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**Seminar Program -
Electronic Booklet
July 2nd - July 3rd, 2016**

**Program Agenda
July 2 PM Session**

Program Agenda

Saturday July 2, 2016

Time	Topic	Speaker
2:00 PM	Welcome and Overview	Jayanthi Subbarao, MD, Co-Chair, Community Services Committee
2:10 PM	The Tragedy of Childhood Blindness	Leela Raju M.D, Eye Foundation of America.
2:30 PM	Q/A	
2:40 PM	Panel Discussion Tapping Philanthropic and other Organizations for Financing to Do Community Service Projects and Providing Collaboration	Moderator : Dr. Prakasam Tata Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Avila, Commissioner, MWRDC • Dr. Raj Rajaram, Sankar Nethralaya • Linda Romano, Regional Program Specialist, Lions International • R. Jay Sehgal, Sehgal Foundation • Patricia Merriweather, Rotary Club, Naperville • Dr. Uma Muppidi, India development Services
3:40 PM	Break	
4:10 PM	Panel Discussion	
4:40 PM	Summation and Adjourn for the day	

Program Agenda

Saturday July 3, 2016, (9:30 AM to Noon)

Moderator: Jayanthi Subbarao, MD (* Presentations Via Skype)

Time	Topic	Speaker	Organization
9:30 AM	Student Empowerment Training (SET) *	Surya Prasad Padala	Padala trust
9:50 AM	Q/A		
9:55 AM	SWECHHA, Empower the Adolescent Girls in Menstrual Hygiene*	Surya Prasad Padala and Deepthi Angara	Padala Trust.
10:15 AM	Q/A		
10:20 AM	Skills Development of persons from remote hamlets of India*	Gopal Sannidhi	Pennidhi Foundation
10:40 AM	Q/A		
10:55 AM	Encouraging Excellence in Education:	Ratnam Chitturi, Ph.D.	North South Foundation.
11:15 AM	Q/A		
11:20 AM	Development Through Empowerment	R. Jay Sehgal	Sehgal Foundation
11:40 am	Q/A		
11:45 AM	Career Building thru skills development:	Ramesh K Doddapaneni, BE , ME, LLB, Ph.D	Nagarjuna Educational Society
12:05	QA		
Noon to 2:00 PM	Lunch		

**Program Agenda
July 3, AM Session**

Program Agenda

Saturday July 3, 2016, 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Moderator : Dr. Ratnam Chitturi

Time	Topic	Speaker	Organization
2:00 PM	NRI participation in Rural Development of Telangana State	Laxman Kesari.	RK Memorial trust
2:20 PM	Q/A		
2:25 PM	Towards Cleaner and Greener Nandigama Nandigama	Kiran Teja	Bangaru Nandigama Foundation
2:45 PM	Q/A		
2:50 PM	Save The Farmers	Vijay Gummi3	
3:10 PM	Q/A		
3:15 PM	Break		
3:30 PM	Water Conservation Methods	Frank Avila	Commissioner, MWR. Chicago. IL
3:45 PM	Q/A		
3:50 PM	Water Purification Methods	Dr. Prakasam Tata	Bharathi Theertha.
4:05 PM	Q/A		
4:10 PM	Panel Discussion		
4:40 PM	Summation and Adjourn		

**Program Agenda
July 3, PM Session**

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE SEMINAR –FACULTY PROFILES



Jayanthi Subbarao, MD

Title : Welcome and Overview

Jayanthi Subbarao, MD. MS., Clinical Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, Loyola University Medical Center. Maywood. Illinois. Consulting Medical Director, Aetna Insurance Company for drug Utilization Advisory, for pain management.

Dr. Subbarao is a specialist in Physical medicine and rehabilitation and is nationally known in his specialty. He was director of the Loyola PMR residency program, Chief of Division of PMR and Associate chief of staff for Hines VA hospital. He held a number of leadership positions in multiple professional organizations. He is a philanthropist and established Jayanthi Charitable foundation (1998) in memory of his parents and younger brother.

