PHC, Velgode has delivered a lecture on "Infant and Child Needs". Several local distinguished people – Mrs. Hussainamma, (President of Yanadi Tribal Welfare Association), Mr.Lakshman Swamy, (President of Abyudaya Youth Association) and Mr. Seervella Razak (President of Minorities Youth Federation) attended the programme.





To highlight the values of Two Child Family, SYA was entrusted the responsibility of organizing two village based campaign for "Two Child Family" for rural women in two villages at the Navajyothi Mahila Sangam, Mothukur village and Surya Mahila Sangam, Lingapuram village for 70 participants on 30th August, 1992 and 8th September, 1992, respectively. Topics discussed included Immunization, Nutrition, Gender discrimination, Maternal and Child Health, Breastfeeding, Merits and demerits of Two Child Family, and quality of life. To make the campaign effective, novel methods such as posters, songs, inter-personal communication, and Question-to-Answer exercise were used.

Directorate of Youth services, Hyderabad has sanctioned grant to SYA in the month of December, 1992 for conducting 10 one day Family Welfare Motivation Camps (FWMC) for Youth in 10 Mandals of Nandyal Revenue Division of the Kurnool district. Accordingly, SYA conducted FWMCs at Nandyal, Panyam, Banagangapalli, Kolimigundla, Dornipadu, Sanjamala, Gadivemula, Bandi-Atmakur, Mahanandi and Kolilakuntla. Topic covered in FWMCs through lectures included: Population growth Problems – Population and Development – Population and Environment – Population and Health Population and quality of Life / Standard of living, Responsible parenthood, Maternal and Child Care and Immunization, Reproductive Health problems of Teenage girls and Teenage parents; Teenage pregnancy problems, Sex Education for younger generation-process of conception sexually Transmitted Diseases, Family Planning programme – Modern Family planning Methods and Merits, usefulness and Role of Youth in promotion of family welfare/small family norms at their community level. Topic covered in FWMCs through lectures included: Problems of Teenage Pregnancy, False rumours about Family Planning Methods and Role of youth in promotion of family planning/small family norms in Rural Area.



On 11th July 1993 SYA conducted a meeting on "Population stabilization – need for voluntary Action" at Archna Mahila Sangam, Velgode for the benefit of local grass-roots youth and women's organizations. 15 youth organizations

took part on the occasion. Apart from SYA, Research Scholars of the Department of Population studies, SVU, Tirupati participated in the meeting. NGOs were called upon to come forward to support the Government's Family welfare programme to check the fast growing population rate which posed a real threat which despite its rapid development strides in various fields would not be basic amenities. The Challenge for youth and women NGOs was perceived as to offer appropriate choices of contraception based on different circumstances of a couple.

A Special Family Planning Camp was organized by Health and Family welfare and Revenue Departments of Velgode Mandal, at the Premises of Zilla Parishad High School on 20th February, 1994. 76 Tubectomies were performed in the camp, of which 4 cases were one-child mothers. SYA has actively participated in the camp and donated one set of steel plate and glass to each sterilized women. Further, SYA forwarded applications of sterilized women to the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Kurnool for special incentive of INR.1,000/- to each.

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of Family (IYF). The theme of IYF was "Family Resources and Responsibilities in a changing world". SYA has conducted a 2- day workshop on May 16-17, 1994 at Velgode Mandal headquarters, which provided an opportunity for rural women not only to share ideas on family issues but also develop action plan of their future concerns. 30 women leaders from SYA project villages actively participated in the workshop. Resource persons for the workshop included a Research Associate for SUV, Librarian of Sri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy Degree College Velgode and several Chief functionaries of well-known NGOs. The objective of IYF, Principles, and IYF Agenda for NGOs, IYF Agenda for families, concerns and guidelines for IYF Action Plan, Value of Girl Child in a family and Youth Responsibilities in a good family building were discussed in the workshop.

On the occasion of the World Population Day 1994, SYA organized a group discussion programme on "Family - a source of Happiness". 25 Youth Leaders took part in the programme representing 15 Youth-NGOs working in the Kurnool District. The platform gave an opportunity for drawing attention of youth leaders to the inter link between family and social change.

A "Buttonhole Sterilization" camp was organized by the District Medical and Health Department and Mandal Primary Health Centre, Velgode in co-ordination with local NGOs at Z.P. High School on 24th August, 1995. Eminent expert of Buttonhole sterilization Dr. Rama Krishna Reddy conducted check-ups and striations for women. SYA extended active cooperation for success of the camp, by motivating and mobilizing a number of eligible women having more than 2 children. SYA also provided basic arrangements at the camp site.



వెలుగోడులో ఆపరేషన్లు

[ఆంధ్రప్రభ విలేఖరి]

వెలుగోడు, ఫిబ్రవరి 22:

వెలుగోడు జిల్లా పరిషత్ పాఠశాల ఆవరణలో 20 న ప్రత్యేక 'కుటుంబ నియంత్రణ' శస్త్రచికిత్స శిబిరాన్ని స్థానిక మండల రెవెన్యూ అధికారి శ్రీ యం.వి. సుబ్బారెడ్డి ప్రారంభించారు. అనంతరం 76 మంది మహిళలకు ఆపరేషన్లు చేశారు. ఈ శిబిరాన్ని జిల్లా వైద్య శాఖాధికారి డాక్టర్ అంజినిరెడ్డి నందర్శించారు. ఆపరేషన్లు చేయించుకున్న మహిళలను అభినందించారు. అధిక సంతానం ఆరోగ్యానికి , ప్రమాదకరమని అన్నారు. ఈ శిబిరంలో డాక్టర్ జి.పి. లింగారెడ్డి, మరో 5 మంది డాక్టర్లు ఆపరేషన్లను నిర్వహించారు.

ఆపరేషన్ చేయించుకున్న వారిలో ఒకరే సంతానం కలిగిన వారు సల్లురు ఉండటం విశేషం. ఈసారి జరిగిన శిబిరంలో 30 మంది ముస్లిం మహిళలు కూడా ఆపరేషన్లు చేయించుకోవడం మారిన పరిణామమని ఎం.ఆర్.ఓ. శ్రీ సుబ్బారెడ్డి సంతోషం వ్యక్తం చేశారు. ఆపరేషన్ చేయించుకున్న మహిళకు 200 రూపాయలు అందజేశారు. ఆర్.డి.ఎస్. సంస్థ, స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ సంస్థ వారికి ప్రోత్సాహ బహుమతులు ఇచ్చారు. దాతలు కూడా అదనంగా 50 రూపాయలు అందజేశారు. మంత్రలాభివృద్ధి అధికారి శ్రీ బి. సుబ్బయ్య స్థానిక వైద్య బృందం, వివిధ స్వచ్ఛంద సంస్థలు ఆపరేషన్ చేయించుకున్న మహిళలకు సేవా సహకారాలు అందించారు.

10 For a better health of rural children

Safeguarding the health of rural children through motivating parents was focal point of SYA initiative, since its inception. In collaboration with doctors (both governmental and private practitioners), SYA made sure that the health status of rural children improved. In doing so, it made good use of both Governmental and Non Governmental initiatives.

In order to eradicate Polio from India by 2000 AD, a goal set by the World Health Organization (WHO), Pulse Polio Immunization (PPI) initiative was taken up by the Government of India, under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Under the PPI, all children aged 0-3 years in India were administrated one dose of oral Polio Vaccine each, on 09-12-95 and 20-02-1996. As part of extending support to the Government efforts, the SYA was involved in a big way, in its project villages/hamlets in Velgode Mandal. An intensive campaign in the project area was carried out by holding SHGs Group meetings, distribution of pamphlets/ leaflets, providing a Jeep for Medical Department, and providing Volunteers at the Vaccine Centers.



71 Women leaders from SHGs of Velgode Mandal gathered at the SYA Central Office building Velgode to observe the World Health Day - 1997, celebrated annually on 7th April.

SYA organized Awareness Meetings for young couples who belong to SHGs families at Sirvel Field Office on 11.07.1997. The meeting was aimed to allow the young couples an opportunity to learn reproductive health problems and its causes, threats and opportunities and to promote regular effective, reproductive health care. 38 young couples attended the meeting.

WHO selected "Safe Motherhood" as a theme for the observance of the World Health Day for the year 1998. Focusing on the theme, SYA organized an awareness meeting at MPP Main School for SHG members to mark the day. Four essential elements for a Maternal Health Programme were discussed in the camp. 38 pregnant women and lactating mothers participated.



SYA observed the World Population Day 1998 jointly with the Guntakandala Village SHG Network at local MPP School on 11-07-1998 by organizing an awareness camp for the benefit of SHG members, particularly pregnant

women and lactating mothers. Discussions were held on the theme "safe motherhood in a safe environment – shared needs and shared care". SYA called attention of participants to various studies which proved that most Indian women suffered from chronic mal-nutrition ever since childhood, and that state was extended throughout their life. Besides good nutrition, pregnant women needed education beyond primary level, and respect and consideration in their home and in their SHGs. All the participants actively participated in live discussions.



With the active support of SYA field staff, the teams of the Directorate of Field Publicity (DEP), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, came across the incidence of iodine deficiency in SYA project areas - Velgode & Atmakur Mandals. Three teams of the DEP led by the Field Publicity Officer Mr. BDM Ambedkar, under took an eighty-day campaign advocating consumption of iodised salt in the tribal areas. The teams came across 12 cases of full-blown goiter – 7 in Velpanur village, 2 in Velgode village and one in Atmakur. About 300 students of pre-university level at Velgodu were also not aware of the diseases caused by iodine deficiency. The teams tried to educate people through Film Shows on iodine deficiency-induced health problems like mental retardation, stunted grown and goiter wee screened and meetings were organised.



మహిళా సంక్షేమమే అభివృద్ధికి సూచిక

వెలుగోడు, జనవరి 3 (న్యూస్‌టుడే): మహిళల పాత్ర కుటుంబ సంక్షేమంలో ఎంతో ఉన్నతమైందని, ఈనాడు మహిళల అభివృద్ధి క్రమబద్ధమైన రీతిలో జరగడంలేదని, అంతేకాకుండా అభివృద్ధి ఫలితాలు స్త్రీలకు చేరడంలేదని, వారి అభివృద్ధికి కృషి చేయాల్సిన అవసరం ఎంతైనా ఉందని మహిళా సంక్షేమమే అభివృద్ధికి సూచిక అనే విషయాన్ని ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ గుర్తించాల్సిందిగా వెలుగోడు స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ కార్యదర్శి శ్రీ వెంకటేశ్వర యూనివర్సిటీ జనాభా అధ్యయన శాస్త్ర విభాగపు సీనియర్ రీసెర్చ్ ఫెలో ఎస్.సి.హనన్ అన్నారు. మండల వరిధిలోని మోతుకూరు గ్రామంలోని మండల ప్రజాపరిషత్ ప్రాథమిక పాఠశాలలో వెలుగోడు స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో ఏర్పాటైన కుటుంబ సంక్షేమ ప్రోత్సాహ శిబిరంలో ఆయన ప్రసంగించారు. ఈనాడు సమాజంలో పురుషులతో సమాన స్థాయిలో స్త్రీలు గౌరవింపబడడంలేదని, కనుక అభివృద్ధి కార్యక్రమాల్లో మహిళలకు సమాన అవకాశాలు కల్పిస్తే వారి అభివృద్ధి రేటు వేగం పుంజుకుంటుందని, కనుక ఆడవారే స్వయంగా తమ ఆడపిల్లల పట్ల వివక్ష చూపించరాదని హనన్ తెలిపారు. స్త్రీలు అన్ని రంగాలలో ప్రముఖ పాత్ర వహించడానికి వారికి పూర్తి స్వేచ్ఛనివ్వాలని, ప్రభుత్వం మహిళలకు కల్పించే సౌకర్యాలను వారికి అందేలా జిల్లాలోని స్వచ్ఛంద సేవా సంస్థలు సహకరించాలని ఎస్.సి.హనన్ చెప్పారు. నిరక్షరాస్యులైన స్త్రీలు ప్రస్తుతం జిల్లాలో అమలు జరుగుచున్న సంపూర్ణ అక్షరాస్యతలో భాగస్వాములై అక్షరాస్యతను పొంది, విజ్ఞానాన్ని పెంపొందించాల్సిందిగా ఆయన కోరారు. ఈ కుటుంబ సంక్షేమ ప్రోత్సాహక శిబిరంలో స్త్రీ, శిశు ప్రాముఖ్యత, వ్యాధి నిరోధకాలు, మాతా శిశు ఆరోగ్యం, చిన్న పిల్లలకు కలిగే వ్యాధులు - నివారణోపాయాలు, కుటుంబ నియంత్రణ పద్ధతులపై అపోహలు, వాస్తవాలు అనే అంశాలపై ప్రసంగాలు చర్చాగోష్ఠి నిర్వహించారు. ఈ శిబిరం స్టార్ యూత్ మహిళా కార్యకర్త కుమారి పద్మావతి నాయకత్వంలో నిర్వహించారు.



United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) declared April 11 as the Safe Motherhood Day (SMD). Academy for Nursing Studies (ANS), Hyderabad was the Nodal





Agency for organizing events on SMD in Andhra Pradesh. ANS in turn identified 12 NGOs and named the NGO network as White Ribbon Alliance India (WRA-I). ANS made SYA responsible for organizing events in Kurnool District.

In 2004, SYA observed SMD at Velgode, wherein medical check-up was organized for 40 pregnant women. Required medical courses were provided to them, free of cost. Additionally, nutritive food (milk and boiled egg) were provided to them on that day. Later, a meeting was organized for interaction between pregnant women and doctors, bringing out problems and solutions in each case. The event concluded with the traditional practice of collective "seemantum" (honouring a pregnant woman with flowers, fruits, bangles, blouse, turmeric and vermilion). Two doctors (one male and one female), from PHC, extended their services in the event.

11 Caring a rural child

Day Care Center was luxury of working women in urban areas. They left their children at the centers and picked up on their way back to home. This facility proved to be an effective way of child care in nuclear families where both parents go to work. Interestingly, rural workers were bereft of this facility due to several reasons including affordability and children supplementing family income. Rural children dropped out of schools or took care of younger members of the family or were burdened with the responsibility of looking after house-hold chores. SYA with its long association with women of SHGs was well aware of this problem and thought that a day care center on the lines of those run in urban areas would not only free the women to work and generate income but also tackle the issue of child labour left back home for taking care of infants.

SYA found out that a Netherlands based funding agency, The Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland (SKN/NCK), Leiden (The Netherlands) was contemplating of supporting such initiative. SYA put up a proposal to SKN/NCK for financial assistance of its "Rural Child Care Programme" (RCCP), in 1992.

Criteria for selection of sites for Child Day Care Centers (CDC) included the strength of local women's association and the concentration of girl child population. Five sites in five villages' viz., Velgode, Gunthakandala, Mothukur (Velgode Mandal), Gali Chennayya Palem and Kadamakalava (Bandi Atmakur Mandal) were selected for taking up the activity. Objectives of CDC were to:

- Enable, encourage and empower pre-school children to enter the local primary school at the appropriate age with courage, confidence and competence.
- Provide children an opportunity to learn and develop basic linguistic, mathematical, recitation and musical skills, apart from building up self-confidence and inculcating good social values.
- Provide supplementary meal to meet minimum requirement of a child's daily nutritional need.
- Provide opportunity to physical and mental development through physical work such as games
- Take care of child's health through regular medical check-ups

During April and May of 1993, the project started with group discussions among members of SHGs on their role in implementation of child care project. Selection of Day Care Promoters (DCP) was carried out in the first week of May 93, followed by enlisting of needy children in the second week.

An Induction Training was conducted for DCPs by resource persons (Child specialist doctors) on intricacies of child care. Suitable places for running the day care centers were then identified by women associations of respective villages. Materials such as charts and sports equipment were procured and centers were equipped to run by June 1993. 5 CDC centers were running successfully, catering to the needs of families of 5 villages, till the project was concluded in March 1995.

A Child Day Care Center not only provided a compact place for children but also imparted informal pre-school education, so that they get interested in formal schooling. It also provided

the child with a supplementary meal for improving the nutritional status, apart from keeping a health record of every child through regular medical check-ups and administration of free medicines, if required. Immunization was done on schedule by PHC staff, during their regular check-up visits to centers.



A Lady Day Care Promoter organized the center's activities for about 4 hours. Child activities in a CDCC included both indoor as well as outdoor events. Indoor events included learning of alphabets and numbers and recitation of poems and songs. During outing after indoor activities children were allowed to play games outside the centre in open place. They were provided with play material so that children get opportunities to physical development and the habit of mixing with fellow children.

On a half-yearly basis, SYA reviewed each CDCC and needed orientation and fine-tuning was carried out for better performance of DCPs and improved care of children. An evaluation study was carried out after one-year of running of CDCCs, by an independent consultant commissioned by SYA. Main comments of the evaluator were:

- Children had a habit of coming regularly to CDCCs
- Children possessed basic linguistic and mathematical skills
- Children could recite poems and songs, rythmatically
- Children were regularly provided with supplemental nutrition
- Children developed habits of personal hygiene such as daily bath and wearing clean cloths
- Periodic health check up were carried out and medicines and multivitamins were given to children by the Primary Health Center (PHC) staff
- All the children were covered under Immunization
- Parents checked the working of local Day Care Centre, regularly
- Parents were happy to see their children going to the centre, regularly

Amma vodi: a community initiative

The closure of five CDCCs, after withdrawal of financial support of SKN, left SYA with bad feeling as it could not continue an innovative and much needed small intervention in the rural area. Left with no other option, SYA took up a large scale campaigning with members of SHGs and communities it was working with to establish Centers similar to CDCC, with self-financing. The campaign was named Amma vodi (mother's lap). Though, it failed in realizing its dream of continued child day care in its entire operational area, it can boast of a single success, wherein the community responded positively.

