

## Nirmaan Organization Newsletter March 2020

#### #Fightback against CORONA

Operation Sahaaya Project: Our Response to COVID-19

In response to the global pandemic COVID- 19, Nirmaan has brought into action, 'Operation Sahaaya'. This project is designed to complement the action plan of Government of Telangana in order to cater community need in this global crisis scenario. The project is operational in the states of Telangana and Chhattisgarh.



Under this project Nirmaan has planned to provide 'Protection Kits' for Sanitation and Health Workers, 'Ration and Hygiene Kits' for Daily Wage Workers and Small Tribal Farmers, Thermal Guns for screening, Ventilators at Government Hospitals, Screening Kiosks including Thermal Screening Unit, handheld thermal guns and crucial consumables kit.



Efforts have been made to reach out to people and corporates to raise funds for fighting against the global pandemic. All Nirmaan employees have contributed a day's salary to extend help to the corona victims.

#### 'The Green India Challenge'

The onset of March was marked by 'The Green India Challenge'.

Pertaining to UN's Sustainability Development Goal, 13: Climate Action, Nirmaan organized Green India Challenge with the mission to wake up the dormant green soldiers of this nation and pave the way for a Greener India.



Smt Divya Devarajan, IAS, Women development and Child Welfare department along with team Nirmaan promoting 'Green India Challenge'

The agenda of Green India Challenge was to motivate an individual plant 3 trees and take the responsibility of nurturing those trees over the next 3 years. After the plantation of the trees, the individual will have to nominate 3 more individuals amongst her/his peers with the same challenge. On March 2, 2020, Nirmaan organization organized plantation of 16 trees as part of Green India Challenge at the Women Development and Child Welfare Department at Yousufguda, Hyderabad.



Smt. Divya Devarajan, IAS, Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare dept, Govt. of Telangana planted the first tree in her department followed by other participants.

Sri Abdul Waheed, Director, Nirmaan, Sri Venkat T, Vice President, Synchrony, Dr. Ashok Agarwal, Sri L Prakasham, GB members, Nirmaan, Sri Mayur Patnala, CEO, Nirmaan along with his team graced the event. Women officers and Ground Staff from Women Development and Child Welfare Department also participated in the event and nominated their peers.

The participants hope the network will never stop growing and flourish into a nationwide army of green soldiers.

#### DR MCR HRD Institute's Officer Trainees volunteer for Nirmaan Initiatives

Dr MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad, Telangana has entrusted Nirmaan for engaging few officer trainees (OTs), undergoing training at the institute in Nirmaan's activities as a part of Social Entrepreneurship.



Team Nirmaan and the DR MCR HRDI Officer Trainees during an activity

The activities were carried out for five days from 2nd to 6th March 2020.



DR MCR HRDI Officer trainees interacting with the students at Nirmaan Center

Day 1, the officer trainees visited our Vidya Help Line (VHL) Center for Career Guidance initiative.

Day 2, the officers were taken to ZPHS Kothaguda, Hyderabad, where they were introduced to Nirmaan's Educational intervention, School Adoption Program (SAP) and Disruptive Digital Intervention (DDI). The students felt privileged interacting with the officer trainees.

Day 3 was scheduled to visit Nirmaan Future Ready- Youth Skilling Program, KPHB Center, Hyderabad. The OTs were briefed about the program followed by an interactive session for the center staff and students.



DR MCR HRDI Officer Trainees interacting with the trainees at Nirmaan Vocational Training Center For Women

On the 4th Day, the officers visited the Vocational Training Center (VTC) for Women at Fateh Nagar, Hyderabad. They were detailed about the Program and various courses offered for empowering women and to help them become economically independent. The women trainees at VTC, Fateh nagar, interacted with the officers and shared their experiences.

Day 5 was scheduled for an interaction of the Officer Trainees with the CSR Partners. The CSR Leaders from Synchrony, State Street, Cognizant, Infosys, EPAM and ServiceNow presented their CSR Initiatives. Sri Harpreet Singh, IAS, Additional Director General, MCRHRD Institute was invited for the session and he along with his Officers' team have interacted with the CSR leads.

### <u>International Women's Day celebrations at Nirmaan Vocational Training</u> <u>Centers for women</u>

Nirmaan Vocational training centers (VTC) are exclusively run for women wherein, they are being trained in various vocational courses like tailoring, beautician, maggam work, candle making, food processing and ITES (Basic Computers). It's an opportunity for all the women who are in need and have not been able to pursue their academic career to improve skills in their areas of interest, to become market ready and take up small jobs or start small business, thereby becoming financially independent.

International Women's Day was celebrated in Nirmaan Vocational training centers to celebrate womanhood and boosting the women trainees, thereby empowering them.

VTC Addagutta, Hyderabad celebrated the occasion in a grand manner. The trainees gathered at the center. The celebrations began with Nirmaan pledge, which inculcated a sense of responsibility towards the community among the trainees. Awareness session on COVID-19 was organized, wherein, Ms.Bhagya, SLF resource person and Mother's association state convenor and Ms.Shanthi, SLF President and Mother's association district convenor addressed the trainees. A power point presentation on Nirmaan interventions was made to the dignitaries from Mother's association.



International Women's Day celebrations at Nirmaan Vocational Training Center for Women, Addagutta, Hyderabad

The cake cutting ceremony was held and the trainees actively participated in the fun activities.

VTC Pune, Maharashtra celebrated the occasion graciously as the program commenced singing praises for Smt. Savitribai Phule, Indian social reformer, educationalist, and poet from Maharashtra who played an important role in improving women's rights in India.

Few trainees gave speeches and some shared their views and experiences on 'Women empowerment' and the importance of being self-dependent. Dignitaries from the CSR Partner Organization also participated in the event and highlighted the importance of economic independence for women. The team relished upon the delicious snacks. The procession carried out by 150 women trainees in the nearby locality with displays and placards highlighting the concept of women empowerment was the major highlight of the event.



Team Nirmaan (Vocational Training Center for Women, Pune) along with the trainees take out procession on International Women's Day.

VTC Borabanda, Hyderabad with the motto: "Rise of women is equal to the rise of the nation" celebrated the event well. Few volunteers from the CSR Partner Organization participated in the celebrations and conducted motivational session for the trainees. The trainees were then engaged in some fun activities and they thoroughly enjoyed the session.

#### **International Women's Day Celebrations at ZPHS Kothaguda**

A five-member team from Nirmaan paid a visit to ZPHS Kothaguda, Hyderabad and spent time with the teachers and high school students. Today's children are the future citizens of our country and thus there's a need to direct their thoughts towards having a progressive India.



Teachers, Nirmaan team members and students gather at International Women's Day Celebrations at ZPHS, Kothaguda

The event commenced with an interaction with the school teachers and an interactive session with the students of Grade 7-9 was then carried out. The session was focused on Girl/ Women Empowerment where discussions were made on aspects like achievements and contribution of Women in the society, gender equality, need of girl/women empowerment, reasons why men should respect women and treat them equally. It was an interactive session and the students actively participated in the discussion.

The teachers shared their words of wisdom and encouraged girl children to be strong and pursue a flourishing career. They even motivated the boys to treat women/girls respectfully.



Children in International Women's Day Celebrations at ZPHS, Kothaguda

The session was insightful and inspiring for the students. Some of them stepped forward to share their learnings and thoughts on the occasion. They sang songs and recited poetry which added an entertaining flavour to the occasion.

The cake cutting ceremony marked the end of the celebrations. Chocolates were distributed among the children. The teachers and students expressed their gratitude for such a wonderful day.

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