Overview:

- ❖ JCF decided- Education- Assistance to persons with disabilities both directly and also by supporting education to professionals that will deliver such services and Community education
- ❖ Spiritual activities- Lectures, Publication of books
- ❖ Obtained 501-C 3 status very early- Understanding the dos and don'ts is very important.
- ❖ Funds transfer to India and NGOs should be done carefully.
- ❖ This is family foundation and never raised funds from others
- ❖ Often we preferred endowment approach for sustaining the activity longitudinally
- ❖ Please visit jayanthifoundatio.org for details of activities.
- ❖ We review what we are doing once in two years
- ❖ What do we hope to achieve from this seminar
- ❖ Better awareness of what is being done
- ❖ Learn how individuals and organizations achieved their objectives
- ❖ Be aware of funding sources and how to link with them
- ❖ Interact with individuals and organizations to learn further

Untimate Goal

- ❖ Seed the idea that you should offer or support community service because it is a very rewarding experience.
- ❖ Establish a mechanism for ongoing dialogue between the doers and those who wish they could something.
- ❖ **Let us have a very productive day and half to reach our goal**

Thank You

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Leela V Raju, MD

Title: Tragedy of Childhood Blindness

Dr. Leela V. Raju is in private practice at Eye Physicians and Surgeons in Brooklyn, NY. She is also a clinical instructor at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mt. Sinai. After graduating from Brown University with a degree in Biology with Honors, she received her MD degree at Marshall University. She completed an Ocular Pathology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University and an Ophthalmology residency at the University of Pittsburgh. She completed a Cornea, Anterior Segment and External Disease Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine. Before moving to New York, she was an Assistant Clinical Professor and Vice Chair of clinical operations in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Her clinical interests include DSEK surgery, ocular surface reconstruction, complicated cataract surgery and anterior segment reconstruction. Dr. Raju has a strong interest in international ophthalmology and is part of the non-profit Eye Foundation of America improving eye care around the world and makes a yearly trip to India to visit Goutami Eye Institute in Rajahmundry, AP to see patients, perform surgery and teach.

About the Foundation:

The Eye Foundation of America has been improving the accessibility and the affordability of eye care in India and over 21 other countries since 1977. Dr. VK Raju founded EFA in West Virginia to support the work of "eye camps" in India. Since then, EFA has helped with the construction and supported 2 hospitals in Andhra Pradesh and supported children's school screenings in India and other countries including Ghana. One of the eye hospitals we support, Goutami, has trained over 60 ophthalmologists from developing countries who go back to their countries - China, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and others - to teach the techniques they have learned, and performed over 100,000 surgeries. Over many years we have learned preventing vision problems before they become irreversible and blindness-causing was of utmost importance. We are now focusing a significant portion of our resources on public health issues that lead to vision loss such as diabetic retinopathy and lack of glasses in childhood leading to amblyopia (lazy eye). These types of efforts are both cost efficient and easier to do on a larger scale since they do not focus only on tertiary care. We will continue to focus on providing excellent surgical care when needed and teaching surgeons techniques to improve the quality of eye surgery around the world

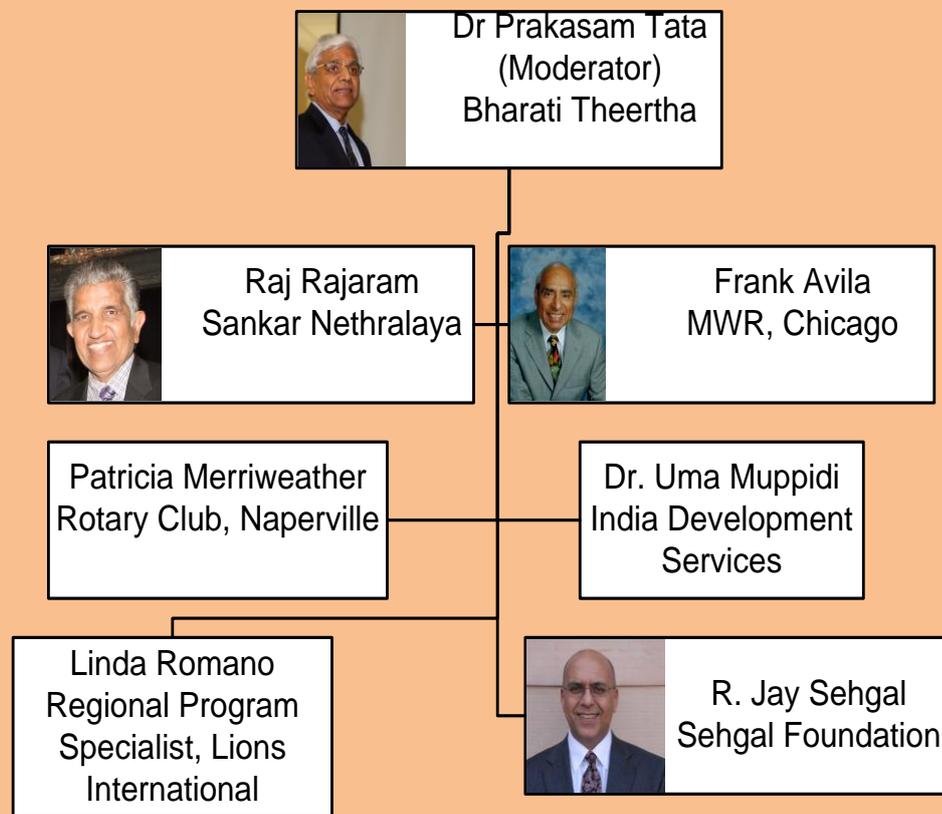
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Tapping Philanthropic and other Organizations for Financing to Do Community Service Projects and Providing Collaboration"

