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## Poverty Alleviation Through:

- Education Improvement
- Women Empowerment
- Youth Employment
- Preventive Health Care
- Community Involvement
- Infrastructure Improvement
- Digital Empowerment
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## Our Core Values Consist Of:

- ❖ Compassion
- ❖ Dignity
- ❖ Progress
- ❖ Peace

Serving The Underprivileged Beyond  
Race, Caste, Religious, Gender, Political,  
Regional, Linguistic and Socio-Cultural  
Divides

## *Glimpse of Activities In India & USA - 2023*

### Envisioning Developed India Through Our Integrated Rural Development Model

We extend season's warm greetings to everyone involved in poverty alleviation efforts. We have come a long way in last fifteen years. The replicable template showcased in the digital picture book below

[Integrated Rural Development India Pragathi - FlipBooklets](#)

provides a basic framework of rural development. A million humanitarians creating imperfect rural development models rather than a few creating perfect models will surely benefit the sixty five percent of people living in 664,369 villages of India. In the next few decades, various disparities will decrease, leading to the world's most vibrant democracy becoming a developed nation.

### Charan Teja's Testimonial – Definitely Worth The Effort !

I feel so grateful for being a member of Pragathi Ambassadors, whose main aim is fight against unemployment, to improve literacy rate and support rural development. This group is under guidance of Dr Alok Sir. He is great inspiration to all of us. When I was in High School, Sir started computer training for basic computer knowledge and spoken English classes to improve communication skills. Sir also built library in our school, provided employment training for women, improved sanitation facilities in our area. Although sir is not physically available in our village, he always guides us and checks progress on-line. I (Pragathi Ambassador) as an aspiring student will support and continue the activities that are done by Dr Alok sir.

### Pragathi Ambassadors Program – Developing Champions

Sustainable development occurs through community engagement. Twenty young dynamic men and women, alumni of Zilla Parishad High School, Burgula formed a group called "Pragathi Ambassadors." The group plans to grow by enrolling more Ambassadors. The idea is to make them rural development champions, so that they can sustain the development in their own communities.

## **Bharat Bachpan - Bal Swasthya Program – Impacting over 1000 Children**

**“Healthy Child Means Better Education, Better Livelihood, Better Communities, and Better Nation.”**

Children aged 0-10 years from about 10 villages underwent hearing, vision and general health check up by various experts in a mega medical camp on December 21, 22 and 23, 2023. The major objectives were:

- a. Screen village children for health problems.
- b. Send a strong message in the community about importance of child health.
- c. Inculcate a habit of active community involvement for long term benefit of children.
- d. Develop self-sustaining, replicable model of improving child health.

Several highly successful medical camps were organized by Mr Jagadish from Pragathi team. Pragathi team members and Ambassadors participated enthusiastically. Dr Arjun, a pediatrician was overall in charge of the medical issues. Mr Ranganathan’s team from Meenakshi Venkatraman Foundation did hearing screening. Dr Rajalingam, Superintendent of Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital sent a large team of ophthalmologists and optometrists. Dr Swarnalatha travelling from the USA stayed in Burgula to participate in the camp enthusiastically. CPR training was done for high schoolers by Dr Srikanth.

## **Rural Immersion Experience for Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Interns**

Twenty Two Postgraduate students from TISS spent a week in October- November 2023 at Pragathi Rural Development Center studying the development in Burgula. The interns studied the challenges in the villages, the education system and livelihoods and offered suggestions to improve them. We provide several opportunities for mutually beneficial internship programs.

## **The Digital Empowerment Program – A Futuristic Model of Integrated Rural Development**

Post Covid, there is lot of investment of our time on digital literacy with an intention to increase employment, create digital information pathways and provide global connect to the inaccessible rural areas. Several opportunities for E-philanthropy have come up.

## **Impacting Lives of Underprivileged People In More Than A Thousand Villages In India**

It is our privilege to do work on a continuous basis in several villages of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

## **Preventing Non-communicable Chronic Diseases – “Prevention is Better than Cure”**

We are also in the midst of obesity pandemic. Several chronic diseases are linked to unhealthy lifestyles. Over the last decade, we have been actively promoting a healthy lifestyle globally. Several awareness programs have been organized. Newspaper articles have been published and collaborations have taken place. Starting in 2015, we organized a 5K Holi Color walk annually. Health Strides was a monthly walking program. Annual Poker Walk was started in 2018. All these programs had to be shut down because of the pandemic. However, a very nice program of Virtual Walk emerged during the pandemic in 2020. In 2023, the fourth annual virtual walk was organized successfully.

## **Addressing Hunger Issues and Supporting The Homeless in The USA**

During the Stand Down event in 2023, Pragathi volunteers distributed 350 backpacks consisting of toiletries, warm socks, gloves, caps, blankets, sleeping bags, and hand warmers to the US Veterans. 350 food bags were also provided. Year round activities to support the homeless occur in collaboration with local organizations.

**A humanitarian is a person who prevents and alleviates human suffering wherever it may be found. They encourage mutual understanding, respect, and friendship - Red Cross**



**Team of professionals and volunteers that organized the Children's medical camp**



**About 1000 children in 10 villages were impacted in the medical camp from Dec 21-23**



**Dr Alok Agrawal was Honoured for Diversity and Inclusion efforts with an Award in October 2023**



**We were happy to host twenty two interns from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Oct-Nov 2023**



**We Have Worked on 11/17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030**

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**Wishing Everyone A Wonderful 2024**

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