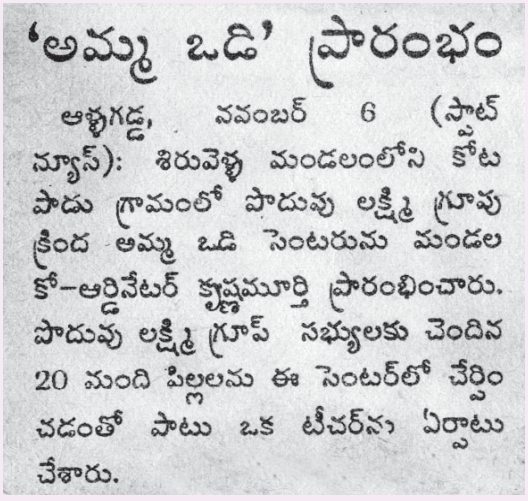
Kotapadu is a small village in Sirvel Mandal, accessible by Nandyal-Allagadda road, about 20 km from Nandyal town. The village is heterogeneous with all the castes and religions, majority belonging to BC and SCs. SYA was active in the village since 1995, starting with

SHG formation under UNDP programme. Right now, SYA is implementing Micro Finance (MF), Micro Insurance (MI) and Dalit Empowerment Programme (DEP) in the village. There are 18 women SHGs in the village, engaged dairy, cloth business, petty business, etc. Groups of this village have been active participants both at mandal level as well as organizational level.

As in case of other operational villages, SYA brought the concept of Amma vodi to this village also, in the year 1996. Responding positively to the suggestion of self-financed CDCC, the women of the village decided to run a crèche, under the village network of women SHGs called "Janshi Podupulakshmi Grama Aikya Sangam" (PGAS).

They entrusted the job of Day Care Promoter to one of the members of SHG, on payment basis. They also rented suitable premises in the village and started the CDCC. Initially, it served 20 children from the village. The children were admitted to the center on payment of five rupees per week. The money generated out of children fee was used for further improvement of the center.

PGAS approached District Collector, in the year 2003, for running a Residential Bridge School for child labour. The proposal was approved in 2003 itself and a bigger building was rented to run the school. It started with 100 children, who were provided with free boarding and lodging, apart from running regular classes depending on the stage when the child dropped out of school. A student is allowed to stay for 18 months in the Bridge school, after which s/he will be enrolled back to the regular school.



'అమ్మ ఒడి' ప్రారంభం

ఆళ్ళగడ్డ, నవంబర్ 6 (స్టాట్ న్యూస్): శిరువెళ్ళ మండలంలోని కోట పాడు గ్రామంలో పాడువు లక్ష్మి గ్రూపు క్రింద అమ్మ ఒడి సెంటరును మండల కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ కృష్ణమూర్తి ప్రారంభించారు. పాడువు లక్ష్మి గ్రూప్ సభ్యులకు చెందిన 20 మంది పిల్లలను ఈ సెంటర్‌లో చేర్పించడంతో పాటు ఒక టీచర్‌ను ఏర్పాటు చేశారు.

12 Addressing the broader agenda of Child labour

SYA's concern for providing care for the children of rural working women was addressed under a different programme, towards the end of 1999. National Child Labour Project (NCLP)was launched, around the same time, under Ministry of Labour (GoI). The project is implemented in Kurnool District under the Society for Rehabilitation of Child Labour, registered for receiving funds under NCLP. District Collector is the Chairman of the Society. There are about 150 Child Labour Special Schools (CLPS), recently renamed as Child Labour Rehabilitation Center (CLRC), in Kurnool District. Knowing the previous track record of SYA, the District Collector has entrusted the organization with the responsibility of running CLRC at Velugode, in November 1999. Since then, SYA has been successfully running the CLRC.

CLRC run by SYA is located at Dwarakanagar in Velgode village (Mandal Headquarters). The working hours of the school is 8.45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nutritive mid day meal was provided for all school children. Prescribed syllabus is taught for the educational improvement of children from I Class to V Class. Two lady teachers, one Clerk cum Community Organizer and one Cook are working for the school. SYA is maintaining a day school for the benefit of 50-child labour [20 girls and 30 boys] under the Scheme of Rehabilitation of Child Labour Project. Every year, some of the students are promoted and transferred to regular schools, maintaining 50 students, at any given point of time. Table 1 gives details of students transferred to regular schools. Table 2 gives present enrollment.




పునరావాసంతో వారి జీవితాల్లో వెలుగు నిండేనా

Table 12.1: Number of Child Labour mainstreamed by SYA

SL No	Academic Year	Number of Child Labour Mainstreamed										Name of the School
		Boys					Girls				Total	
		2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	
1	2003 - 2004	3	3	0	13	19	2	1	1	12	16	35	Main, ZP, Kranthi
2	2002 - 2003	3	4	3	4	14	6	3	9	4	22	36	Main, ZP & APSW
3	2001 - 2002	3	4	2	4	13	4	4	4	5	17	30	Main, ZP, Kranthi
4	1999 - 2001	6	2	2	4	14	10	2	5	2	19	33	Main, ZP, Kranthi
	Total	**15**	**13**	**7**	**25**	**60**	**22**	**10**	**19**	**23**	**74**	**134**	

Table 12.2: Present Enrollment at the Child Labour School run by SYA

Sl No	Academic Year	No. of Child Labour enrolled										Total
		Boys					Girls					
		2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	
1	2004 - 2005	8	4	2	10	24	1	4	5	16	26	50
	Total	**8**	**4**	**2**	**10**	**24**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**16**	**26**	**50**

13 For a better Sexual and Reproductive Health

Youth were considered as the most important target group of SYA, because of the simple reason that its knowledge, attitude and health holds key for future citizen's welfare. Rural youth, brought up under strict parental guidance often lack access to information related to healthy sexual and reproductive life. SYA focused on the theme, especially in the light of increasing incidence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and more recently the spread of HIV/AIDS.

SYA organized an Awareness meeting on "Reproductive Health of young people" on March 16, 1990 in Vempenta village, Pamulapadu Mandal of the Kurnool District in collaboration with Diamond Youth Association (DYA). Immediate objective of the meeting was to create awareness among youth about their Reproductive Health. The lecture series covered topics relating to the problems of teenage sexuality and pregnancy, STD and personal hygiene. The meeting served as platform to prepare youth for positive actions for their Reproductive Health. 36 young people (all males) participated in the meeting. Apart from SYA and DYA, Post-Graduate students of Department of Population Studies, SVU participated in the meeting as Resource Persons.

On 7th April 1993, a lecture Programme was organized by SYA at Santi Mahila Sangam, G.C.Palem Village, on occasion of World Health day. 16 young men and 21 women from local Youth Associations and Mahila Sangam attended the programme. Dr. SVS Raghunatha Reddy, Vijaya Nursing Home, Velgode talked about the theme of world Health Day for 1993 - " Handle life with care-prevent violence and negligence". The programme drew attention of youth on vital issues of health care and better quality of life.

World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action" (WABA) organized a World Breastfeeding Week, every year from 1st to 7th of August month, as part of its global mobilization strategy to increase public awareness on the importance of Breastfeeding. The theme for the "World Breastfeeding Week for the year 1994 was relevance Breastfeeding: Making the code work" was of special relevance to India. To create an understanding among the grass-roots women's organizations about the importance of mother's milk-every Children's Birth Right, seven special awareness generation camps on the theme were organized for the period of 7 days from 1st to 7th August 1994 by SYA in Velgode, Boyerevula, Mothkur, Abdullapuram, Velgode, Regadaguduru and Guntakandala villages in Velgode Mandal of Kurnool District. Topics covered were: Value of mother's milk and health and nutrition of infants; Relationship between Breastfeeding and health and family planning Acts; and Role of Women's group in promotion of Breastfeeding at community level. 220 rural women participated in the camps.

Theme of the World Breastfeeding Week for the year of 1995 was "Breastfeeding - empowering Women" focusing attention on the fact that breastfeed is a women's right. Women who wanted to breastfeed their babies faced several obstacles such as lack of maternity leave, inadequate support from family, health workers and employers, uncongenial hospital practices and conditions and cultural taboos. SYA organized village/habitation level

Awareness camps for rural women on the theme from 1st to 7th August 1995 in project villages. Around 650 rural women received basic information on the theme and among other things to confirm women's power to control their bottles; increase their confidence in their ability to meet the needs of these infants; help women space children, reduce the risks of anemia; integrate women's productive and reproductive roles, and value both equally; and encourage solidarity and cooperation among at the household and community.

SYA observed International Women's Day 1998 by conducting an awareness camp on Adolescent Sexuality at SC Colony, Primary School, Regadagudur Village of Velgode Mandal on 08-08-1998. The camp was attended by 28 girls representing local Balika Sangham. Resource Persons spoke about the gender discrimination and gross neglect of girls in the Indian family system, adolescence changes, early adolescence (9-14 years), late Adolescence (14-19 years), general facts about menstruation, and problem in adolescence pregnancy. SYA also distributed Telugu version booklets on "child birth picture Book" written by Frank P. Hosken, Published by CHETNA, Ahmedabad.

SYA conducted three Training camps for Peer-Educators in 2004-05, at SYA Project Office, Atmakur, as part of Andheri Hilfe-Bonn project. 120 leaders for village level organizations attended the training camps. The main contents of the trainings included: basic concepts in reproductive and sexual health, pregnancy and safe deliveries, safe motherhood, sexuality and safe sex, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS amd availability of existing facilities and referral services.

SYA organized a "Reproductive and Sexual Heath Camp" in one of the project villages, Sripathraopet on 19-03-2005. Two Lady Doctors extended their professional services in the camp, attended by 132 villagers.

SYA took up Youth Reproductive Sexual and Health Rights (YRSHR) programme in the year 2004, to be concluded in 2007. As part of YRSHR, a field survey was carried out in 10 villages' viz., Timmanapally, Madhavaram, Mothkur, Boyerevula, Gattutanda (Velgode Mandal), Amalapuram, Birluti, S.S.Thanda, Pedda Anantapuram and Siddepalli (Atmakur Mandal).

Focused Group Discussion (FGD) was conducted with young women and men, both married and unmarried, in two villages of Velgode Mandal. While men, both married as well as unmarried were speaking openly about the sexuality, only married women were participating in the discussion. Unmarried women were largely hesitant and kept themselves away from discussion. However, it was revealed during FGD that all the participants, irrespective of gender or age-group had very little or no understanding on sexual aspects including; usage of condom, safe sex practices, etc.

32 young men and women were selected as Peer Educators (PE) from Velgode Mandal as part of YRSHR programme. A 4-day training camp was organized at SYA Head Office for PEs on topics: sex and sexuality, gender and its responsibilities, sex, attractions, likes, development of love, sexual rights of adolescents and young people, physical and mental changes in adolescents , sexual internal parts of male and female and their functioning, fertilization, pregnancy controlling medicines, sexual diseases and their treatment, marriage-age, pre-marital problems, causes of HIV/AIDS precautions to avoid STD or HIV/AIDS, Psyche of youth, masturbation, using of condom,

communication methods and responsibilities of PEs. Practice sessions were conducted after the lecture, to make sure that PEs imbibed what was taught.

MAMATHA, the Nodal Agency of YRSHR programme in India (funded by SIDA) organized an eight-day Training of Trainers (ToT) was conducted on sex and sexuality, at New Delhi. Mr. K. K. Murthy participated in the training, from SYA side.

A get-together of PEs and PNGO Staff, across the country, named SARRAY 2004 was organized by MAMATHA at New Delhi on the topic: sexual and reproductive rights of adolescent and youth. Mr. K.K. Murthy participated in the get-together on behalf of SYA.

SYA established a Resource Centre on STD and HIV/AIDS, in the premises of SYA plot. The center provides an opportunity to all young men and women to improve their knowledge on several aspects related to sex and sex-related diseases. Apart from books, the Resource Center also disseminates information through Charts and Films available.





14 Fighting HIV/AIDS

India has one of fastest growing HIV/AIDS infected population in the World. It is estimated that nearly 2 to 3 million persons in India are infected with HIV/AIDS and about 25% among them are young people aged between 15-28 years. There was a need for change in the attitudes and social values, apart from safe sexual behavior and practice. Awareness creation on the menace of HIV/AIDS and the individual as well as social cost of its rapid spread is another immediate concern. Keeping those needs in mind above, SYA observed World AIDS Day on an annual basis, since 1993. SYA became more active in awareness building on the subject, with the support of Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS) in the year 2000.

World AIDS Day

SYA observed the World AIDS Day at the Nehru Youth Club (NYC), Atmakur, on 1 December 1993, on the theme "time to act". Speaking on Youth Associations working together to prevent AIDS, Mr. P. Raghava Reddy, Librarian, Telugu Vignana Samachara Kendram, Allagada explained that community and youth groups should work together to prevent AIDS. He observed that the youth needed support from each other in controlling AIDS. While boys needed to demonstrate wearing of condom to each other, girls needed to educate their friends for refusing sex without condoms. 65 young men and 10 women participated in the meeting.

SYA observed World AIDS Day on 01-12-1995, by organizing a Symposium on "Prevention of HIV/AIDS" for the Student Community. 65 Student Youth actively participated in the Symposium. Research Scholars from Department of Population Studies, SVU, discussed prime messages of World Health Organization (WHO) on HIV/AIDS and emphasized that family and community had a right to know about HIV/AIDS. The Medical Officer of Primary Health Centre (PHC) Velgode, explained the role of behavior in the prevention of HIV/AIDS issues related to peer pressure and options for ensuring healthy life styles and safe sex.





SYA hosted an Awareness Workshop on HIV/AIDS at Abdullapuram Village of Velgode mandal on 01.12.1997 to mark World AIDS Day. The workshop brought together about 35 rural women, members of Women Self Help

Groups (WSHGs). The workshop was effective and successful for generating awareness among rural women about the seriousness of infection of HIV/AIDS and the need for initiation of a planned social action for its prevention by active involvement of women SHGs.

In order to reduce risks and help young people to live a healthier and fruitful life, WHO selected "Force for Change - World AIDS Campaign with Young People" as the theme to observe World AIDS Day-1998'. Keeping this in view, SYA organized a Symposium on the theme for the benefit of student and non-student youth at ZPHS, Velgode on 01-12-1998. The main aim of the symposium was to protect youth from health risks by disseminating factual information concerning HIV/AIDS/STD and sexuality among young persons. 40 young persons, mainly teenagers, attended the symposium.

On World AIDS Day 1999, SYA organized village level awareness meetings at 25 villages, from 1-15 December. 1440 persons attended the awareness meetings. Posters, Pamphlets, Clip Boards, and Hanging Charts were widely used in the meetings, which were supplied by the Govt. of AP – Aids Control Project, Hyderabad through the DMHO, Kurnool.

SYA conducted a medical camp at Gunthakandala on 1-12-2001 to mark World AIDS Day. Medical check-ups were held on 189 peoples, identifying 35 STD cases. All patients were provided with full course of treatment. Counseling was given to STD patients apart from distribution of condoms. A rally was organized with school children to bring awareness on STDs/HIV/AIDS among the target population. A discussion was generated on condoms by holding a competition. Prizes were distributed to winners.



Sexual Health Project (SHP)

SYA with active support from AP State AIDS Control Society (APSACS) launched the Sexual Health Project (SHP). APSACS was responsible for planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of AIDS prevention and control programmes in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The project commenced with the training of the Project Manager and Project Director of SHP by APSACS, Hyderabad, on conduct of a Needs Assessment Study for targeted interventions, in September 2000.

After the training, SYA commissioned a Need Assessment (NA) study in 4 slum areas of Velgode Mandal Headquarters, between 1st October and 31st December 2000. As part of the study, SYA collected a variety of socio-economic and demographic profiles, historical and cultural aspects of the slum areas. SYA could also get general as well as specific information for targeted interventions relating to different categories viz., Primary Stake Holders (PSH), External Stake Holders (ESH) and Sexual Heath Service Providers (SHSP). SYA also collected extensive information on Behavior Change Communication (BCC), STD and its care, condom and its availability/ accessibility, sexual activities, health seeking behavior, analysis of needs of all stakeholders and power balances between stakeholders etc. The study was conducted using methodologies

such as secondary data collection, observation, field notes, surveys, key informants interviews, focus group discussions, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), case studies, listing, etc.

The study covered a sample of 6389 persons. 24% of the sample population was below 15 years, 28% in the age group 16-25, 33% in the age group 26-40 and 18% was in the age group of 40 and above. 42% of the sample population was unmarried men and 34% were unmarried women. 56% of sample men and 59% sample women were married. There was 2% of widowers and 7% were widows. 74% people spoke Telugu, 21% Urdu and less then 4% other tribal languages. Overall 72% of households belonged to Hindu, 26% to Muslims and 2% to Christian religions. There were 46% of illiterates, 29% studied till 5th class, 20% till 10th class, and 5% went to college. The main occupation of the people was agriculture labour and daily wage. 85% of sample population had an average income below INR 2000/- per month.