Although many nonprofit and service organizations have the zeal and commitment to do community service projects, they constantly look for finances to do the projects on a sustainable basis. They compete for grants from philanthropic organizations and individual donors. Also, they frequently try to create synergy to do the projects by working with volunteers and collaborating with other organizations.

The Panel Discussion is organized with a view to assemble experts, who have the knowledge and experience in the field of philanthropy. Attendees of this panel discussion will hopefully learn from the panelists, who are experts in the field of philanthropy. The Community Service Committee expects to have a highly interactive discussion between the attendees and the panelists of this session and is hopeful that the attendees will benefit immensely in implementing sustainable projects.

Panel Discussion – Financing To Do Community Service Projects



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Sri Surya Prasad , Padala

Title: Student Empowerment Training

Organization: Padala Charitable Trust

About the Program:

- ❖ This is an awareness program for high school children in terms of motivation and leadership.
- ❖ We cover the following topics during this session
 - ✓ Value based Education
 - ✓ Literacy Vs. Education, Employability Skills
 - ✓ Leadership
 - ✓ MVP (Most Valuable Person) in your life
 - ✓ Joy of Sharing
 - ✓ Humanity & Human Values
 - ✓ Social responsibility

Our Reach

We have been conducting this programme for last 3 years in government high schools & colleges of East Godavari District, AP & Mahabubnagar District, TS. Until now, we have covered 80+ schools and colleges and reached out to 15,000 students.

Testimonials

- ❖ After attending your session, I got a clear view of my life now. Many seminars were conducted in our college so far but this one was so different. Please let me volunteer in your activities from now on. N.Meghana, 3rd Yr BBM, Aditya Degree College for Women, Kakinada
- ❖ Your session completely changed the attitude of a rebel student who has publicly apologized for his past misbehaviour. We have been trying to counsel him for last couple of years to bring this change. Thank you very much for making such a difference in our students' way of thinking. – Sri Raju, Vice Principal, Pydah College of Engineering, Kakinada
- ❖ We have realized what else we need to teach the children in the classroom along with the subjects like Math, English, Science. Your session looked more apt to us (teachers) than to the children. Thank you for coming all the way from Kakinada and for changing the way we think about education. - Teaching Staff at ZP High School, Mudunuru, Vuyyuru Mandal, Krishna District

Lessons Learnt

- ❖ The school administration may not be willing to welcome these kind of sessions even though it benefits the children a lot and we offer for free.
- ❖ There were some protocol issues that we had to go through while getting access to the school. We had to satisfy the ego of district officials in this process.
- ❖ Many schools do not have a good auditorium or big class room to make all the children sit at one place while conducting this session. We had to repeat the session at such places
- ❖ Majority of the schools are not equipped with public audio system and hence we had to arrange our own set up
- ❖ Though the teachers appreciate our effort in motivating the children, none of them comes forward to volunteer in our attempt. We even offer free training for them

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Ms. Deepthi Angara

Title: Empowerment of Adolescent Girls in Menstrual Hygiene

Organization: Padala Charitable Trust

About the Program:

