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- Education Improvement
- Women Empowerment
- Youth Employment
- Preventive Health Care
- Community Involvement
- Infrastructure Improvement

OUR CORE VALUES

Compassion, Peace, and Progress
beyond Race, Caste, Religious,
Gender, Political, and Socio-Cultural
Divides

A Warm Welcome to 2023 - Bring smiles to the faces of the underprivileged !!!

“Never Underestimate The Power You Have To Take Your Life in A New Direction.”—Germany Kent

SMILES & Sneha Sessions and Celebrations at Pragathi Rural Development Center (PRDC)

On the occasion of the Dussehra festival in 2022, SMILES preventive health care and Sneha menstrual hygiene sessions were conducted at Pragathi Rural Development Center (PRDC) for women tailors, ASHA workers, Anganwadi teachers, and tailoring trainees. Later, the Batukamma festival was celebrated, along with the distribution of sanitary napkin packets and Smiles printed bedsheets to all the participants. PRDC continues to be the place for all such development activities year-round, serving as a key development hub not only for Burgula but also for the 500-odd neighbouring villages. Daily stitching classes are in progress. We try our best to build capacity of beneficiaries and make them Rural Development Champions.

Studying in Medical School - Success Story

My name is Deepika, currently pursuing my 2nd-year MBBS. I am from a small village called Lingaram, in the Mahaboobnagar district. We are five members in our family. Both my parents are farmers. I did my SSC from ZPHS Burgula. When I was in 8th standard, I came to Alok Agrawal sir, who was working tremendously hard for the development of Burgula village and most importantly towards education in our schools. From schooling onwards, I always wanted to become a doctor and shared my dream with Alok sir. Sir was encouraging me always to study hard to change my family situation, school, and village. When I finished my intermediate, I wanted to join a coaching institute for medical entrance. But, my family was not in a position to afford the money. Alok sir helped me with my situation and I cracked NEET and secured a seat in a

Youth Festival at Burgula 2022

Lunch provided to Kabaddi teams at PRDC
Prizes were given to winning teams in Kabaddi



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government medical college. Not only me, but sir also helped my sister by providing college fees in intermediate and in BTech for 4 years. We are always thankful for Alok sir's help for Burgula and our education.

Annual Pragathi Youth Festival

Since 2015, with the intention of harnessing youth's energy and motivating them we have been organizing youth festival annually around Dusshera (In October). Sports competitions are held. Teams are invited from all over the district. Prizes are distributed. Youth are motivated to become Rural Development Champions and participate in development of their own villages. Companies are invited to put a stall to offer skill training and provide employment opportunities.

100th Rural Library Started

We are very happy to have collaborated with Dr. Divesh Anireddy, a gastroenterologist and a true humanitarian who cares about the lot of the poor, in starting the 100th library for the students of Lingampally, RR District, Telangana State. The previous 99 libraries were created in all government schools of Farooqnagar Mandal, Telangana State, in 2017 with funds donated by Ms. Kriti Agrawal, Ms. Megha Neelapu, and Ms. Reisha Neelapu. In past, we have also distributed books to 1000 children in Burgula. Inculcating a habit of reading will go a long way in sustainable development.

Education Improvement - No Child Left Behind

Over last 15 years, we have taken several steps to decrease absenteeism, drop outs and improve results in the schools. With the intention of further improving education in eight Burgula area schools, several steps have been taken recently. A group of 15 former motivated students of Zilla Parishad High School have been roped in to address and improve the quality of education. Dr Vijaya Guduri, a physician from the US stayed in Burgula for a week with her family in summer 2022 and visited various schools. She, along with Dr. Ashok Ammula, another physician from the US are taking various steps to improve quality of education. We will provide three volunteer teachers, fix the computer lab, provide printers, & get more books for the library in the high school. Dr Vijaya will return to Burgula every summer. She also is interested in ensuring that there is no malnutrition in kids.

Pragathi Development Efforts in Pictures



Batukamma festival being celebrated with gaiety, fun and frolic at Pragathi Rural Development Center (PRDC) by the women of Burgula



SMILES preventive health program and Sneha menstrual hygiene program being conducted at Pragathi Rural Development Center (PRDC)

Testimonial



Appreciation by the Top Rising Stars - Engineering College Students
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjJvaw4P35w>

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