The study identified 1556 as PSH, 144 as ESH and 15 as SHSP. Among PSH category people with extra-marital affairs were in high proportion and homo-sexuals were in the least proportion. In ESH category, SHG leaders occupied highest and the least was Vana Samrakshana Samiti (VSS). Among SHSP category, 50% were quacks.

The study revealed that 74% of PSH had knowledge of STDs. All the PSH heard about AIDS. 88% PSH knew about AIDS symptoms. 97% PSH had no knowledge of HIV. 80% PSH showed interest in learning about HIV/AIDS. 100% PSH were interested to know about STD/ HIV/ AIDS. 91% PSH felt that faithful marital life was safest. Surprisingly 0.3% PSH thought condom use is one of the main tools of safe sex. 71% PSH said that sex with Commercial Sex Workers (CSW) and pursuing extra-marital affairs were risky. Only 8% PSH were in the opinion that anal sex was risky. All PSHs did not know exact names of STDs. They had no idea of role of condoms in protecting from contraction of HIV/AIDS. No body knew about proper use and disposal of condom. 10% of PSH received information through print media, television and NGO contacts. All PSHs depended on quacks, Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP) and Private Medical Practitioners (PMP) for STD treatment. No one used condoms. There were seasonal variations for sex encounters and had limited knowledge about penetrative and non-penetrative sex activities. Around 75% PSH were afflicted with STDs in the last year. Most of PSH depended on PMPs for treatment.

Bulk of the category ESH was constituted with SHG Leaders. Political/Caste leaders were in second highest. 70% ESH had knowledge about STDs but knew nothing about HIV. No body knew the symptoms of HIV. Only 22% ESH knew about the symptoms of AIDS. 100% ESH were interested to know about STD/ HIV/ AIDS. Almost all ESH felt that condom did not protect them from contraction of STD/HIV/AIDS. Most ESH depended on television for information. None of the ESH responded about seasonal sex variations of PSH. 30% of ESH were afflicted with STDs in the last one-year and treated by RMPs and PMPs.

Quacks occupied first place in SHSP, followed by RMP and PMP. 100% of SHSP heard about STD and AIDS. But, none heard about HIV and its symptoms. 87% of SHSP did not know the symptoms of AIDS. Only 47% of SHSP knew the method of transmission of AIDS. 100% of SHSP did not show interest in accessing information of STD. Only 47% of SHSP showed interest to access information on AIDS. 100%

of SHSP showed interest to know about HIV. All SHSP opted for faithful partnerships with their spouses. 47% SHSP agreed that condom use was necessary for avoiding contraction of HIV. 100% SHSP opined that sex with CSW was risky. Only 35% SHSP opined that the anal sex was risky. 100% of SHSP thought that condom did not protect them from HIV. 60% of SHSP said that condoms did not protect them from AIDS. Most of SHSP depended on print media for information. Some SHSP opined that CSWs consumed alcohol while having sex, leading to unconscious and unsafe sex behavior. Only 13% of SHSP were using condoms.

The study concluded that there was a ray of hope, because of the positive societal relationship among PHS, ESH and SHSP. SYA was confident enough to mobilize support of local communities' in STDs/HIV/AIDS prevention. SYA also identified the sexual health needs of the all the stakeholder groups based on their knowledge, attitudes and behavior, as a result of the study.

After completion of the study, SYA conducted training of Out Reach Workers (ORW) in the month of October 2000, for 5 days. APSACS conducted another week-long training for the Project Manager and Project Director in the month of February 2001 on the targeted interventions i.e., BCC, STD care, condom promotion and enabling environment. ORWs were also trained APSACS for three days on the same topic, so that they could implement the targeted interventions meaningfully aiming at changing people from the category of High Risk Behavior (HRB) to Low Risk Behavior (LRB).

ORWs and local Medical Officers in turn trained 25 Peer Educators, drawn from the target community, in two batches. The trainings equipped PEs with knowledge on STDs/HIV/AIDS, targeted interventions, STD care, condom promotion, BCC, and enabling environment.



As part of enabling environment component, SYA organized lobbying and advocacy meetings with SHG group leaders, community leaders, Union leaders, SHSPs, and ESH people, to get support and cooperation from the community at large. SYA also built good rapport with the Government Departments including Primary Health Centre (PHC), Mandal Revenue Office (MRO) officials, and Panchayat officials. SYA participated in the Janmaboomi programme, for spreading the message of APSACS -"break the silence". SYA took to them problems of the community not essentially related to SHP, with positive response from the concerned Government Official. SYA participated in all the programmes of the Family Health Awareness Campaign (FAHC), implemented by the Health Department. SYA use FAHC as platform to refer to the Department several identified cases of STD and diseases concerning reproductive organs. Doctors examined the patients, thus referred, and gave suitable treatment at the site itself.

As part of FAHC, SYA organized Family Health Awareness Campaign from 15th to 20th February 2002 in the target areas of Velgode (Jamminagar, SC colony, CP Nagar, Old town,



Gunthakandala and Abdullapuram slum areas). SYA utilized paid services of two private doctors, one male and another female. 386 target populations utilized the service, in which 182 STD patients were identified and provided with full course of treatment. Counseling was given to all the HRG people and 2130 condoms were distributed.

SYA also organized a mass awareness campaign on STDs/HIV/AIDS from 5th to 6th of January 2002, in partnership with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GoI. Filed Publicity Officers of Kurnool, Kadapa, and Nellore Units participated in the campaign. SYA conducted meetings and exhibited film shows on STDs/HIV/AIDS at all villages of Velgode mandal. An elocution competition was also conducted for adolescent collage girls and prizes were distributed to the winners. Around 6500 general population was covered through those film shows and meetings.

The SHP concluded in the year 2003. Table 14.1 furnishes the status of progress of SHP, per March 2003.



Table 14.1: Status of SHP, per 31 March 2003

SN	Indicator	Target	Achievement
1	No. of HRPs to be covered	3500	3337
2	No. of BCC sessions to be conducted:		
	One to One	11035	10590
	Others BCC sessions	706	779
3	No. of Peer Educators	50	48
4	PSH population covered by PEs	2500	2000
5	No. of STD cases to be Identified	865	653
6	No. of STD cases to be treated with project funding	528	582
7	No. of STD cases to be treated in Government clinics	97	28
8	No. of spouses of be treated	150	127
9	No. of STD cases where treatment cost is borne by PSH	40	52
10	No. of people counseled for testing at VCTCs	45	43
11	No. of SHSPs providing STD care as per the Protocols	15	8
12	No. of condoms to be distributed free	116440	74256
13	No. of condoms to be distributed under social marketing	10169	6704
14	No. of non conventional out lets stocking condoms in high risk situations	100	61
15	No. of condom boxes to be maintained	25	10
16	No. of advocacy meetings to be held	8	9
17	No. of training programmes planned for the staff	3	2

15 Discouraging tobacco and alcohol consumption

Ill-effects of using tobacco either by smoking or chewing were widely publicized by SYA on May 31st every year which was observed as "World No Tobacco Day". Similarly, SYA generated awareness on implications of alcoholism in a campaign mode.

To highlight hazards of smoking not only to young smokers but to those in the immediate environment, SYA organized a one-day symposium at Narayanapuram village. Around 300 local village young people participated in the symposium. Mr. S. C. Hassain, Secretary of SYA explained the gathering about the damaging effects of tobacco consumption in house, public places and worktops. Tobacco user in only Andhra Pradesh State would do well to note that the Oral Cancer in the State accounts for 40% to 45% of all Cancers whereas in developed countries such as the United Kingdom and the United States of America, it ranges between 2% to 2.5%. So, smoking is harmful not only to the health of smokers particularly children and teen-agers but also to non-smokers around them, he said. Our volunteers and staff members also pasted posters at various places of the village besides distributing pamphlets.

SYA conducted a lecture programme on Oral Health-Youth responsibility on occasion of International Health Day (07-04-1988) at



Association office. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Anil Kumar Reddy, M.B.B.S. There were 20 participants.

SYA held a one-day seminar on the theme "Role of Youth in Anti-Alcoholism Campaign" in the Primary Elementary School, Velgode. About 50 young people participated in the seminar. Mr. G. R. B. Reddy, President of SYA, spoke on the occasion, and called for participation of youth in the movement against the menace of liquor addiction. He urged the youth to support women and contribute towards the anti-liquor movement.

SYA observed the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June. On the occasion, SYA organized a symposium on the theme "Prevention of Drug abuse through Education", at Nandyal in collaboration with SIRDP, Nandyal. 56 urban young men participated in the seminar. Dr. Rajasekhar, Hon. Director of HERSELF Society, and Mr. B. D. Doss of SIRDP spoke on the problem of drug abuse that pervaded all strata and segments of the society. Regardless of their social, economic and educational background, youth in the age group of 15-35 years were highly vulnerable to drug abuse. The fact that AIDS and Criminality were some of the disastrous commitments of the problem of drug abuse, painted the picture further gloomy. They opined that drug abuse prevention must start at family, school, and work place. They insisted that every one had a role to play in the fight against illicit drugs and their misuse.

The Mandal Development Officer, Velgode Mandal organized awareness meeting and a Rally, as part of Anti-Liquor Campaign in the Mandal on August 16, 1993. Mr. G. S. R. Reddy of SYA actively participated in the campaign. About 40 Government Officials, lecturers, teachers, youth, women Leaders and political Leaders from the surrounding villages participated in the campaign.

16 Facilitating Rehabilitation and Resettlement

Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) is a small but significant and essential element of the irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh. The policy inter-alia stipulated involvement of NGOs and role in the implementation, so that the process of land acquisition and economic rehabilitation became a participative and sustainable one. GoAP appointed SYA to work with the Special Collector, Srishailam Project, in four mandals viz., Velgode, Pamulapadu, Atmakur and Jupadu Bungalow.

Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Project Affected Persons was known as "Project Affected Person's Economic Rehabilitation Programme (PAPERP). The Aim of PAPERP was to initiate and sustain a process of participative identification and verification of Project Affected Persons (PAP) and their Economic Rehabilitation Programme (ERP).

In order to achieve this, the assignment specific objectives of 1) Translation of PAPERP into reality with the involvement of beneficiaries, through PRA exercises, and 2) Achievement of restoration of normal living standards. The project strategies include restoration of livelihood, women's development and training on skills improvement and leadership.

SYA participated in the process during July 1999 – March 2000. Under the PAPERP, SYA conducted a survey to list out families affected due to construction of Srishailam Right Bank Canal (SRBC). In total, 344 families were identified.

For all 344 families thus identified, SYA submitted claims to the Special Collector. After verification of 344 claims, the Special Collector categorized 148 claims as eligible for coverage under PAPERP, whereas 65 claims were found ineligible and rejected. The remaining 108 claims were kept pending, for want of submission of necessary certificates.

SYA then facilitated opening of Savings Accounts in nearby Banks for 78 PAPs out of



148 eligible, due to inordinate delays in processing of claims. A total amount of INR 14,37,000/- was credited into accounts of 72 PAPs. This amount covered the value of land lost due to SRBC work.

Apart from the amount for land compensation, 22 PAPs also received INR 4,99,000/-, under Income Generation Activity (IGA). SYA facilitated the issue of identity cards for 45 PAPs, including 22 who received benefits under IGA.

Five Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) were formed by SYA, with membership of 22 women, for accessing benefits under the Revolving Fund Scheme (RFS).



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జూపాడుబంగ్లా, డిసెంబర్ 11 (స్యూస్‌టుడే): జూపాడుబంగ్లా మండలంలోని తూడిచెర్ల గ్రామంలో శ్రీశైలం కుడిగట్టు కాల్వ తవ్వకాల్లో భూములు కోల్పోయిన కుటుంబాలకు ఉపాధి అవకాశాల కోసం బ్యాంకుల ద్వారా కుటీర పరిశ్రమలకు తోడ్పాటును ఇచ్చేందుకు ఆర్థిక సహాయం మంజూరు చేస్తున్నట్లు అధికారులు తెలిపారు. వెలుగోడుకు చెందిన స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ ద్వారా సర్వే నిర్వహించి పదహారు మంది లాభితులను గుర్తించామని, వీరికి కుటుంబాల్లోని వ్యక్తికి ఎనిమిది వేల రూపాయలు, ఆతడిపై ఆధారపడే వారికి ఒక్కొక్కరికి ఎనిమిది వేల రూపాయలు ఆర్థిక సహాయం చేస్తున్నట్లు సర్వే ప్రాజెక్టు ఇన్‌చార్జి కృష్ణ మూర్తి తెలిపారు. ప్రపంచబ్యాంకు ద్వారా శ్రీశైలం కుడిగట్టు కాల్వ పునరావాస అధికారులు సహాయం మంజూరు చేస్తారని తెలిపారు.

17 Transforming Dalit huts into sanitized homes

Responding to the emerging needs of its target groups, SYA always ventured into areas and themes for which it was not trained. One such initiative was the construction of pucca houses for hut-dwelling Dalits.

Mothukur, a small hamlet mainly inhabited by Backward Castes (BCs) and Scheduled Castes (Dalits), is about five kilometers from Velgode. SYA has been working with this poor community since 1991, on savings and thrift activities. It has organized about 420 women into 28 Self Help Groups by 1995. Revolving fund (about 58 lakh rupees) has been provided to these SHGs under DWRCA, UNDP, Action Aid and MF programmes. By revolving this amount along with their savings (about 10 lakh rupees), these women have been generating supplemental income for their families, by taking up small enterprises such as: dairy, leaf-plate making, petty business, etc. While working with the community of Mothukur, it was found that many of the SC families were living under utter poverty and dismay, not even having a decent roof over their heads. Lack of hygiene and sanitation was severely affecting the health of these families, especially women and children.

SYA then commissioned a participatory study, with active participation of the community and members of SHGs to shortlist needy families. 48 SC families were thus identified, which had no decent living conditions. After the participatory study of the situation in the village, SYA started looking for suitable agencies that could fund a housing scheme of SCs. Knowing about the mandate of Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART), SYA approached CAPART-New Delhi with a project proposal, in the month of April 1994, for construction of low cost house and sanitary latrines as per CAPART norms and guidelines. In the month of January 1996, the CAPART has approved the project to construct 48 low-cost houses with latrines and smokeless chullah for Scheduled Caste families under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) Scheme.

The construction phase lasted for about two years (1996-98). While 24 houses were completed in 1996, the remaining 25 were constructed, as per CAPART norms and design by the end of 1998. The houses were constructed with a provision of sanitary latrine





and a smokeless chullah. Thus, SCs of Mothukur village could have pucca roofs over their heads, resulting in hygienic living environment leading to improved health of the entire family. The permanent shelter also provided privacy for women for answering nature calls, apart from clean surrounding.

The women and children could also avoid risk of attending natural calls in all seasons, while smokeless chullah reduced the risk of fire accidents, common in huts. The beneficiaries were also proud to possess their own permanent assets of pucca house, sanitary latrine and smoke less chullah. Naturally, they had good reason for ensuring proper utilization and upkeep of the assets.

Mothukur experience prompted SYA to focus more on the rural sanitation; key to good health of communities it was working with, especially Velgode, where it started its journey of social work. SYA again went back to CAPART for financial assistance, under Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), in the year 1995. With the support of South Zone Office of CAPART (Hyderabad), SYA carried out necessary pre-construction activities including; awareness camps, selection of beneficiaries, training of local masons.

SYA short-listed needy areas in Velgode village such as slums that need to improve their sanitary conditions. SYA identified five areas



in the village using criteria of income, type of housing, drainage condition, etc. Two awareness camps were organized for members of 10 women SHGs of Velgode village, highlighting advantages of having house-hold latrines and its impact on family health. After organizing awareness camps, SYA evolved the list of beneficiaries for Sanitation Scheme, using participatory planning tools such as wealth ranking leading to understanding of family size, living conditions, capacity to construct latrines without external support, etc. Fifty families were thus short-listed for coverage under CRSP.

Keeping in view, the specifications of CAPART low-cost latrines, SYA then went on to identify

and train local masons for ensuring usage of low-cost construction material, timely completion and strictly sticking to CAPART design. Five willing masons from Velgode were identified and trained in intricacies of latrine construction as per CAPART norms. Each mason was then assigned the work of ten latrines.



The actual construction of latrines started in the month of November 1996 and by March 1997 the entire construction process was completed. Fifty needy families, who could not afford to have latrines at their own cost, enjoyed the privacy and cleanliness of house-hold latrines. Women and children were especially happy for the convenience the latrine provides, apart from positive health implications.

SYA was implementing Micro Credit Programme of Rashtriya Mahila Khosh (RMK) since 1996, in 52 villages. Knowing that the CRSP Project was also routed through RMK, aiming for good health of its borrowers/members, SYA started the process of identifying suitable area and beneficiary group for RMK funding. Though tremendous amount of demand was generated in SYA operational area as a result of its sanitation initiatives, SYA thought to identify most vulnerable section among its target group for RMK latrine activity. It identified Regadaguduru, about eight km from Velgode, as the habitation needing improved sanitation, immediately.