- ❖ It is an awareness programme carried out in all government and zilla parishad schools to increase the awareness of menstrual hygiene and related health education in adolescent girls.
- ❖ By this Programme we empower the girl children in the areas of:
 - ✓ Improving menstrual hygiene , personal hygiene , health and diet
 - ✓ Usage of Sanitary Napkins and their disposal
 - ✓ Educating the parents to follow safe and healthy methods during the cycle

Our Reach

We have been conducting this programme for last 8 months in government high schools & colleges of East Godavari District, AP & Mahbubnagar District, TS. Until now, we have covered 50+ schools and reached out to 5,000 girl children.

Testimonials

- ❖ "We are so empowered with this session and feel much more comfortable with our body. We are now buying the sanitary pads from Padala Charitable Trust and using every month. Please conduct this programme in our community for our mothers and grandmothers. They are so ignorant of the facts and suffer a lot during the menstrual cycle". – Nagalakshmi Meleti, ZP High School, Chandrampalem, Kakinada Rural
- ❖ "Our girls are very much comfortable and confident of speaking out about this and they have started buying the napkins for themselves and their mothers. This proves the power of being aware. Thank you to Padala Charitable Trust for working on such a worthy cause to educate the future mothers of India. Thank You". – Teachers & Head Masters

Lessons Learned

- ❖ This subject is still treated as taboo in most of the families including the ones with educated parents. The girls have no access to reliable and complete information and hence they end up growing with half knowledge lot of and misconceptions
- ❖ Though few girls are able to buy and use the sanitary napkins after they get motivated with the awareness session, there are several girls in each school who cannot afford to buy these napkins. Someone has to help them out.
- ❖ Though the teachers appreciate our effort in motivating the children, none of them comes forward to volunteer in our attempt. We even offer free training for them.
- ❖ The school administration may not be willing to welcome these kind of sessions even though it benefits the children a lot and we offer for free.

SWECHHA- Empower the Adolescent Girls in Menstrual Hygiene

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Pennidhi Foundation



**Sri Gopal Sannidhi, President,
Pennidhi Foundation**

Skills Development of Persons From Remote Hamlets of India

Title: Skills Development of Persons From remote hamlets of India

Organization: Pennidhi Foundation

About the Program:

Pennidhi foundation is an NGO works to impart skills and to improve socio/economic conditions of the weaker sections of the society. Pennidhi has been working for *skill development*. Pennidhi acts a *bridge* between candidates and the training institutes. Pennidhi mobilized candidates from remote hamlets of Andhra Pradesh/Telangana (some do not have motorable roads). Since 2014 Pennidhi mobilized 382 persons. Pennidhi would like to expand skill development programs to 2,000 persons per year in 2016-2017. Project involves conducting awareness campaigns & motivational sessions in remote hamlets and link candidates to the training institutes.

Projects executed:

- ❖ **Construction Training at National Academy of Training:** Pennidhi mobilized tribal youth from Khammam/Bhadrachalam regions. Pennidhi collaborated with National Academy of construction (NAC) to impart training in construction sector. Thus far 291 persons were trained and are working at various companies.
- ❖ **Tailoring training at APBIRED:** Pennidhi mobilized tribal youth from Khammam/Bhadrachalam/Karimnagar regions. Pennidhi collaborated with Andhra Pradesh Bankers Institute of Rural and Entrepreneurship Development (APBIRED). Through Pennidhi 19 girls were trained at APBIRED on MS office/Tailoring.
- ❖ **Crane Operator Training at Tata Nagar:** Pennidhi mobilized 26 youth from Telangana and Andhra. 26 youth were trained in operation/maintenance of overhead crane at Tata Nagar.

Other organizations:

Candidates from remote hamlets are getting trained at GMR and Ramanandatirhta institutes.

Lessons learnt:

- ❖ Unfortunately youth in *remote hamlets* are *not aware* of the skill development programs and/or how to get skill training
- ❖ Mobilization & motivation of candidates in remote hamlets is a big task and is often overlooked by training institutes and it requires consistent effort at grassroot levels
- ❖ Vocational skills training material is not easy to understand and existing training solutions are not scalable; Quality training material is not available in local languages

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**Ratnam Chitturri, Ph.D, President
North South Foundation**

Title: Encouraging Excellence in Education

Organization: North South Foundation

Where did you conduct this activity and for how long: 27 years, both USA and India NSF logo Ratnam Chitturri, Ph.D.: Ratnam Chitturri came to the USA in 1965 by ship to earn a MS degree in Industrial Engineering followed by a Ph.D. in Operations Research. His career spanned many multinationals including BP, General Motors, Chase and First Chicago. Ratnam Chitturri is the Founder-President of North South Foundation

About the Foundation :

North South Foundation was established in 1989, along with Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao of New Delhi, he founded the North South Foundation (NSF) to provide college scholarships to those who excel among the poor in India. Starting with one scholarship from one center in 1989 in India, NSF has now 25 centers across India, giving more than 2,500 scholarships a year. Cumulatively, NSF has provided more than 15,000 scholarships.

In 1993, with the stewardship of Dr. Murali Gavini, NSF began to conduct educational contests in the U.S. as a way to encourage academic excellence among Indian-American children. NSF has grown to 85 centers nationwide, serving about 16,000 contestants in 2016. Starting with the spelling bee in 1993, NSF has expanded over the years to include contests in vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, public speaking and the brain bee. Cumulatively, NSF has served more than 150,000 contestants. NSF caters to children from grades 1 through 12. To help children excel, NSF offers onsite/online workshops, online educational games and online coaching in math, SAT, Science, Geography and Universal Values. The online coaching is serving more than 3,400 children involving selfless labor of love from more than 200 volunteer teachers. The money earned from the educational activities in the U.S. is used to fund college scholarships in India.

The success of the NSF programs can be measured by the achievements of the children, especially at the "major league" national level academic-competitions. For the last nine years in a row starting in 2008, NSF children won the championship at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, a record for any ethnic organization in the U.S. Similarly, NSF children won the championship in the last five years in a row, starting in 2012, at the National Geographic Bee. They have also earned top ranks at MATHCOUNTS, Math Olympiad, Science Bowl and other mainstream major league competitions.

The credit for the success of the NSF programs goes squarely to the volunteers, donors, parents and children. Through NSF, the Indian American community found a common ground in the pursuit of academic excellence of its children and academic excellence of the poor in India. Over the last 27 years, the community has provided more than 200 man-years of selfless labor of love, valued at \$20 million. NSF is run by volunteers with no compensation and payroll. In the end, they found a win-win solution for children, both in the U.S. and in India. NSF is both honored and blessed in providing a platform to the various parties to play their dreams out. Once a child is inspired, we find the sky is the limit. As Thomas Edison said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." NSF children are demonstrating this to be true! At NSF, every child is a winner.

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**Sri Rajat Jay Sehgal, Executive VP,
Sehgal Foundation**

Title: Development through empowerment

Organization: Sehgal Foundation

About the Program:

S M Sehgal Foundation is a public charitable trust founded in Gurgaon, India, in 1999 with a vision for every person across rural India to be empowered with a more secure, prosperous, and dignified life. In partnership with rural communities, the foundation serves as a catalyst in bringing about positive change in hundreds of villages with programs that empower the vulnerable, especially women, in the areas of greatest need to achieve water security, food security, and social justice. Water management, agricultural development, and good rural governance programs and projects are supported by individual donors, corporate sponsors, government grants, academic partnerships, and foundation funding. The rural research team conducts impact assessments and original research on development themes. "Together we empower rural India" reflects the goal of empowering individuals and members of village-level institutions to participate in projects undertaken on their behalf.

Projects Executed

- ❖ Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry), on 19th March, 2016, at Hyderabad.
- ❖ Coordinating with the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad centre, FWB for an event, proposed to be held in November, at NIRD Campus.
- ❖ Water project in Gudipadu village (Close to Eluru/Vijaywada), Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ Water project in Rawalkole Villag ein telangana
- ❖ Hyderabad University, with whom we will be signing MOA for supporting a research study project on Feminine Hygiene, conducted by Prof. Ajai Niumai.
- ❖ Parliamentarian from AP (Murali Mohan Maganti) - planning agriculture projects in his constituency
- ❖ In process of coordinating a project with Coca Cola Foundation in Telangana