Regadaguduru is inhabited solely by agriculture labour. About 150 SC families lived in that village. There were reports of harassment of women squatting to attend natural calls by upper caste youth. This issue was discussed in SHG group meeting and was also brought to Mandal level meetings. Based on this report and a survey on the similar lines to CAPART scheme, SYA zeroed on Ragadaguduru for RMK grant for construction of latrines.

Pre-construction activities were carried out in the manner similar to CAPART scheme including awareness camps, training of local masons and selection of beneficiaries. Of the 150 SC families, 25 were short-listed for RMK grant under CRSP. The constructed was carried out in two phases, completing 12 latrines in 1999 and the remaining 13 in 2000.

Inspired by the work it was been doing on rural sanitation since 1996, SYA thought that it was appropriate to make it a point of discussion in the regular World Environment Day (WED)

celebrations. Accordingly, WED of 1998 focused on rural sanitation.





A Village Level Rural Sanitation Workshop was organized by SYA at Regadaguduru Village of Velgode Mandal an eve of 'World Environment Day' on June 5 1998. The workshop started with a lecture of the President of SYA on environmental sanitation. It covered aspects such as: WHO definition, need for change of attitude, behavior, habits and practices of people, children morbidity/mortality-sanitation, health-productivity, women-sanitation, tools of sanitation (latrines, waste/waste water disposal, safe handling of water and food and smokeless chullah). The lecture generated lot of discussion among 45 women SHG members attending the workshop.



18 Bringing together rural women for self - help

By the year 1990, SYA was interacting with several probable International Donors that would be interested to work in its operational area. Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) was one of the agencies contacted by SYA for probing the possibility of partnership. In the year 1991, SIDA agreed to support SYA for women development. SIDA was the first major funding agency supporting SYA. SIDA's intervention actually made SYA to transform itself from a youth-centered organization to look at the broader rural development agenda, starting with the neediest section of the society – the women. The project was christened – Rural Women Development Project (RWDP).

It was expected that SIDA would support RWDP till October 1994. Unfortunately, SIDA dropped Andhra Pradesh State from its funding priority list in 1992. Accordingly, SIDA withdrew support for SYA towards end of 1992. However, SYA continued basic activities envisaged as part of RWDP, till MSs become capable of carrying out the Self-help on their own. In 1993, SYA withdrew from Lingapurm village due to migration of women for employment. But, SYA organized 3 more Mahila Sangams (MSs) in Velgode, putting total number of MSs at 12.



In response to SYA's result-oriented Savings and Credit Programme, the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Kurnool sanctioned a sum of INR 14,402/- as matching contribution to savings of women groups, apart from INR 1,35,000/- as additional Revolving



Fund, under DWCRA Scheme, in 1993. Further, the DRDA promised to support to its women groups in coming financial year 1994-95. SYA had put efforts to mobilize more resources for MSs from the Government of India, NABARD, and commercial banks.

The women self-help movement was renamed as "Podupulakshmi Sanghams", in the year 1994. District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) allotted the entire Velgode Mandal to the SYA implementation of DWCRA programme. In the year 1994-95, SYA not only organized new MSs, but also reopened Literacy Centers (LCs) at all 10 project villages with DRDA support. Under the DWCRA, SYA supplied education material such as language development and numerical charts, posters, literacy kits etc., to all LCs. Animators were

taken on board again, who not only taught literacy and numeracy, but also a lot of functional education. As earlier, LCs again served as platform for fortnight meetings of MS.



During the year 1995-96, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) started its Institutional Development at the Grassroots for Poverty Alleviation (IDGPA) in the districts of Anantapur, Kurnool and Mahabubnagar. Self-Help, Thrift and Credit were entry point activities by which the project was trying to break the vicious circle of poverty in the drought prone area. The basic aim of project was to mobilize the poor, especially women. The theme of Self-Help Group as a programme for Poverty Alleviation was dear to SYA, which became partner of the programme, in Velgode and Sirvel Mandals of Kurnool District.

By 1997, SYA was involved in formation, organization and strengthening of women SHGs and its Networks in 3 Mandals – Atmakur, Sirvel and Velgode, with the support of UNDP, ActionAid India and AHB. In the process of SYA intervention, it was found that DWCRA funds were available mostly for consumption requirements and members are unable to take-up income generation activities. SHGs belonging to poor sections (dalits, minorities and other backward castes) had little or no access to credit and still depended on local moneylenders, who charged exorbitant interest rates. There was huge loan demand from the SHGs. Based on the trends and situations, SYA started micro credit operations as BASIX (a Micro Finance Institution) collaborator in December 1997 by financing INR 75,000/- to two SHGs in Velgode Branch.



Recognizing the need of external credit and good repayment performance of SHGs, SYA started borrowing from Rashtriya Mahila Khosh (RMK) in 1998 and later from National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), Friends of World Women Banking – India (FWWB/I), ICICI Bank and The Bridge Foundation (TBF). In the month of November 2002, "Star Micro Fin Service Society" (SMSS) was registered for exclusively MF operations to segregate our grants and loan funds. Till November 2005, the cumulative disbursement to clients (19,723) was INR 13.93 Crores.

Portfolio outstanding, at the time of writing this document was INR 2.68 Crores among 5,547 clients. Vision and Mission of SYA Micro Credit Programme are as stated under:

Vision

"Provide livelihood and social security services at doorsteps of every household of poor people to acquire the right of venerable life"

Mission

"SYA organizes the poor people, particularly land less agriculture labour, small farmers, bamboo workers, self-employed persons, venders, petty business persons, home-based workers, small hotel owners, service providers, artisans and migrating families into self-help or solidarity groups and facilitates micro credit, social security and business development services to wipeout socio-economic inequalities in communities"

Total loan amount received from outside Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) - RMK, BASIX, FWWB (I), NMDFC, ICICI Bank and TBF up to November 2005 was INR 7.95 Crores. So, the amount of INR 5.99 Crores. was revolved through re-loaning under SRF. At the end of November 2005, total loan amount raised the outside borrowing was INR 7.95 Crores lakhs and total repaid amount was INR 5.25 Crores. The loan outstanding balance of the outside borrowing was INR 2.7Crores. SYA was successful in maintaining very high recovery rate at 100%. It proved its efficiency in timely and 100% repayment (Principal and Interest) to our financing MFIs.

SYA introduced two insurance schemes viz., Family Protection Scheme (FPS) and Micro Credit Protection Scheme (MCPS). Poor women who were enrolled in SHGs of Velgode, Atmakur and Sirvel were eligible (age not exceeding 55 years) for FPS. The term of FPS was one year for a premium of INR 150/- for SHG member who was married and INR 75/- for orphan, destitute, unmarried, widow and handicapped. Risk coverage included natural death of client or her husband, accidental death of spouse and any type of death of client. Amount of coverage in the first case was INR 5,000/- and INR 10,000/- in the second case. In addition, INR 500/- was paid for covering funeral expenditure. In the third case, outstanding loan of client is written off. FPS product was linked with the ICICI PRU Suraksha (RP), specially designed for SHG members and clients of micro credit programmes. As Nodal agency, SYA paid the premium to ICICI @ INR 50/- per client and client's spouse, per annum, towards the sum assured INR 5,000/-.



SYA linked another social security scheme, Micro Credit Protection Scheme (MCPS) of HDFC-CHBB General Insurance Company. The client paid 4% of the loan amount to cover the risk. For any accidental or natural loss of asset insured, the remaining part of loan was scrapped. Additionally, the member was given a new loan after assessing circumstances of the loss of property. Irregular payment of installments, theft or misuse of asset was not covered under the scheme. Claim settlement was done only after the approval of SHG.

During 2003-2005, 3757 member lives, 3200 spouse lives, 2320 assets and 608 livestock cases were enrolled. Claims were received for 0.42% in case of member life, 0.28% in case of spouse life, 0.73% in case of assets and 2.13% in case of livestock.



Following were the highlights of SYA's Women Self-help initiative, so far:

- 2,611 rural women (102 SHGs) covered under the Social Mobilization of Target Women towards Poverty Alleviation Programme
- 582 rural women (30 SHGs) mobilized under the RMK Pilot Scheme for Formation and Stabilization of Women SHGs
- Under SYA micro-credit programme, INR 52.10 cores was disbursed directly to 43,910 poor women SHG members to take-up various profitable IGAs
- Under SYA micro-insurance programme, 24,813 persons were enrolled and covered under social security net.
- 22 SHG Members were trained as Village Health Counselors and 19 SHG Members trained as Bore-well Mechanics through the Interventions of Institutional Building Project.
- 139 women actively participated in National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC) - 1997-98.
- 250 SHG members underwent entrepreneurship training and exposure visit

















Box 18.1: Case Study

Commercial Sex Worker turns fruit vendor

Ms. Rani (name changed) was a Commercial Sex Worker (CSW) born in a poor dalit family, residing in one of SYA target villages. She was the youngest of four daughters of her parents, followed by two sons. All three sisters and two brothers were married and settled.

She lived with her old mother in her village. Additional responsibility of looking after her sister's daughter fell on her fragile shoulders of after the death of her sister. As none her relatives came forward to help her, she had no other option except to trade with her body. She was looked down upon by her neighbours for her profession and slowly she developed a strong urge to come out of it.

She came to know about the WSHG initiative of SYA through paternal uncle, who also helped her approach SYA for help. SYA pleaded with one of its WSHGs to take her as member, who agreed only after lot of persuasion. She took a small loan of INR 4,000/- and started vending of fruits. She some how managed to look after her family with whatever meager amount she could make, without getting back to her old profession. She now says proudly "Slowly with the blessings of God my business flourished and I was able to pay back not only my WSHG loan but also all previous loans. I can now proudly say that I will live a decent life and all neighbors and relatives now give me respect. Now, I am eligible to take second loan of Rs.7,000/- to improve my vending activity. In future, I would like to start a small fruit shop".

She kept her promise and at the time of writing this document successfully runs a fruit shop.

19 Empowering women for enlightened lives

SYA was implmenting an Andheri Hilfe-Bonn supported project titled "Social Mobilization of Women Self Help Groups in Atmakur Mandal" or "SMWSHGAM", since April 1999. In Phase II of the project, starting April 2004, the title was changed to: "Promoting Women Rights and Gender Equality through SHG Networks" or "PWRGESN".

Under SMWSHGAM, SYA covered 20 villages in Atmakur Mandal. Apart from working with women of all classes, SYA took up the task of sustaining Dalit members not only in a heterogenous group but also all-dalit women groups, which tend to wither easily. Six trainings were conducted on "Book Keeping". On a weekly basis, Motivational Meetings were conducted to draw the attention of inactive members on importance of regular savings and systems. As a result of this, SYA could enhance the participation of poor dalit woman in the SHG movement. By the end of I phase (SMWSHGAM), SYA formed 272 all-dalit SHGs (4093 members), out of total 325 SHGs (4791 members) it was working. Totally, 75 defunct all-dalit SHGS were strengthened.

SYA formed 20 Village Organisations (VOs), one at each of its operational village. Strengthening of VOs was carried out through Social Leadership training. In 12 batches of 4-day Social Leadership trainings, 80 women leaders were trained.



Contents of the training included: role of SHGs and VOs, women and children issues, gender discrimination, domestic violence, elimination of child labour particularly girl children, child rights, women rights, women laws, Equal Wage Act, atrocities against women, effect of child marriages, dowry system, women's education, Panchayat Raj system, importance of women employment and economic independence, gynecological problems of women, participation of women in all the programmes, care of aged women, destitute women, health and hygiene, registration of Mandal Network Organization (MNO) under MACS Act, process of selection of the MACS committee members, their functions and contributions from VOs, micro credit programme, income generation activities and role of women in solving community level problems.



Empowered with knowledge and skill as a result of Social Leadership Training, VOs tackled several issues at village level. The main issues

solved by VOs included: internal disputes of SHG members, cultivating habit of helping the needy members, sending children to school in stead of labour, motivating for shramadan, preventive measures for epidemics, leading anti-arrack campaign, warning eve-teasing men, fighting for justice of a girl cheated in love, putting pressure on the police to take action on a rapist of a handicapped girl, undertaking contract works of Government Departments, lobbying for issue of ration cards only to the eligible and assisting in getting loans from bank.



As part of SMWSHGAM, SYA also formed a Mandal Level Organization (MNO), with the representation of two members from each VO. Strengthening of MNO was carried out by monthly review sessions, establishing bank linkages, identification of landless families, lobbying with the Government for financial assistance to tribals, informing about available Government Schemes that could be accessed by MNO and organizing an annual Mandal Level Convention of all VO members.





SYA interventions aiming at strengthening of MNO resulted in: sharing of experiences of VOs among themselves; securing loans from State Bank of India (SBI), Atmakur Branch and Andhra Bank, Atmakur Branch to the tune of 2.25 crores; identification of 451 poorest of the poor households in the mandal for coverage under poverty alleviation programmes; assisting a poor tribal youth of Byrlooti village for joining Engineering Course, who later died because of an unkown disease; creating a platform for interaction of MNO with Government Officers at Mandal and District level, Bank Officers, women activists and Advocates.



Phase II project – PWRGESN was different from previous phase, in the sense that the focus shifted from economic activity to social issues

such as human rights, child labour and atrocities against women. Main components of PWRGESN were: building network capacities, promoting women rights and gender equity and mass campaign on women and gender justice. Network capabilities were built by conducting monthly MNO review meeting, training on Human Rights Education and orientation workshops for women representatives. Promoting women rights and gender equity was done through selection of Para Advocates and training them. Mass Campaign on Women on Gender Justice was carried out through rallies, dharnas, awareness camps and mobilizing legal support.



Main issues discussed by MNO in monthly review meetings were: women suicide, rape of disabled girl, women bank proposal, selection of Para Advocates, formation of Labour Contract Society of Dalits and Tribals, fire accident and relief work, caste discrimination, medical camp, Anti violence Women Day, Loan analysis,



training on Panchayat Raj Institutions, Food Security Scheme, child labour, minimum wages, International Women Day, DWRCA and Comprehensive Land Development Indira Prabha Scheme (CLDIP).



A four days Training on Human Rights Education for Women Leaders was held at SYA Training Hall, Velgode from 21st to 24th July 2004. 40 leaders from 20 project villages participated in the training. Project Director of Department of Women and Child Welfare (DW&CW), Child Development Programme Officer (CDPO), Circle Inspector (CI) of Police, Sub Inspector (SI) of Police, Senior Advocate and Additional Public Prosecutor participated in the training as resource persons, apart from functionaries of SYA. Topics covered in the training were: Definition of Human Rights, Types of human rights, Women rights - Human rights, Situation in India, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, National Human Rights Commission, National



Women Commission, Rights of child, Sex Trafficking, Crime against Humanity, Land Rights, Caste Discrimination, and Role of police, judiciary, and other local officials in protecting women rights



An orientation Workshop was organized for Women Representatives from 16th to 17th March 2005. 40 women Panchayat Ward members and 15 women Panchayat Presidents attended the workshop. Main discussed was: Assertive Role and Responsibilities of the women in the Village Panchayat and Gram Panchayat; Women Leaders in Panchayat system; Leadership styles; and Human Rights Education.



In MNO Review meetings of May and June, it was resolved to recruit young women Activists as Para-Advocates at VO level to deal with local issues. From 20 young women women recommended by VOs, MNO selected 10 as Para Advocates. A 5-day training programme for 10 Para-Advocates was held at Atmakur from 13th to 17th August 2004. Mr. K. Swamidas and Mr. Paul Raja Rao (well know NGO leaders of Kurnool District) participated as resource persons, apart from SYA functionaries. Topics covered were: Major Women Issues in the Project Villages, Role of SHG Network dealing women issues, Role and Responsibilities of Para-Advocates, Domestic violence, Gender Discrimination, Child Labour – Girl Child Labour, Early Marriages, Family disputes, Atrocities and sexual abuse, Sex trafficking, Reproductive and Sexual Health and Unequal Wages.



SYA has observed the International Women Day (IWD) on March 8 2005 by organizing several events with women SHGs and its networks. 608 women acitively participated in the camp. The celebration of IWD started with a mammoth

women rally from the SYA Head Office to the Office of MRO. Women held placards flashing slogans such as: control the atrocities on women, stop child marriages, nurture women's networks, nurture Dalit Samakhya amd children should be in the School. On reaching MRO Office, women representatives submitted a memorandum to MRO, urging to prevent and control atrocities on women. Then, women gathered for a meeting at SYA Office premises. The meeting started with a song, followed by lectures of several local Advocates on topics: Importance of IMD, Child Apotion, Act of Adoption, Consumer Protection Act, empowerment of the women through IPC and Acts relating to women rights, IPC - caste or religion and Child Marriage Abolition Act. CDPO also participated in the camp and spoke on women rights. Senior Civil Judge Mr. K. Prasad Rao gave the valedictory address.



Two Legal literacy camps were conducted by SYA at Sripathraopet and Gollapet on 8 and 9 November. A Senior Civil Judge, President of Bar Association, MRO, MPDO and seven local Advocates participated in those camps as resource persons. About 800 men and women of those villages attended the camps. Main legal issues discussed included: Women related Acts, FIR, Consumer Act, Promissory Note, Land and other Assets Registration Act, Government Orders on Land Alienation, etc.