Development Through Empowerment



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Nagarjuna Education Society



**Prof. Ramesh K. Dodapaneni,
Secretary, Nagarjuna Education Society,
BE, ME, LLB, Ph.D**

Title: Career Building Through Skill development Empowerment

Organization: Nagarjuna Educational Society

About the Program:

This is an on-going initiative for enhancing the skills of the young graduates (Technical and Non-Technical), 10th class and 12th class. Started as a National NGO and converted into an international NGO for all-round development of society with application of science and technology. It believes in human power. By harnessing it we can achieve equality and wellbeing of all. It works with governmental and other Non-government organizations in the areas like Education, Health, Rural Development, Skill Development, Technology, Culture, Literature, Water Management, Environment, Energy Management and Technical Education.

Founded by philanthropist, educationist Sri Doddapaneni Koteswara Rao and his family and other distinguished luminaries who excelled in their fields like Sri K.V. Subba Rao, Eminent Artist, Dr. Rao Tummala of Georgia Tech, Dr. T.V. Ramanayya and former professor of IIM in 1995. Now it is run by many eminent people and its secretary is Sri D. Ramesh Kumar, an Engineer, visiting professor at many institutes of repute and attorney.

Students who lack skills for employability, Technical skills as well as Trade based and domain specific skills for all the poor, middle class and needy sections of the society are served. So far 6500 students are trained in various branches of engineering. Around 80% of the trained people are employed.

Lessons Learnt:

It's a great experience and learning space for even trainers. We faced challenges due to scarcity of finances and good trainers. Sometimes even stakeholders are very weak in basic communication and writing skills. Many engineering graduates even lack basic engineering fundamentals in their branch of study. Some students are very creative and innovative.

**Career Building Through Skill
Development Empowerment**

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Laxmi Narayana Kesari

Title: NRI Participation in Rural Development of Telangana State

Organization: Ratnamala Kesari Memorial Trust. (GyanRatna)

About the Memorial:

RKMT is located in Village Nelapogula, Lingala Ghanapuram Mandal, Warangal District, TS. for the Past 20 years. Prior to the establishment of RKMT (Ratnamala Kesari Memorial Trust) Ratna and Laxmi Narayan built drinking water plant for the village benefit in 1999 for 5 lakhs. They donated 1.5 acre of land for village school and contributed 30% of construction cost of the building. They funded to build 34 Toilets at the cost of Rs 3 Lakhs. Another drinking water plant was built in Village Pamunuru, Near Station Ghanapur, Warangal District.

Current projects:

The RKMT team of Laxmi Narayana Kesari, Mr. Ananth Vootkur and Mrs. Kanya Vootkur adopted the Village of Nelapogula. The main goal of RKMT is to develop Nelapogula as a Model, Smart and Ideal village by working with various government offices and villagers.

Projects Executed:

- ❖ Education: Two Angawadi facilities were remodel by adding kitchen and toilet facilities. The School compound wall is being built. 20 lakhs of corpus fund is established to support school activities and to add digital classrooms. School building is up graded by adding fan and lights in each classroom
- ❖ Women empowerment: RMKT added 10 Lakh Corpus funds for skill development with AMS women's college in Warangal.
- ❖ Sanitation: 100% Toilet building program for whole village community.
- ❖ 24-hour water supply to each house in the village. Trash collection program.
- ❖ Community Development
- ❖ Temple improvement and remodelling activities.
- ❖ Infrastructure development like cell towers.

Lessons Learnt:

- ❖ In the beginning Villagers were very skeptical and non-interested in development activities of the village.
- ❖ First success to this was collective enthusiasm in temple renovations and activities,
- ❖ Motivated them to send children to village schools.
- ❖ With persistent efforts working with Government officials and villagers, gradual progress being made in all areas. 24-hour power line with the help of government and RKMT being installed and built.
- ❖ Our collaboration with AMS College Warangal and RKMT, The Women empowerment program trained 50 ladies skill development like sewing and beauty parlor, 250 more women are scheduled to be trained.
- ❖ Cell tower is approved by BSNL for the infrastructure of telecommunication for the village.

Get Involved:

Join us Leave your Foot print. There are many ways to join us whether you work with us shoulder-to-shoulder on ground or you spread awareness from wherever you are in the world—you're with us. Work with us and turn you inspiration into action. We welcome intrepid leaders who are committed to learning from sharing their experiences, which would help us grow the community with our mission.