Box 19.1: Case Study

Culprit arrested for rape of disabled girl as Atmakur MNO shows its anger

Byrlooti village, about 15 km from the Atmakur town, rested near the reserve forest. 98% of 158 women members of 12 SHGs in the village were Chenchus. Men in the village lived in an ever intoxicated state.

Pallapu Indiramma, a 16 year old deaf and dumb girl of Byrlooti, as usual left for the forest at 5.30 AM, to attend nature's call. Mr. Ravi Kumar, a 30 year old married man, was eying Indiramma, attacked and raped her in the woods. As Indiramma did not turn up home as usual, her sister–in-law - Miriyamma also went into the wood in her search, only to find her in aberated condition. Upon inquiry, Indiramma explained to her about the incident with signs and kept on weeping.

Miriyamma, a SHG member, brought the incident to the notice of VO leaders, who reacted immediately and not only registered a compliant in Atmakur Police Ptation (PS) but also sent Indiramma for Medical check up at Kurnool town, on 13-07-2004. The medical check up revealed that she was raped.

On the same day, VO leaders conducted a meeting in the village, in which SYA staff also participated. The issue of Indiramma was also discussed at length in the meeting. Discussions revealed that the accused was a known rogue, involved in commiting many atrocities against village women. It was reported that he switched off electricity and tried to rape women in the dark. VO took a decision that the matter should be persued against all odds and the culprit should be punished. The incident was shared with all other 20 VOs on 14-07-2004. An emergency meeting was called on 15-07-2004 of Maha Lakshmi Mandal Network Organization, at SYA office Atmakur to discuss the issue. VOs from the 20 project villages, SYA staff, Indiramma and her parents attended the meeting. As decided in the meeting, a huge women rally was organized on the same day from SYA Office to Office of the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) and submitted a memorandum to the MRO urging for taking necessary steps to punish the culprit.

The huge unrest in the area and wide press coverage of the rape of a disabled girl forced the arrest of the culprit on 16-07-2004, in spite of political interference to thwart the issue.



20 Greening villages for healthy environment

Since its inception, SYA organized a regular tree plantation programme, every year, around homes and newly constructed houses under Government Housing schemes for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Castes and Economically Poor communities. So far 4,750 trees were planted as part of this programme, in collaboration with the Forest Department.

In 1980, SYA members planted about 500 trees at Z.P. High School and S.N.S.R. College premises. In 1981, 8000 trees were planted by SYA members at Boyarevula village. In 1982, SYA members planted about 1200 trees in Dwaraka Nagar and Smt. Indira Gandhi Colonies of Velgode. In 1983, about 1000 trees were planted. In 1984, SYA members planted around 3000 trees at Boyarevula Telugu Ganga Pilot Project. In 1985, about 350 trees were planted at Guntakanadala village. The tree plantation was taken up at Mothukur village, in 1986, wherein about 1200 trees were planted by SYA members. About 450 trees were planted by SYA members in 1988.

A Massive Tree Plantation programme was conducted in the month of June, in 1990. The plantation sights included villages located in foot-hills of Nallamala Forest viz., Narayanapura, Galichennatiahpalem, Ramapuram, Eernapadu and Kadamala Kalva of Bandi-Atmakur Mandalam Kurnool Sistrict. In each village, SYA planted 150 making a total plantation of 750. The Forest Department supplied seedlings free of cost. 25 student youth from National Service Scheme (NSS) of the Sri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy College, Velgode participated apart 15 Youth Volunteers of SYA.

In the financial year 1997-98, SYA started a Social Forestry Project with the support of CAPART, New Delhi for the benefit of 106 poor farmers (22 SCs, 39 BCs and 45 other), at Korrapoluru village of Gadivemula Mandal of Kurnool District. Under the project, Nursery Raising was taken up plantation in for 41 hectors of Wasteland. 72,160 seedlings were raised in the nursery, with 100% survival rate.

Two Cluster level workshops were organized as part to National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC) - 1997-98, on "Tree plantation and Management for Women SHGs Leaders/Members", one at SYA Office premises, Velgode on 30th March 1998 and another at Sirvel on 31st March, 1998. 137 rural women from ten village viz., Velgode, Abdulauram, Velpanur, Regadagudur (Velgode Mandal), Sirvel, Kotapadu, Govindpalle, Rajanagaram, Gandhinagaram, Gumparamandenne, and Kamainenapale (Sirvel Mandal) participated in those workshops. In addition to SYA, Forest Range Officer, Velgode Range, Atmakur (K) Division participated as resource person in the workshops. The workshop at Velgode started with the cultural performance by members of Balika Sangam, Regadagudur on environmental issues through role plays and songs. Among the wide range of complex environment themes of NEAC 1997–98, topics such as: need for conservation and preservation of environment, Importance of Trees and its products, Role of women in Tree Management, Social Movements, preparation of local Action Plans of WSHGs.



A Village Level Rural Sanitation Workshop was organized by SYA at Regadaguduru Village of Velgode Mandal on the occasion of 'World Environment Day' on 05/06/1998. 45 women SHG members attended the workshop. The main topic was "the control of factors in man's physical environment which exercised a detrimental effect on his physical development, health and survival". The need for women maintaining environmental sanitation through construction of low-cost latrines, using the latrines, disposal of rubbish, preventing water and food contamination, using smokeless chullahs and appropriate disposal of waste water were discussed

SYA observed World Environment Day on 5th June, 1999 in the Abdullapuram village by organizing Tree Plantation programme. 40 SHG members actively participated in the programme by planting 1500 seedlings in the SC Colony. Forest Department has supplied necessary seedlings, free of cost.







SYA also participated in other programmes, involving Social Forestry.

A Seminar on Social Forestry, financed by CROSS, Hyderabad was held at Velgode on 16-12-1984 by the Population and Environmental Education Centre (PEEC), Velgode. SYA members attended the Seminar.

PEEC, Velgode, held another seminar on "Environmental Education to College Lecturers" on 10-08-1986 at Madanapalle. SYA not only participated but also presented a paper titled "Population and Environment" in the seminar. PEEC, Velgode Organized a Meeting on occasion of "World Environment Day" on 05-06-1987 at Velgode. SYA members attended the meeting.

The Forest Department conducted a Study Tour on Rural Women Bank for benefit of Forest Officials and NGO Personnel. On behalf of SYA Filed Office, Atmakur, Ms. S. Swarnalatha, Project Coordinator participated. The tour was

undertaken on 15th to 17th September 1999 with a view to learn operational difficulties and procedural snags in the working of rural women banks based at Kottapatnam Mandal, Ongole Town of Ongole District.

Divisional Forest Officer's (DFO) Office, Atmakur organized a "Prakruthi Sadassu (Nature Convention)" at Biyrlooti Village on 13th to 15th March 2000 for benefit of SHGs members and Forest Staff NGOs. On behalf of SYA Filed Office, Atmakur, Mr. Sudhakar, Community Volunteer attended along with 100 SHG women members.

On behalf of the DFO Office, Atmakur, Mr. Sudhakar, Community Volunteer along with 30 SHG women members participated in "Neeru Meeru" (Water and People Convention)" at Tirupati (Chittoor District) on 24th May 2000 for benefit of SHG members, Forest Staff and NGOs.

21 Working for Joint Forest Management

A project for strengthening NGOs for popularizing and promoting the concept of Joint Forest Management (JFM) in Andhra Pradesh was taken up by Centre for World Solidarity (CWS) during 1997–98. SYA was one of the 32 NGOs coming together to form a State Level JFM Network and vested with the responsibility of implementing the project in Kurnool District. Phase I of the project was titled "enhancing NGO participation in the JFM Programme in AP" in the year 1997-98. Phase II, the present phase, of the project was titled "Promoting Sustainable Mechanisms in JFM Programme in AP through NGOs", April 2000, with which SYA continued its association till today.

12 Vana Samrakshana Samithis (VSS) formed by SYA were active at the time of putting up this document. On an average each VSS was allotted about 350 ha of forest area, for joint management by the community and Forest Department. Total forest area under SYA groomed VVSs was 5,135 ha. VSSs regularly met to discuss any issues related to the project.





VSSs so far received INR 14,98,000/- in the form of grant from the Forest Department for taking up works such as: soil conservation, plantation works, singling and construction of rock fill dams, check dams and percolation tanks. Thimmanapalli-VSS and Zamminager Thanda VSS constructed their Community Halls. Gattu Thanda VSS and Zamminager-VSS received Power Sprayers, under IGA activity. 110 smokeless chullahs were distributed in project villages.

Two Mandal level apex bodies – Vana Samakhyas were formed viz., Nallamala Tiger Vana Samakhya and Nagalooty Range Vana Samakhya. The formation of Birlooty Range Vana Samakhya was in progress, at the time of writing this document. Nallammalla Tiger Vana Samakya elected Mr. P. Vijaya Naik as the Convener and Mrs. B. Nagamma as Co-convener.

VSS meetings were held on a monthly basis to discuss issue related to the programme. So far, 144 VSS meetings were conducted. They also kept different types of books for transparent and accountable implementation of the programme. Gattu Thanda VSS maintains a Community Forest Bio-diversity Register. In 7 out of 14 VSSs the records were available with the VSS and the FD officials honor the decisions

of the managing committee. Range level meetings were held by-monthly.

An Awareness Camp on Ashram Paryavarana Bank was held on 14-11-1999 for the benefit of 300 VSS Members, particularly women members of VSS and Eco Development Committee (EDC) of Atmakur Division. SYA organized 4-day training for VSS functionaries on "Financial Management of VSSs" at Vana Vignana Kendra, Velgode, where in 32 VSS functionaries representing 16 VSSs of the project were trained.



SYA organized village level Kalajatha and Awareness meetings for forest protection and arresting smuggling of forest products in Tharthuru village of Nandikotkur Mandal on occasion reputed Tharthuru Jathara (festival). 160 people actively participated in the events.

VSS members were informed about marketing of Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) including: beedi leaves, gum, honey, amla, guriginja, neem, karakkaya, kunkudu, sarbth roots, naramamidi chekka, etc., apart from informing about the working of Girijana Co-operative Society (GCC), and relevant Government Orders (GO No: 13-CFM, GO No: 78-Velugu Policy and GO No: 68-R&R Policy)

Bamboo in two VSS area viz. Thimmanapalli and Boyareula was getting dried up due to delay





in getting permission from Forest Department. The VSS network decided to take up the matter with the Forest Department regarding the matter.

The State Government through its recent G.O.Ms.No.112 decided to allow industries in the VSS area. Under the provisions made in the GO Forest Department proposed to establish a fire wood sales depot at range level. NTFP based processing units were also planned. Industry-based trees were planted without discussing with VSS. The GO was seen as a tool to take away the rights of VSS. In Velgode range, all VSSs came together and submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister and the Forest Minister. The Principle Conservator Chief of Forests (PCCF) decided to request the government to withdraw the GO, which was damaging the rights of the VSS.



A Study on Participation of women in JFM was conducted by SYA in 5 VSSs' operational areas. One 'Gender Sensitization Workshop' held on 03-02-2000 for the benefit of 200 VSS Members belonging to the VSSs/EDCs of Atmakur Division.

SYA participated in a 3-day Exposure visit to JFM-VSSs works in Anantapur District. It also participated in a week long exposure visit to "Ralegoan Siddhi" to learn about Village Forest Protection system and Watershed Programme along with 45 VSS members of project areas, sponsored by the Atmakur (K) Forest Division. 110 VSS members actively participated in 2-days meeting on "Community Forest Management, Vana Samakhya and Jana Shri Yojana" organized at divisional level.

Under Tribal Development Plan (TDP), 67 VSS members from 5 villages were provided food security through creation of assets under Income Generating Activity (IGA). Twenty milch animals were provided to Jamminagar Thanda and Erraguduru VSS (10 each) for income generation, while Gattu Thanda VSS got 125 ram lambs (5 for each member family).

Under the food security scheme, VSS members of Rudrakoduru village were provided with 264 quintals of food grains (Jowar) to save them from hunger. As the Chenchu tribe inhabiting the village did not know agriculture (traditional

Box 21.1: Case Study

VSS rewarded for catching forest smugglers

Members of Thimmanapalli VSS, as part of forest protection activity, ceased a truck-load of timber and a tractor-load of teak wood, in the year 1995 and handed over to FD. A compound fee of INR 1,25,000/- was collected from the smugglers, as per the Anti Smuggling of Forest Produce Act. JFM GO made a provision of reward, 25% of the compound fee collected, to the VSS in action.

However, FD faced difficulties in executing the provisions because of a major pre-condition in the GO, which calls for approval of Department of Finance (GoAP). SYA and Thimmanapalli VSS argued with the FD that it was a major loophole in the GO and there was necessity for removing the clause if the Government was honest about forest protection and rewarding active VSS. The issue was taken up by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) at the highest level. The issue also came for discussion in the State Assembly.



The Government finally removed the clause from the JFM GO, by issuing an amendment GO, after a 3-year long battle of SYA and Thimmanapalli VSS, In the year, 1998, the reward amount of INR 25,500/- was handed over to Thammanapalli VSS by the Honourable Minister of Forests, at a specially organized District level meeting, at Velgode. VSS used the reward money for construction of community hall.

hunters and gatherers), the entire cultivation operation was supervised jointly by SYA and FD. Costs on, fertilizers, ploughing and harvesting were also borne under the scheme.

Being hunters and gatherers, Chenchus of Rudrakoduru spent about 3-days for hunting or gathering in the forest, while the remaining days of the week were spent in marketing and converting the MFP and NTFP into cash. To reduce the time spent in the forest, under Phase II activities, they were provided with 22 bicycles (one per family). The hunger situation declined as a result of this activity. Now, those families gathered material by noon and marketed on the same day, ensuring them the evening meal, every day. To make sure that the beneficiaries don't sell bicycles, a message "the person buying this bicycle is liable for criminal proceedings in the Court of Law" was embossed on each bicycle.

Gattu Thanda VSS was provided with an amount of INR 65,000/- as Village Development Fund, under Phase II intervention. With the money, VSS bought a multi-purpose thresher for processing the harvested crop (rice and sun flower). The VSS chose the option as all of them were regular farmers and no thresher could be even hired on account of village location in hilly and inaccessible area.





22 Demystifying Groundwater Science

Managing the precious and key natural resource – water, in such areas where groundwater is the life-line of the people is a challenging task for everybody. Demystifying the scientific knowledge for efficient management of the groundwater resource based on its recharge and draft formed the crux of APFAMGS project. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) signed an agreement with the Nodal NGO (NNGO) – BIRDS, during second week of August 2004. On the same day, the NNGO, BIRDS in turn signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 9 Partner NGOs. One of them was SYA, assigned with the task of implementing project activities in Guthi area of Anantapur District.

APFAMGS project aimed to contribute to the larger development objective stated as below;

"The Stage is set for enabling the farmers to manage their ground water systems in about 650 villages in seven drought prone districts of Andhra Pradesh by the year 2008"

The major objectives of the project were

- About 3000 men and women farmers are in a position to understand groundwater systems within which they are operating at about 636 habitations in Andhra Pradesh, in a scientific manner by the year 2008.
- Hydrological data base using GIS platform is developed for usage of Groundwater management Committees, covering 636 habitations by the year 2006.
- About 6500 farm families enabled adoption of alternative agricultural practices suiting the availability of ground water by the year 2008.
- Community based Institutions established for alternative management of ground water resources with equal representation/ participation of men and women covering about 650 habitations by the year 2008.

After launching the APFAMGS Project, SYA focused mainly on basin identification and preparatory activities. 7 Hydrological Units (HUs) viz., Vajralavanka, Uppravanka, Peddavanka, Mynapuram, Guthi Maruvavanka, Bellamvanka, Maruvavanka, were identified, covering a total area of about 40,000 ha, were identified. Reconnaissance was completed at all 72 target habitations, resulting in further refined delineation of HU boundaries.

Opinion leaders of all 72 habitations were consulted and oriented on objectives and activities of the project. 15 Kalajatha shows were organized to reach the community at large at all the 72 target habitations. As part of establishing a base line, first activity of base-line inventory, Participatory Resource Mapping (PRM) was carried out at all the 72 target habitations. Well Inventory was completed at 70 out of 72 habitations.









After conducting the Opinion Leaders meeting, Gramsabha and Kalajatha, it was observed that confidence was built up in the community about the project activities. Technically feasible sites were found at 20 places, against the target of 24 for establishing rain gauge stations. Construction of rain gauge stations was completed at all those 20 sites. At 4 sites, rain gauge stations already existed, constructed under other schemes. In such cases, SYA identified volunteers to collect data after minimum repairs. At all habitations where the project established rain gauge stations, farmers donated land for that purpose.

After Well Inventory and PRM Exercise, SYA came to know the spatial distribution and technical details of water resources including wells in Peddavanka HU. Working with the resource map and hydrological data (collected during the well inventory), SYA short-listed wells that were suitable for conversion as observation wells. The target for selection of observation wells was 200. Out of the 72 target habitations, it was found that only hand pumps existed at 10 habitations. After social feasibility exercise, SYA established 193 observations wells against the target 200.

SYA identified 13 mechanics for lowering of HDPE pipes and making discharge provisions in observation wells. A successful and







innovative technology was developed in the process, dealing with conversion of hand pumps into observation wells, appreciated by project authorities.

As part of understanding the existing water management practices of communities, SYA team visited "Taripela" (spring channel dug in a river bed) near Chittur village, the merging point of Pedddavanka in Penna River.



For water quality analysis, SYA collected 15 water samples and sent for analysis, covering in 3 habitations. Analyzed reports were yet to be received from the laboratory.

As part of base line inventory, basic date was collected on crops grown, soils, irrigation management practices, water savings techniques, organic farming practices, pest management practices, investments and returns, ground water and its utilization, using prescribed data collection formats.

Under agriculture component, organic farming was promoted through vermicompost. Three farmers, from three habitations, showed interest in the activity, slated to start in December 2005.



SYA received 72 copies of Annadata magazines of the month of March and distributed 71 copies to farmers and one copy kept at office. Farmers felt that the magazine was useful for updating their knowledge. At some villages, magazines were kept in Gram Ikya Sangam, where women could also access them.

Data for Agronomical Assessment was collected from all 72 habitations, in 6 HUs, which was being consolidated, which would be used for compilation of Base Document.

During the summer of 2005, most of the bore wells either dried up or decreased their yields. SYA motivated the farmers for usage of Drip and Sprinklers and conducted awareness meetings on Andhra Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project (APMIP) and encouraged them to make use of 66% Subsidy, available on micro irrigation units.

Gender Assessment Surveys were completed at all 72 habitations. Gender Sensitization trainings were organized in two HUs. In the regular women meetings the project concept and importance of water with reference to role

of women was discussed at length. All members of staff were oriented on concepts and practices of Gender equity by Gender Facilitator (GF) on 28-3-05, at Gooty Field Office of SYA. Strategies were evolved in the orientation meeting to tackle the gender issue from political, caste, time, workload, social problems, shyness and lack of interest angles.





SYA later organized women meetings and House to house visits, apart from conducting orientation sessions, specifically for women at all project habitations, to familiarize them with concept and activities of APFAMGS Project.

Seven habitation level Groundwater Management Committees (GMC) were formed at the time of reporting. Details of GMCs formed so far are given in table 22.1.

Table 22.1: Details of GMCs formed by SYA, per June 2005

SN	Name of the GMC	Habitation	Date
1	Sri Bolikonda Rangaswami Neetipariseelana committee	Kottapeta	01-03-2005
2	Sri Venugopalaswami Neeti Pariseelana Committee	Yengilibanda	10-03-2005
3	Sri Anjaneya Neeti Pariseelana Committee	G.Venkatampalli	11-03-2005
4	Sri Babu Jagajeevan Rao Neeti Priseelana Committee	Kalachetla SCC	18-03-2005
5	Sri Veeranjaneya Neeti Pariseelana Committee	S.Rangapuram	03-03-2005
6	Sri Sevalal Bhugarbhajala Pariseelana Committee	Cheruvupi Thanda	15-03-2005
7	Sri Moulalaswami Neeti Pariseelana Committee	Potudoddi	10-03-2005
8	Sri Gangabhavani Neeti Pariseelana Committee	Dharmapuram	02-03-2005

SYA observed World Food Day on 16 October 2004, focusing on traditional food crops and Nutritional Values. Discussions were held at habitation level with the farming community about old food habits and community health. Growing of traditional food crops are Arikelu, Samelu, Korralu, Sadda, Jonna, Ragi, Konda Korra, Nallasamalu etc., was emphasized during those discussions. Sprouted seeds were distributed in the villages and their nutritional values discussed. SYA also distributed kitchen gardening kits to women for growing vegetables in their backyards.

World Water Day was celebrated on 22nd March 2005, at SYA guest house, Gooty. 82 men and women farmers participated in the programme

and expressed their views on the Importance of the day. Project staff spoke on the importance of water availability and scarcity all over the world. Elocution competition was held on the occasion and winning farmers were given prizes.



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23 Promoting Watershed Management

As a partner of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), in DWRCA programme, SYA was empanelled as a Resource Agency for conducting training of watershed management, since 1996. Knowing its capability, SYA was also invited by Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), then DRDA and now District Water Management Agency (DWMA), for community mobilization in 9 Watershed villages. SYA also carried out an evaluation study of 86 watershed villages, on the request of DWMA.

SYA completed community mobilization in 6 villages of Sirvel Mandal viz., Mahadevapuram, Govindapalle, Boyalakuntla, Mothkalapalle, Chennur, and Isukapalle, in February 2002. In August 2002, SYA completed community mobilization in another 3 villages of Allagadda Mandal viz., Padakandla, Nagireddy Palli and Narasaraopeta Colony.



On the request of DPAP, Kurnool, SYA carried out an Evaluation Study of 86 completed/on-going watersheds programmes in 9 mandals viz., Rudravaram, Chagalamarri, Bandi-Atmakur, Banaganapalli, Nandyal, Mahanandi, Owk, Panyam, and llagadda, during 2002-2003.

Apart from participating in DPAP Watershed programme as a Resource Agency, SYA also became a Project Implementing Agency (PIA) for eight watershed villages of Rudravaram mandal, in 2004. The villages were: Srirangapuram, Yallavathula, B. Nagrireddipalli, Beeravolu, Peruru, D. Kottala, Kotakonda and Kotturu.

As PIA, SYA organized watershed communities at village level as Grama Ikya Sangham or Watershed Committee (WC), in 8 watersheds. Each WC was constituted with 11 Members. WC met regularly, with facilitation of SYA, and discussed about Watershed works, Natural Resource Management, Savings, Debts, Income giving Schemes, Book Keeping etc. Action plans were prepared in 7 watersheds, using participatory methodology and submitted to the District Collector for approval.

SYA also organized 10 WCs in four watersheds viz., Kotakonda (1), Yellavathula (3) Beeravolu (3) and Malindla Vanka watershed (3).

Poorest of poor survey (House to House) was completed in all 9 watersheds and the report was sent to Assistant Project Director (APD) for considering to release of Revolving fund.

One-day training was held at 8 watersheds villages for orienting WC on watershed management. Apart from SYA, members of Watershed Development Team (WDT) participated as trainers. Topics covered included: Natural Resource Management (NRM), watershed concept, works in watershed



management, soil moisture conservation, management of WCs and improved agricultural practices.

About 42,000 Agave plants and 24,000 fruit-bearing trees were planted in eight watershed villages. Clay Bunds, Rock Fill Dams, Farm Ponds and Stone Terracing works were taken up in about 4,500 ha of land with a budget of about INR 2,70,00,000/-.

SYA also implemented Community Land Development Programme (CLDP), as part of watershed management, in 8 watershed villages. Under watershed programme, SYA completed identification of landless dalit families, who were eligible for assigning of government lands. Families thus identified were organized as a Common Interest Group (CIG), at all 10 watershed villages.

Several physical works were taken up as part of watershed programme, including structures, agriculture inputs and plantation. Watershed structures constructed included Farm Pond (FP), Rock Fill Dam (RFD) and Check Dam (CD). Table 23.1 gives a summary of watershed structures taken up; table 23.2 gives details of plantations carried out, in 10 watershed villages, under CLDP.







Table 23.1: Summary of watershed structures taken up

Sl.no	Village	Watershed	Number of structures		
			RFD	FP	CD
1	Kothuru	Malinda vanka	53	9	6
2	Kotakonda	Eduru vanka	5	9	1
3	D. Kottala	Avulabayoni cheruvu	127	13	0
4	Beeravolu	Beeravolu	0	8	0
5	Peruru	Peruru	0	6	0
6	B. Nagireddipalli	B. Nagireddipalli	0	0	0
7	Yallavathula	Yallavathula	0	7	0
8	Chilakaluru	Chilakaluru	0	0	0
9	Mandaluru	Mandaluru	0	0	0
		Total	185	52	7

Table 23.2: Summary of plantation taken up

SN	Village	Area (in acres)		
		Agave	Henna	Mango
1	Kotakonda	5	4	5
2	Yellavathula	0	10	0
3	Peruru	0	10	0
4	Kothuru	0	12	0
	Total	5	36	5

24 Enabling Dalits to fight for their just rights

Based on the outcomes of the 3-years social mobilization initiatives with Action Aid support, NOVOK member NGOs initiated a process in Kurnool District to address issues related to rights of women, children, dalits and tribal people. It was decided to bring together all vulnerable groups on a common platform to evolve strategies for the restoration of denied rights.

After initial focus on building capacities of front line staff and NOVOK partners on rights based work, in the year 2002, the actual issue based campaign started in the year 2003. The campaign brought in some degree of confrontation, in turn leading to backlashes and conflicts at the local level. SYA participated in several events organized at the district level, as a partner of NOVOK. Some of the events are narrated here.

As part of National Dalit Human Right Campaign, 3 July 2001, NOVOK organized a huge rally in Kurnool town, culminating in staging a dharna in front of the Office of the District Collector. SYA, along with 50 of its DS activists were among the total strength of 500 participants.

The first District Level Dalit Samakhya Mahasabha (DLDSM) was organized on 10 December 2002, to mark the Human Rights Day, at Nandyal town, under the auspices of NOVOK. SYA was represented in the Mahasabha by 3,800 Dalits from 20 villages of its operational area. Total gathering at the DLDSM was about 10,000, from operational area of 13 NGOs. Apart from NOVOK leaders, staff of ActionAid India, the President of APDS and several well known Dalit activists spoke on the occasion.

The second DLDSM was organized at Adoni town by NOVOK, on the occasion of Human Rights day 2003. About 12,000 Dalits from operational area of 13 NGOs participated in the meeting, among which 1000 people were from SYA operational area. Apart from NOVOK









leaders, Mr. Philip Goerge, a well known Dalit activist from Kerala, spoke on the occasion.

Mr. Kommupalem Srinivas, President of Andhra Pradesh Dalit Samakhya (APDS) lead a 2,300 km long cycle rally in December 2002. Along with CBOs, NOVOK Partner NGOs organized a District Level Cycle Rally starting from Holagunda Mandal on November 12th 2002 covering 254 villages, ending at Nandyal Town, to mark the Human Rights Day on 10th December 2002. SYA took part in Sirvel Mandal from 25th November 2002 to 27th November 2002, in Velgode Mandal from 4th December 2002 and in Atmakur Mandal 6th December 2002.

The third DLDSM was held at Kurnool town, to mark the Human Rights Day, on 10 December 2004. Country Director of Action Aid India, Mr. Babu Mathews spoke in the meeting, apart from NOVOK leaders. About 20,000 Dalits attended the meeting, of which 1,500 were from SYA operational area.

There was an evil practice in the Nandyal Police Station that came to the notice of DS. The practice was to book counter cases against dalits whenever they approach the police for registering a case against non-dalits. DS organized a big rally to protest against this evil practice and demand for change of attitude, on October 1, 2002 at Nandyal town. Total 400 Dalits and women of all Dalit CBOs belongs to Nandyal Division attended the rally and submitted a memorandum to Revenue Divisional Officer, Nandyal.



Apart from being an active participant of NOVOK activities, SYA implemented project activities in 20 villages of the Velgode and Sirvel Mandals. SYA formed 30 Dalit CBOs in all Dalit wadas belongs to 8 villages of Velgode Mandal and 12 villages of Sirvel Mandal, with a cadre base of 140 dalits. SYA organized village level meetings in each village to sensitize and build capacity of CBOs on various issues like social discrimination, land rights, livelihoods, child labor, gender equity etc. SYA facilitated village level regular meetings of the CBOs in order to learn the purpose/objectives, structure, and basic norms of CBOs to ensure effective functioning.

SYA organized a one-day orientation on Labour Contract Societies at Sirvel Mandal headquarters on September 2002, wherein 40 Dalit members took part. Two resource persons from the Nandyal Division Co-operative Office oriented them on co-operative rules framed under the MACS Act. SYA then encouraged Dalits to register two labor contract societies under the banner of SC Labor Contract Society in Velgode and Sirvel Mandals. The membership of these societies was restricted to the SCs, who are totally dependent on wage labor.



SYA used wall-writing method to pass on messages related to human rights such as: rights of dalits, untouchability, child labour, women rights, land rights, etc.



SYA organized events on the birth day of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, since the year 2002, on every 14 April. Events organized included: sports and games for dalit youth and children, public meeting, discussions on life and message of Dr. Ambedkar.



SYA responded positively to an emergency situation at two of its target villages. Fire broke out in SC/BC Colonies of Indireshwaram (Atmakur Mandal) and Chennur (Sirvel Mandal) on 2 March and 14 May 2002, respectively. 245 (95 and 150) huts burnt out in those accidents. While Chennur was Dalit Empowerment Programme (DEP) village, Indireshwaram was not covered under DEP. However, NOVOK encouraged taking up of relief work of fire victims at both villages.

From each of DEP villages (20), SYA and DS activists collected donations from Dalit families in cash and kind (rice, clothes, etc). With the contribution of INR 10,000/- from NOVOK, cooking utensils were bought. All the material thus collected was distributed to 245 fire victims.

In another freak tragic incident, an epidemic of Viral Fever broke out in SC Colony of







Guntakandala village, in which 45 forest labours fell seriously ill.



In spite of several requests of DS activist, no help came from the PHC, even after a week. DS and SYA staged a dharna in front of the Office of MRO, who in turn briefed the District Collector about the incident, over phone.

The District Collected responded immediately and not only instructed local PHC to go the village and attend the patients but also sent an ambulance with a medical team from Government Hospital, Kurnool. The team of doctors, after examining patients, diagnoses 18 cases as serious and immediately arranged for shifting them to Kurnool. While one girl child died en-route, lives of the remaining 17 patients could be saved due to initiative of DS and SYA.

Dalit Samakhya (DS) initiative resulted in sanction of house construction under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) programme at three villages viz., Gumparmadenni (5), Sirvel(10), and Jeenepalle (5).

DS took initiative and requested the authorities to provide work under drought relief works dalits at three villages' viz. Sirvel, Gumparmadenni and Jeenepalle.

The practice of diverting Gram Panchayat funds earmarked for benefit of SCs, to general works benefiting upper castes, came to the notice of DS. Strongmen of the village tried to gulp away the amount (INR 23,100) sanctioned for the benefit SC, in 2003 also. DS foiled their machinations and stood behind SCs, who received their due share on 25-03-03.

At Boyerevula, DS efforts resulted in getting the temple land (15 acres) for lease in favour of dalits of the village, which generally was cultivated by the upper caste.

DS took the initiative to provide 23 drought coupons from the Revenue Department to the eligible poor people on 21.03.03 in Abdullapuram.

With the initiative of DS, 10 S C caste poor house less people have received house Pattas on 07-01-2003 at Mothkur from Revenue Department.

DS took initiative to provide care and support to Palle Ramanamma, a Dalit women of Velpanur, suffering gender discrimination from her in-laws. She was given INR 50,000/- by the Government under Apathbandhu Scheme, on 18-03-2002.

At Gumparmandinne, Dalits executed bonds for INR 5.00 Lakhs in the name of upper caste people. DS intervened in this matter and worked out to return the illegal bonds to Dalits.

SYA, in its operational area took part in several campaigns launched against identified human

rights violation issues. Some of the campaigns are listed here.

Chandra, a poor dalit of Gundampadu village (Sirvel Mandal) owned 85 cents of agriculture land. Landlord of the village illegally occupied Chandra's land, denying the benefit of the small piece of land. DS took up the issue and talked to the landlord, who agreed to vacate the land. Thus, the issue was settled and Chandra is now cultivating his 85 cents without any trouble.

At Regadaguduru village (Velgode Mandal), Sivamma, a dalit lady was beaten up and addressed in the name of her caste by a village level functionary of Revenue Department. Unable to bear the insult, she consumed pesticide and died on the same day. With intervention of DS, a case was booked under SC/ST Atrocities Act against the culprit on 22-11-02.

Jayamma, a dalit woman from Abdullapuram (Velgode Mandal), was teased by an upper caste youth. Unable to bear the insult and humiliation, she attempted to commit suicide. DS intervened and registered a Murder attempt case on 02-05-2002 against the culprit.

At Chennur village of Sirvel Mandal a dalit entered the village temple to offer a coconut to the deity, on 18th June 2002. Upper castes saw this act as an unpardonable mistake committed to the deity and attacked him. DS activists' brought to the notice of Deputy Superintend of Police (DSP), who reacted positively and booked a case against the people who attacked the dalit, under SC/ST Atrocities Act on 21st June 2002. Under the leadership of DSP, other police personnel, DS and press went to Chennur and enabled dalits to enter the village temple.



In the month of June 1996, police registered several cases against 173 persons (dalits, tribes, minorities and backward communities) who were involved in the temple land issues of Regadaguduru village (Velgode mandal). Cases were long pending in the Sessions Court and Magistrate Court of Atmakur Taluk. On August 15, 2002 a free legal aid camp was organized at Z.P High School, Velgode where in Honorable Judge Shri Dorai Swamy along with reputed Lawyers, police officials attended the camp. SYA facilitated participation of all the accused and their interaction with the Judge. He listened to the problems of the accused and promised to extend his support to finalize the long pending cases. On his advice, SYA extended legal support to all the accused.