NRI Participation in Rural Development of Nelapogula - Telangana State

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Kiran Teja Posani

Title: Towards Cleaner and Greener Nandigama

Organization: Nandigama Foundation

About the Program :

In 2014, about 40 thousand cases of Dengue were registered. In Andhra Pradesh alone there were 1265 cases and 5 deaths. Though it is not fatal, it causes severe illness and could lead to death. As of today, there is no specific treatment for Dengue but early detection and access to proper medical care lowers fatality rates below 1%.

Until 2015 these were just some numbers that I would read in the newspapers that may me feel bad momentarily or perhaps a few hours or days. I never imagined this could happen in my own home-town or to someone close to me. May 1st 2015, was not a typical day in my life when I witnessed the death of someone in my neighborhood. I was bereaved and engulfed with sadness that we lost someone for something like Dengue that could have been easily prevented through simple measures such as proper disposal of solid waste, covering, emptying and cleaning of domestic water storage containers and improving community participation.

We wish to contribute our ideas and inculcate cleaner and greener habits among our people. We are receiving great support from people and we hope to collectively make it our "Bangaru Nandigama "

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Vijay Gummi

Title: Save the Farmers

Organization: Neelgiri Foundation

About The Organization :

Currently located in Nalgonda district, and working with All India committee to help in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Jarkhand states.

Projects Executed:

When we compare farmers between west and eastern countries, the farmers in the west are rich. But the farmers in India are not. Technically, if there is more demand for food, the supply should also be more. This means, that the person who is supplying is in demand, and he can dictate a price and be comfortable. Especially, if the land is less, the demand increases - like in India. In contrary, we are seeing that the supplier is not earning what he/she deserves. There is a flaw in the system. Most of the NRIs are interested to help farmers. However, since there isn't a good platform or understanding about how to help, there isn't much happening also. We have conducted seminars and workshops to help farmers and came out with short-term and long-term programs to help farmers. We have made numerous adjustments also during the process, which helped us to make things better. We want to present both short-term and long-term programs for then NRIs to choose, based on their budget, time, schedule and convenience. And also, to make sure the farmers get the best out of our efforts.

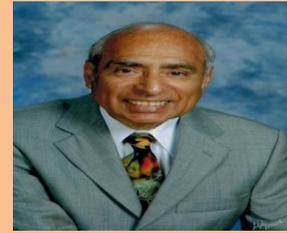
Our foundation, Neelgiri Foundation, is a not-for-profit organization working towards saving the environment. Saving environment saves everyone, including farmers in the first row. So, our focus towards saving farmers is largely on the environment side.

Lessons learnt:

How to help farmers on a long-term basis

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Water Conservation Methods



Frank Avilia, Commissioner, MWRDGC,

Title: Water Conservation Methods

Commissioner Frank Avilia received his B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering, U. of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, 1961 and his M.S. Degree in Finance, U. of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1968. Commissioner Frank Avilia was elected Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago 2002, 2008, and 2014. Commissioner Frank Avilia is Chairman of Finance of the Water Reclamation District Board which has a budget of \$1.2 billion. He is also Chairman of Engineering; Maintenance & Operations; and Public Health and Welfare Committees.

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Commissioner Frank Avilia received his B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering, U. of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, 1961 and his M.S. Degree in Finance, U. of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1968.

The following are some of the many awards that Commissioner Avilia has received:

- ❖ "2012 CITIZEN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR Award" from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Illinois Section, for his contribution and advancement to the science and profession of Civil Engineering.
- ❖ "2013 PRESIDENTS AWARD" from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, for his work to protect the health and safety of the public and protect the quality of water in the Chicago area waterways.
- ❖ "2015 Public Officials Award" from the Water Environment Federation for making an outstanding contribution to the water environment profession.
- ❖ "2015 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CHAMPION AWARD" -from the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization.
- ❖ His top priorities include cost effective wastewater treatment, flood prevention, the regulation of waste disposal to protect our waterways including eliminating toxic chemicals from the source to prevent endocrine disruption.

Presentation info to be added

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Dr Prakasam Tata

Water Purification Methods

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