Moses, a dalit farmer of Gundampadu village (Sirvel Mandal) bought seed from a upper caste farmer of the same village. The seed turned out to be spurious resulting in heavy loss for the poor dalit family. Unable to raise money for feeding his family, he went to the seed seller

and demanded compensation. Reacting violently to Moses, the seed seller not only addressed him in by his caste but also beat him up very badly. With the intervention of DS, a case was booked under S.C/S.T Atrocities Act against the culprit.

Sujanamma, a dalit woman of Mothkulapalle (Sirvel Mandal) was not only brutally raped by an upper caste person, but also has been abused in the name of her caste when she tried to protect herself. DS took initiative on behalf of the victim and registered a Rape case on 23-07-2002 against the culprit.



25 In pursuit of up-to-date knowledge

SYA strongly believed that its own work force should be geared up to ensure effective delivery of intended benefits to target groups. New skills were required, on a regular basis, for the staff to carry out newer tasks. Therefore, Human Resource Development was a continuous process in SYA, wherein its members of staff as well as Executive Board were continuously encouraged to participate in capacity building opportunities such as training, workshop, conference, orientation, etc., at International, National and Regional level. This section looks at the opportunities utilized by SYA to equip its members with the needed capacities to carry out its work.

Training

The internal capacity building efforts of SYA started with participation of one of its members, Mr. S. Md. Khasim in the Youth Leadership Training (YLT) Camp, organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, at Kurnool town from 14-11-1980 to 23-11-1980. Other founder members were also imparted YLT, at later stages. Mr. SC Hassain and Mr. R Rami Reddy participated in YLT at Banavasi village, Kurnool District, from 30-11-1981 to 09-12-1981. Mr. KK Murthy participated in YLT at Bandi-Atmakur village from 20-08-1983 to 21-08-1983. Mr. G Veera Prasad and Mr. K Srinathudu participated in YLT at Kurnool from 23-08-1986 to 01-09-1986. Mr. D Venkata Ramana, Mr. A Venkateswarlu, Mr. M Sreenivasulu and M Janardhana Rao participated in YLT at Atmakur, from 26-12-1987 to 30-12-1987. Mr. S Obulesh and two Dalit Volunteers of SYA participated in YLT held at a choultry of Mahanandi town, from 9 to 11 November 1993.

Mr. SC Hassain attended a National Training Course in Co-operatives conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra, New Delhi, in Cooperation with Department of Youth Affairs (GoI), Delhi State Cooperative Training Centre and Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), from 01-03-1986 to 07-03-1986.



Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended training on Project Planning and Evaluation, held at ISI from 7 to 12 February 1990, organized by the Department of Extension Services, Indian Social Institute (ISI), New Delhi.

Mr. K. K Murthy of SYA attended a training programme on "Financial management of Youth Agencies", organized by the VYK, New Delhi, from 16th to 20th September 1991 at its Premises.

Mr. GRB Reddy and Mr. K. K Murthy of SYA attended training on Organization of Beneficiaries Programme (OBP) from 11th to 15th February 1994, at Anantapur town. After the Training of Organizers (ToO), they in turn took up mobilization of groups by organizing mini/preparatory camps at 5 villages of Velgode Mandal.

Mr. GRB Reddy, Mr. GSR Reddy, Mr. PR Vijaya Manohar and Mr. G Venkata Ramana Reddy from SYA participated a training programme on UNDP project for Coordinators and Organizers of partner NGOs working in Kurnool District, conducted in the premises of MERIBA, Neravada Village, from 18th to 20th July 1995.

Mr. KK Murthy of SYA attended a Training of Trainer (ToT) Programme from 13th-19th September 1995, organized by Janamitra, sponsored by UNDP, at Jeevasudha, Pastoral Training Centre, Kurnool.

Mr. GSR Reddy of SYA attended a ToT programme, organized by the Janamitra and sponsored by UNDP, from 26-10-95 to 02-11-95 at Jeevasudha, Pastoral Training Centre, Kurnool.

Ms. Malleswari and Mr. K Prasada Rao Community Organizers of SYA successfully completed ToT course on Phase-I of Action Aid India programme, conducted by SEARCH, Bangalore, from 08-07-97 to 16.07.97 at Jeevasudha, Kurnool on behalf of NOVOK, Kurnool.

Mr. K Prasada Rao and Mr. GV Ramana Reddy, Community organizers of SYA participated in an 8-day Phase-II ToT of Action Aid India programme, conducted by the SEARCH, Bangalore from 08th to 15th September 1997 at Bangalore.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA successfully completed a training course on "Appraisal of Rural Micro Enterprises", organized by the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad form 3rd to 7th November, 1997.

Mrs. Ravanamma, Mrs. TV Subbamma, Mrs. Rajeswari and Mrs. Nirmala, WSHG Mandal Network Leaders participated in "Training for Women Sangam Federations" held at Dharmapuri (Tamil Nadu) Organized by the SEARCH, Bangalore from 24th to 28th March 1998.

Fourteen Action Aid Project staff underwent a week-long training on PRA, Gender and Leadership, organized by NOVOK from 21st to 26th June 1998, at Jeevasudha, Kurnool. Mr. TN Reddy, Ms. Kalamani, Mr. Ravi Kumar and Mr. Jayanand, were key resource persons.

Ms. S Swarnalatha, Project Coordinator of SYA, attended orientation training - Swarna Jayanti Swarozgar Yojana Programme (SJSY), DRDA, Kurnool on 5th August 1999, at Mandal Parishad Development Office, Atmakur.

Ms. S Swarnalatha and Mr. AS Basha of SYA attended training on Mutually Aided Cooperative Society (MACS) Act, conducted from 15th to 17th September 1999, at SINRD, Ongole. SYA participated on behalf of the Ashram Paryavarana Bank promoted by the DFO, Atmakur.

Workshops

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA, attended a Workshop on eco-regeneration of Rayalaseema region, from 23rd to 25th June,1991 at Sri Krishnadevaraya University (SKU), Anantapur.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended the "National Workshop on role of youth in promotion of Non Formal Education", organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra (VYK), New Delhi, from 26th to 30th August,1991 at its premises.

Mr. KK Murthy and Mr. B Chandra Mohan of SYA participated in the five-day National Workshop on "Youth Activities on Integrated Approach to Sustainable Community Development Projects, organized by VYK, New Delhi at its premises from 22nd to 26th June 1992.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA along with Ms. V Padmavatamma, Mrs. B Varalakshamma and Mr. GSR Reddy participated in "Youth Ending Hunger - India (YEH-India) Workshop", organized by the VYK, New Delhi, in collaboration with the Hunger Project, from 9 to 10 April 1993.



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వెలుగోడు, ఏప్రిల్ 7 (టెలిమ్యాప్): ప్రపంచంలో ఆకలిచావులంటే మరుటించే పేద ప్రజానీకాన్ని రక్షించేందుకు ప్రధానంగా బాలబాలికల సంక్షేమానికి కృషి చేసేందుకు ఏర్పాటైన "హంగర్ ప్రాజెక్టు"ను మన దేశంలో అమలుపరిచేందుకు రూపొందించిన విధానం, వాటికి సంబంధించిన సమాచారంపై వివరంగా చర్చించటానికి అంతర్జాతీయ యువకేంద్రంవారు ఢిల్లీలో ఈనెల 9, 10 తేదీలలో ఒక సదస్సును ఏర్పాటుచేస్తున్నారని వెలుగోడు స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ అధ్యక్షులు శ్రీ గుర్రం రామభూపాలరెడ్డి తెలిపారు. అంతర్జాతీయంగా ప్రఖ్యాతిగాంచిన 'ది హంగర్ ప్రాజెక్టు – ఇండియా' ఆధ్వర్యంలో 1984వ సంవత్సరంలో యూత్ ఎండింగ్ హంగర్–ఇండియా' అనే వినూత్న కార్యక్రమం ప్రారంభమయింది. మ్యాడ్రిడ్‌లోని అంతర్జాతీయ యువకేంద్రంలో ఇది ప్రారంభమైనదని, ఈ అంతర్జాతీయ కార్యక్రమం ప్రపంచంలోని 95 దేశాలలో ప్రస్తుతం విస్తరిస్తున్నారని ఆయన తెలిపారు. ఈ ప్రాజెక్టులందు పథకాలు రూపొందించి ప్రజలను చైతన్యవంతులను చేయడమేగాక తమ సహాయాన్నికూడా అందించాల్సి వుంటుందని శ్రీ రెడ్డి తెలిపారు. ప్రపంచంగా 'యూత్ ఎండింగ్ హంగర్' అనే కార్యక్రమం యూరప్, నార్త్ అమెరికా, జపాన్ దేశాలలో ప్రజావైవిధ్య కార్యక్రమంగానే ప్రారంభమైంది. ఆ తర్వాత 1990వ సంవత్సరంలో జరిగిన చక్కరాజ్యసమితి వారి ప్రపంచ బాలబాలికల సదస్సు జరిగింది. దాని ఆధారంగా 'ది హంగర్ ప్రాజెక్టు – జపాన్' ఆధ్వర్యంలో ఈ అంశంపై ప్రథమ యువజన సదస్సు 'ప్రైడ్' నగరంలో 1991లో నిర్వహించారని ఆయన తెలిపారు.

ఈ సదస్సులో పాల్గొన్న 60 మంది యువకులు 1992వ సంవత్సరంలో పలు ప్రాంతీయ సదస్సులను ఏర్పాటుచేయాలని నిర్ణయించారు. అందులో భాగంగా మన దేశంలోను, బుర్కినా ఫాసో, వికరాగ్వా, టర్కీ, వాషింగ్టన్‌లలో నిర్వహించేట్లు శ్రీ రామభూపాలరెడ్డి తెలిపారు. అంతర్జాతీయ బాలబాలికల సదస్సులో రూపొందించిన కార్యాచరణ పథకాన్ని అమలుపరచడానికి యూత్ ఎండింగ్ హంగర్ యువజన నాయకులు తమ యువశక్తితో ఈ కార్యక్రమాన్ని విజయవంతం చేయడానికి ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ అందుకు కృషి చేస్తున్నారని ఆయన తెలిపారు.

ఈ లక్ష్యంలో మన దేశంలో యూత్ ఎండింగ్ హంగర్ అనే బృహత్తర పథకాన్ని మ్యాడ్రిడ్‌లో అంతర్జాతీయ యువకేంద్రం నాయకత్వంలో నిర్వహిస్తున్నారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమ నిర్వహణకు దేశంలోని 20 స్వచ్ఛంద సేవాసంస్థలను కోర్ మెంబర్స్‌గా ఎన్నుకున్నారన్నారు. అందులో భాగంగా కర్నూలు జిల్లా నుండి వెలుగోడు స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ అనే స్వచ్ఛంద సేవాసంస్థ ఎన్నుకొనుందని సంస్థ అధ్యక్షులు రామభూపాలరెడ్డి తెలిపారు. ప్రస్తుత ఢిల్లీలో జరుగుతున్న ఈ సదస్సుకు తమ సంస్థనుండి సంస్థ కార్యదర్శి ఎన్.పి.చావే నాయకత్వంలో కొదూరి పెద్ది, కుమారి పి.పద్మావతమ్మ, శ్రీమతి వరలక్ష్మమ్మలు స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ ప్రతినిధి బృందంగా ఎంపిక చేసి పంపుతున్నట్లు ఆయన తెలిపారు.

A Field Workshop was organized on "the potential groundwater sanctuaries in Upper Kunderu sub-basin and the impact of new irrigation systems on them" was organized by PROGRESS, a Voluntary Scientific Service organization on 17th September 1994, at Kalvabugga Roads and Buildings Guest House. Mr. SC Hassain and Mr. GSR Reddy of SYA participated in the workshop.

A 5-day Workshop on "Natural Resource Management, Environmental Auditing and Waste Minimization was jointly organized by SAMASKAR, Hyderabad and India Environmental Society (IES), New Delhi from 6th to 10th October 1994, at Hotel Jaya International, Hyderabad. Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated in the workshop.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended a workshop on "finalizing performance indicators and other modalities of collaboration with partner NGOs", organized by the UNDP (RAS/94/500), on 26th and 27th June, 1995 at NIRD, Hyderabad.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA Participated in a two-day workshop for NGOs on "Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD)", organized by Ministries of Industry, Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industry (GoI), at NIRD, Hyderabad on July 4th and 5th 1997.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated in the 1st International Thematic PRA Workshop organized by PRAXIS, Institute for Participatory Practices, Patna during 12-22 April 1998 at Ranchi. The theme of the workshop was "Project Management", wherein Dr. Robert Chambers and Dr. Sam Joseph were the facilitators/trainers.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated in the "RIOD – AP Chapter" Workshop held at Osmania University Campus from 18th to 20th August 1998.

Mr. M Malleswari and Mrs. P Vimala Kumari Community Organizers, participated in a Women Activists convention at SEARCH Training Centre, Bangalore from 10.11.97 to 15.11.97.

Mr. KK Murthy and Mr. AS Basha of SYA participated in the Workshop on "SRBC-R& R Programme", organized by the Special Collector (Land Acquisition), Kurnool on 31st May 1999 at BIRDS Office, Nandyal.

Mr. AS Basha of SYA participated in the Gender Sensitization Workshop held at SPEAK – India, Puligilapadu in Rapur Mandal of Nellore District from 5th to 7th February 2000.

Work Camps

Mr. G Anjaneyulu and Mr. M Nagaraju participated in a Youth Work Camp (YWC) at Venkatapuram village, organized by NYK, Kurnool from 06-06-1982 to 15-06-1982. After the Camp, participants were taken on an educational tour of Shrisailam, Nagarjuna Sagar, Karimnagar, Siddipeta, Hyderabad and Mahbub Nagar.

NYK-Kurnool conducted an YWC at Adoni from 04-11-1986 to 13-11-1986. Mr. SC Hassain and Mr. G Venkata Swamy participated in the camp.

Conferences

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated in the District Level Youth Conference on "Role of Youth in Social Development", organized by NYK-Kurnool at Nandikotkur from 29-08-1981 to 30-08-1981.

Mr. KK Murthy and Mr. P Adinarayana Reddy of SYA attended a District Level Youth Conference, at Banaganapalli organized by NYK-Kurnool, from 27-03-1983 to 30-03-1983.

Mr. KK Murthy of SYA Vice President of SYA, has attended a Youth Conference organized by the Federation of Andhra Pradesh Youth Organizations, at Victoria Memorial Home, Saroornagar, Hyderabad on December 16th 1991.

A State Level Conference of Social Workers was organized Andhra Pradesh State Social Welfare Advisory Board, at YMCA, Hyderabad from 7th to 8th April 1992. On behalf of SYA, Mr. GRB Reddy and Mr. SC Hassain attended the conference.

The Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), Bombay organized a National Conference of Non Governmental Organization on "Population, Development and the Environment – Agenda for 1990s", at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, from 14th to 16th April, 1991. On behalf of the SYA, Mr. SC Hassain attended the Conference. As part of the conference, he took part in the Group Discussion - "Youth: The spearhead of the 1990s", under the chairmanship of Dr. Mahinder C. Watsa, Consultant, Sex Education Counseling Research Therapy Training (SECRT) Centre of the FPAI Bombay.



ఢిల్లీ సదస్సుకు 'స్టార్ యూత్' ఎంపిక

వెలుగోడు, ఏప్రిల్ 26 (న్యూస్ టుడే): బిలాయి ట్రైనింగ్ అకాడమీలో ఇండియా అర్బన్ సిమెంట్ అసోసియేషన్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో ఈనెల 27 నుంచి 29వ తేదీ వరకు మేస్త్రీలకు జరుగనున్న శిక్షణా తరగతుల్లో వెలుగోడు స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ ఎంపికైనట్లు అసోసియేషన్ ఉపాధ్యక్షుడు కె.కె.మూర్తి ఒక ప్రకటనలో తెలిపారు. ఈ సదస్సుకు అసోసియేషన్ కార్యదర్శి ఎస్.నాగేశ్వరరావు హాజరవుతున్నట్లు తెలిపారు. ఈ సదస్సులో ప్రముఖ వక్తలు మహిళాభివృద్ధి కార్యక్రమాలు, అంగన్వాడీ కేంద్రాల ద్వారా జనాభా, కుటుంబ నియంత్రణ కార్యక్రమాలపై ప్రసంగిస్తారని ఆయన తెలిపారు. ఈ సదస్సులో ప్రముఖ వక్తలు ప్రసంగించడమే కాకుండా ఆయా అంశాలపై చర్చించేందుకు మండలంలో చురుగ్గా పనిచేస్తున్న స్వచ్ఛంద సేవాసంస్థలకు ఒక వేదికను ఏర్పాటు చేయడం ఈ సదస్సు ప్రధాన ఉద్దేశమని ఆయన తెలిపారు. ఇందులో ఎంపికైన తరువాత అంతర్జాతీయ ప్రతినిధులు కూడా ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో పాల్గొంటున్నట్లు ఆయన చెప్పారు. స్వచ్ఛంద సేవాసంస్థలు అమలుపరుస్తున్న మహిళా సంక్షేమ కార్యక్రమాల్లో కుటుంబ నియంత్రణ, పునరుత్పాదక ఆరోగ్యం స్వచ్ఛంద కార్యక్రమాలను కూడా అనుసంధానం చేయడానికి వీలుగా కొన్ని కవిత్వ పోటీలను ఈ సదస్సులో పాల్గొనిస్తారని కె.కె.మూర్తి తెలిపారు.

A State level conference of NGOs was organized by the Rajiv Gandhi Technology Mission at Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad on 19 and 20 December 1993. Mr. GRB Reddy of SYA participated in the conference.

Seminars

A Seminar on "Social Forestry" was held at Velgode on 16-12-1984 by the PEEC, Velgode, with the financial support of CROSS, Hyderabad. Mr. SC Hassain and Mr. KK Murthy of SYA attended the Seminar.

Mr. SC Hassain, Mr. S Obulesh and Mr. KK Murthy actively participated in a seminar on

"The Family Planning and False rumours", conducted by PEEC, Velgode, on 22-02-1985.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated in a seminar on "Population Education and Family Welfare Orientation Programme", organized by VYK, New Delhi from 20-01-1988 to 24-01-1988.

A one-day seminar on "Common Wealth Youth Programme" was organized by DEVELOPMENTORS, at YMCA, Anantapur on 28th October 1991. Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended the seminar.

The Population and Environmental Education Centre, Velgode held a seminar on "Environmental Education to College Lecturers" on 10-08-1986 at Madanapalle. Our Youth Worker Mr. S.C. Hassain submitted a paper on "Population and Environment" to the seminar.

The District Medical and Health Department (GoAP) organized one-day seminar on "Family Welfare Programme" for Voluntary Organizations for Rayalaseema region, on 23rd December 1991 at Zilla Praja Parishad Meeting Hall, Kurnool. Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended the Seminar.

Para-Legal Training Seminar: The Legal support centre of Kadapa district organized a "Para-legal Training Seminar" at MPSSS Training Hall, Mariapuram Kadapa from 21st to 26th October 1992. On behalf of SYA, Ms.V. Padmavathamma participated in the Training Seminar.



లీగల్ ట్రైనింగ్ ప్రోగ్రామ్‌కు ఎంపిక

వెలుగోడు, సెప్టెంబర్ 7 (వెలిమ్యూస్): వెలుగోడు మండలం కేంద్రంలోని స్టార్ యూత్ అసోసియేషన్ వ్యవస్థాపకులు శ్రీ కె.కృష్ణ మూర్తిని కడప జిల్లా న్యాయ సహాయ కేంద్రం ఆధ్వర్యంలో ఈ నెల 9వ తేదీ నుండి 14వ తేదీవరకు కడపలోని మల్టి పర్పస్ స్కూల్ నందు పారా లీగల్ ట్రైనింగ్ ప్రోగ్రామ్‌కు ఎంపిక చేయడం జరిగిందని అసోసియేషన్ అధ్యక్షులు శ్రీ జి.రామభూపాల్ రెడ్డి తెలిపారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో తమ సంస్థ వివిధ కార్యక్రమాలను చేపట్టడం వలన తమ సంస్థ ప్రతినిధిగా, పేదల అభ్యున్నతి కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించే గ్రామీణ ప్రాంతంలో బాగా పేదరికం సామాజిక, ఆర్థిక వ్యత్యాసం వేధిస్తున్నందున కొన్ని నిర్మాణాత్మక రూపాంతరీకరణకు ఉపయోగపడుతుందని ఆయన తెలిపారు. ఈ శిక్షణ అనంతరం తమ ప్రాంతంలో బాగా పేదరికం సామాజిక, ఆర్థిక వ్యత్యాసం వేధిస్తున్నందున కొన్ని నిర్మాణాత్మక రూపాంతరీకరణకు ఉపయోగపడుతుందని ఆయన తెలిపారు. ఈ శిక్షణలో పాల్గొనడానికి అవకాశమిచ్చిన కడప జిల్లా న్యాయ సహాయ కేంద్ర కార్యదర్శి, కోఆర్డినేటర్ శ్రీ ఎం.బాలసుబ్రహ్మణ్యం రాజు ఆయన తమ కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలిపారు.

Orientation

Mr. SC Hassain and Mr. GSR Reddy of SYA participated in a meeting of the District Voluntary Organizations on programmes of National projects on Bio-gas development and Improved Chulhas on July 5, 1990 at the office of the Non-Conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NEDCAP), Kurnool, to discuss and finalize execution of programmes in rural areas. Mr. G. V. Ranga Rao, District Manager of NEDCAP explained about NEDCAP activities.

PD-DRDA, Kurnool invited SYA to attend a meeting on November 9 1990 with him and the other Developmental Officers for a discussion on the active participation of the Non Governmental Organisations in DPAP watershed and other developmental programmes. Mr. SC Hassain attended the meeting.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated in a meeting on District Literacy Movement at office of District Collector and Magistrate, on December 28 1990.

VYK organized an "Orientation Programme for Youth workers Income Generation Project for Women" for selected youth workers in India form 18th to 22nd March 1991, at its premises. On behalf of the SYA, Mr. SC Hassain, Mr. KK Murthy and Mr. GSR Reddy attended.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA was invited by the Rayalaseema Seva Smithy (RASS), Thirupathi to attend a talk on "The role of NGOs – Perspectives in the Eighth Plan, delivered by Shri Pranab Mukherji, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, GoI, at the Senate Hall of SVU, Thirupathi on 2nd November,1991.

PD-DRDA, Kurnool convened a meeting of all Non Governmental Organizations in Kurnool District, on February 28th 1992, with an

objective of promoting NGO participation in implementation of DRDA programs. Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended the meeting.

AWARE, a Voluntary Organization, based at Hyderabad convened an Informal meeting of National Non Governmental Organization, for two days from 29.02.1992 to 01.03.1992 at Hyderabad. On behalf of SYA, Mr. KK Murthy attended the meeting. This meeting drew a Common Minimum Plan of Action for 1992, for Co-operation and development of NGOs in India.

Kurnool District Non-Governmental Organizations Forum Inaugural Meeting was organized by DRDA, Kurnool, on 4th January, 1993 at meeting Hall of the Zilla Praja Parishad, Kurnool. Mr. GBR Reddy and Mr. KK Murthy of SYA attended the meeting. SYA became a member of the forum.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA has participated in the Orientation Programme on "Community Participation in Implementing Child Development Programmes for the representatives of Voluntary Organization, during 14-18 November 94, organized by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore, at their premises.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA participated an Orientation programme for Chief Executive Officers of partner NGOs on "strategy of Thrift and Credit, Formation of Self-Help Groups and Monitoring of Socio-economic indicators", organized by UNDP, from 10th to 12th July 1995 at State Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

Mr. SC Hassain of SYA attended an Orientation Programme for NGOs on "Community – Based Rehabilitation" held at the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (NIRTAR), Olatpur in Cuttack District, Orissa from 16th to 20to October 1995.

Mr. KK Murthy of SYA attended the Annual Consultative Meeting of Centre for World Solidarity (CWS) conducted from 22nd to 25th April 1998 at St. Vincent's Retreat cum Seminar Centre, Gopalapur, Ganjam District, Orissa.

Events

In connection with Andhra Pradesh State Formation Celebrations the Atmakur Panchayat Samithi observed Youth Welfare Day, at Atmakur on 22-11-1981. Mr. SC Hassain and Mr. R. Rami Reddy attended the programme.

Directorate of Youth Services (GoAP) and Yuvasakthi, Hyderabad convened a National Integration Camp from 18th to 22nd November


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1991 at Quli Qutub Shah Stadium, Hyderabad. On behalf of SYA, Mr. KK Murthy participated in the camp.

Mr. A Sadik Basha, Mr. K Prasada Rao, Ms. M. Malleswari, Ms. A Ravanamma and Mr. S Nazeer Ahamad of SYA, along with Ms. S Swarna Latha, a SHG Network Leader attended the National Integration Camp, organized by VYK, New Delhi from 24th to 26th November 1998, at its premises.

Mr. T. Venkata Swamy, Lecturer in History, SNSR College, Velgode, delivered a Lecture on "Indian War of Independence and Youth " on 15-08-1987, on occasion of Independence day.



15 members of the SYA attended the lecture.

On behalf of NYK-Kurnool, Mr. GSR Reddy Ms. V Padmavathamma and Mrs. M Ramanamma participated in a National Integration Camp, organized by the NYK, Kollam (Kerala) from 19th to 25th September 1992 at the Social Forestry Complex , Arippa, Kolathupazha , Kerala.

Educational Tours

An Educational tour was organized for non-student youth by NYK-Kurnool, to Gulburga, Pune, Bombay, Ajanta, Ellora, Goa, Tungabhadra Dam and Hampi, during 17- 24 October 1982. Mr. R. Rami Reddy of SYA Participated in the tour.

SYA organized a Youth Exchange Programme to leading youth organizations in the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Ten members of SYA visited Bangalore, Mysore and Ooty from 27-06-1985 to 30-06-1985.

Association Library

For regular update of knowledge and skill of its members, SYA maintained an Association Library, which stored books, compact discs, films etc.

Financial Statement

(April 1991 - November 2005)

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STAR YOUTH ASSOCIATION (SYA)

Funds details:

April 2005 to November 2005

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	AmountRs.
1	Andhra Pradesh Farmers Managed Groundwater Systems Project (APFAMGS)	BIRDS/FAO	25,00,000
2	Farming System Development	BIRDS/AMEF	2,30,000
3	Popularizing & Promoting CFM	Centre for Forest Management	1,00,000
4	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	72,145
5	Dalit Empowerment Programme	ActionAid India	3,50024
6	Organizing women labour on their rights & duties	Govt. of India – Ministry of Labour	16,612
7	Promoting Women Rights & Gender Equality through SHG Network in Atmakur Mandal – Phase II	AHB, Germany	3,00,000
8	NGO Networking for Sexual and Reproductive Health of Youth in Andhra Pradesh	ANS, Hyderabad	20,000
9	Watershed Management in Rudravaram Mandal (VI & IX Batches)	DWMA, Kurnool	96,600

2004-2005

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting CFM	Centre for Forest Management	1,73,100
2	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	1,85,736
3	Revolving Loan Fund	FWWB-India	50,00,000
4	Dalit Empowerment Programme	ActionAid India	4,99,734
5	Organizing women labour on their rights & duties	Govt. of India – Ministry of Labour	00
6	Social Security Project	FWWB-India	4,58,000
7	Recoupment of Revolving Fund	NMDFC,New Delhi	11,25,000
8	Promoting Women Rights & Gender Equality through SHG Network in Atmakur Mandal – Phase II	AHB, Germany	6,65,010
9	NGO Networking for Sexual and Reproductive Health of Youth in Andhra Pradesh	ANS, Hyderabad	41,750
10	Watershed Management in Rudravaram Mandal (VI & IX Batches)	DWMA, Kurnool	5,65,700
11	Andhra Pradesh Farmers Managed Groundwater Systems Project (APFAMGS)	BIRDS, Nandyal	25,00,000

2003-2004

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	AmountRs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting CFM	Centre for Forest Management	1,68,000
2	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	1,41,683
3	Revolving Loan Fund	FWWB-India	1,00,00,000
4	Dalit Empowerment Programme	ActionAid India	4,95,196
5	Organizing women labour on their rights & duties	Govt. of India – Ministry of Labour	49,838
6	Social Security Project	FWWB-India	1,11,000
7	Recoupment of Revolving Fund	NMDFC,New Delhi	9,84,375
8	Watershed Management in Rudravaram Mandal (VI & IX Batches)	DWMA, Kurnool	3,38,639

2002-2003

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	AmountRs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting JFM	Centre for World Solidarity	1,55,550
2	Social Mobilisation of Women SHGs in Atmakur Mandal	AHB, Germany	7,28,460
3	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	1,36,387
4	Credit Limit under the Main Loan Scheme	NMDFC,New Delhi	11,25,000
5	Revolving Loan Fund	FWWB-India	75,00,000
6	Dalit Empowerment Programme	ActionAid India	4,64,515
7	Partnership for Sexual Health Project	APSACS	5,69,838
8	Community Mobilisation in New Watersheds Villages	DPAP, Kurnool	98,828

2001-2002

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	AmountRs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting JFM	Centre for World Solidarity	1,58,350
2	Social Mobilisation of Women SHGs in Atmakur Mandal	AHB, Germany	2,35,000
3	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	1,34,482
4	Credit Limit under the Main Loan Scheme	NMDFC,New Delhi	22,25,000
5	Revolving Loan Fund	FWWB-India	20,00,000
6	Dalit Empowerment Programme	ActionAid India	2,54,765
7	Micro Enterprise Development	The Bridge Foundation,Hyderabad	1,65,000
8	Partnership for Sexual Health Project	APSACS	3,44,756
9	Community Mobilisation in New Watersheds Villages	DPAP, Kurnool	36,000

2000-2001

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	AmountRs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting JFM	Centre for World Solidarity	1,32,250
2	Social Mobilisation of Women SHGs in Atmakur Mandal	AHB, Germany	2,00,000
3	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	92,696
4	Credit Limit under the Main Loan Scheme	RMK,New Delhi	55,50,000
5	Revolving Loan Fund	FWWB-India	5,00,000
6	Micro Enterprise Development	The BridgeFoundation, Hyderabad	86,000
7	Partnership for Sexual Health Project	APSACS	3,41,325

1999-2000

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting JFM	Centre for World Solidarity	65,100
2	Social Mobilisation of Women SHGs in Atmakur Mandal	AHB, Germany	2,05,000
3	Special School for Child Labour	KDSRCL, Kurnool	17,489
4	Credit Limit under the Main Loan Scheme	NMDFC,New Delhi	1,87,200
5	Central Rural Sanitation Programme	RMK, New Delhi	26,875
6	Credit Limit under the Main Loan Scheme	RMK, New Delhi	22,00,000

1998-99

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Popularizing & Promoting JFM	Centre for World Solidarity	74,432
2	Strengthening Social Mobilisation through a 3-tier Institutions	ActionAid	2,63,795
3	International Thematic "PRA" Training for Project Holders	ActionAid	15,000
4	Entrepreneurship DevelopmentTraining & Exposure Visit forWomen SHGs	KFO, Austria	1,01,668
5	Central Rural Sanitation Programme	RMK, New Delhi	26,875
6	Credit Limit under the Main Loan Scheme	RMK, New Delhi	7,50,000

1997-98

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Social Forestry	CAPART, New Delhi	2,48,000
2	Construction of low-cost houses under JRY	CAPART, New Delhi	3,43,560
3	Popularizing & Promoting JFM	Centre for World Solidarity	1,12,000
4	Organisation & Development of Rural & Poor Women	KFO, Austria	1,23,152
5	National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC)	Govt. of India – M/O Environment & Forests	6,000
6	Intuitional Development at the Grass-roots for Poverty Alleviation	UNDP, New Delhi	33,364
7	Social Mobilisation of Target Women towards Poverty Alleviation	ActionAid	74,020
8	Strengthening Social Mobilisation through a 3-tier Institutions	ActionAid	3,13,410

1996 -1997

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP)	CAPART, Hyderabad	1,01,200
2	Pilot Scheme for Formation and Stabilization of Women SHGs	RMK, New Delhi	1,00,000
3	Organisation & Development of Rural & Poor Women	KFO, Austria	1,51,172
4	Intuitional Development at the Grass-roots for Poverty Alleviation	UNDP, New Delhi	99,147
5	Social Mobilisation of Target Women towards Poverty Alleviation	ActionAid	74,020

1995 -1996

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Centre Vocational Tailoring & Family Counseling for Young Women	AP Social WelfareFund, Hyderabad	4,150
2	Organisation & Development of Rural & Poor Women	KFO, Austria	1,95,820
3	Construction of low-cost houses under JRY	CAPART, New Delhi	4,20,000

1994 -1995

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Centre Vocational Tailoring & Family Counseling for Young Women	AP Social WelfareFund, Hyderabad	4,150
2	Implementation of DWCRA Programme in Velgode Mandal	DRDA, Kurnool	48,800
3	Community-Based Rural Sanitation and Safe Drinking Water Project	United Methodist Church, USA	2,50,160
4	Rural Child Care Programme	SKN, The Netherlands	41,895

1993 -1994

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Centre Vocational Tailoring & Family Counseling for Young Women	AP Social WelfareFund, Hyderabad	4,150
2	State Level National Integration Camp	Govt. of India – M/O HRD, Dept. of Youth Affairs & Sports	9,688
3	Para-Legal Training Camp	Govt. of India – M/O Law, Justice and Company Affairs, CILAS	10,000
4	Awareness Generation Project for Rural & Poor Women	Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB), New Delhi	10,000

1992 -1993

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Centre Vocational Tailoring & Family Counseling for Young Women	AP Social WelfareFund, Hyderabad	4,150
2	Family Welfare Motivation Camps for Rural Youth	Govt. of AP – Directorate of Youth Services	28,000

1991 -1992

S.No.	Name of the Project / Scheme	Funding Agency	Amount Rs.
1	Centre Vocational Tailoring & Family Counseling for Young Women	AP Social WelfareFund, Hyderabad	4,150
2	National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC)	Govt. of India – M/O Environment & Forests	5,000
3	Rural Women's Development Programme	Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA),New Delhi	2,42,000
4	AP State Voluntary Organisation Award – Cash Incentive	Govt. of AP – Directorate of Youth Services	4,000
5	District Youth Organisation Award – Cash Incentive	Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kurnool	1,000
6	Construction of Youth Club Building	Govt. of AP – Directorate of Youth Services	10,000