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TO-DAY'S PROBLEM IS POVERTY, NOT INEQUALITIES

It is frustrating to hear some people lamenting that in our country the poor are getting poorer and the rich, richer. This is not entirely true; those who imagine this are ignorant of to-day's economic realities. In reality, the absolute number of poor people as well as the percentage of the poor among the total population is coming down absolutely, if not very rapidly, as many of them are able to earn enough to become a part of an expanding middle class in the country. At the same time, some of the rich who started investing are becoming very rich by their own merit, apart from some exceptions. More and more persons are even emerging from rags to riches. Judging by the modern standards of social justice, we might have difficulties to justify how some people, in the past, had become rich in our country. But the role of rich dynasties in our economy is diminishing, as these are splitting.

Since modern India is a land of opportunities, people with imagination, initiative, talent and hard work are not only exploring opportunities to earn money but also to find satisfaction in accomplishing things. Many young people are attracted to enterprising, as it is challenging and hence fascinating. As these capacities and opportunities are highly varied, naturally their incomes and their accumulation are also bound to be varied quantitatively. Due to all these reasons, it is ignorance or ideological prejudice to think, if somebody is making a lot of money in to-day's India, that he is 'exploiting' or robbing somebody and making somebody else poorer. Growing inequalities is not a problem by itself. All inequalities are not inequities.

The latest report of the World Bank on "Addressing Inequality in South Asia" found that in the existing economic conditions, the probability of a poor person moving out of poverty in India in 2014 is as good as that in the USA. It says that urbanization and an increase in the number of non-farm jobs in rural India have created an upward mobility for some. The children from Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribe households are no longer stuck in the jobs done by their fathers. Across generations, mobility of occupational profiles among the Muslims has been similar to that of higher caste Hindus, whereas mobility among SCs and STs has become higher than that of upper caste Hindus over time.

Between 2004 to 2010, 15% of India's population or 40% of the poor moved Above the Poverty Line. In the same period, a sizeable proportion of the poor and the vulnerable (over 9% of the population or about 11% of the poor and the

vulnerable) have moved into the middle class. However, over 9% of the total population, of about 14% of the non-poor group slipped back into poverty, revealing the persistent risks faced by the vulnerable and even the middleclass. ([http://: then.wa.IAHRZin](http://then.wa.IAHRZin). The Hindu: pp 1 and 10. Jan 21, 2015.). We, still, do not have a good social security system to prevent this relapsing into poverty from happening.

Inequalities :

Growing inequalities are not a cause of poverty and neither a mechanical equalization a solution to eradicate poverty. However, if the growth of a citizen comes in the way of the growth of another citizen, then it is an inequity which needs to be addressed immediately. Such an inequity in the growth process, a civilized society should not accept and against which we should have a series of socio-ethical, legal and regulatory measures. Inequality is a comparative notion without a necessary relatability among the things compared. However, inequity is related to notions of social values and social impact, which can be identified and rectified by articulating suitable social and economic policies. It would be impractical to attempt to reduce inequalities, in an emerging economy, where take off stage growth strategies are still being explored and tested. Measures like heavy estate duty, inheritance or death tax might not be judicious at this juncture. Mobilization of capital, investments and job creation for productive purposes is our priority. From the experience of the West European economies, we find that after some level of growth, the economic actors would be more egalitarian.

Our very urgent primary task is eradication of chronic and massive poverty, which is the legacy of our old India. Earlier, we had systemic poverty i.e. we have resigned ourselves to poverty and from tolerating deprivation we went to accepting poverty without fighting it. We explained it to ourselves as fatality. The fact that it happened due to lack of social solidarity is a matter for discussion in some other context. We soared very high in spiritual elation while our feet were in sinking marshy mud of humiliating poverty.

Fortunately, as never before, in view of the fast changing economic values and mechanisms, now, it is quite possible to eliminate chronic poverty. But, it cannot, efficiently and in a non-relapsing manner, be accomplished by any political party nor by a government composed of such parties, whatever might be their ideologies. They talk of the poor as an abstract entity to remain in perpetuity as their constituency, proclaiming themselves as the guardians of their interests. Our objective is

to establish economic democracy which consists of economic empowerment of the citizen and providing systemic adjustments to promote and maintain shared economic growth. This will happen only when all the economic actors and their professional mechanisms, including that of the producers, distributors and of the consumers work together as communities of social solidarity and custodians of common welfare.

Similarly, we have inherited profound inequalities, unparalleled in any civilised societies in the world. In course of time, the inequalities also might change in nature. In the traditional economic logic, the most important factor leading to rising inequality is the tendency of the rate of return to the capital 'r' to exceed the rate of output growth 'g' i.e. when r exceeds g. But in the new economic culture, where the human capital is cumulating the rates of return to material capital, labour and organization too, there will be a qualitative change in the output growth and its distributions. To-day every citizen who puts his savings into the bank as a deposit is a capitalist. Capital is getting its fixed remuneration. These changes are leading to a different pattern of distribution of wealth produced. Consequently, the notions of ownership also would change. By the present standards, non-accessibility to ownership as well as accumulation of wealth may be considered as inequity. It may not be tomorrow. Possession and enjoyment of material goods and services and the social recognition of this fact, may be the purpose of owning in future. These acquisitions, ownership and amassing physical things and occupying space might be considered as one of the persisting primitive reflexes in man in which some might still indulge. In future, assets like land not directly cultivated and the house not directly lived may not be an obsession. An individual might build a Taj Mahal or collect enormous number of rare artistic things for a grand art gallery, spending a lot of money. It is accomplished out of personal taste and capacity, for personal satisfaction and also for social recognition. Later, such acquisitions are often dedicated to public use. Inequalities in production and consumption capacity also might be unequal. But, in future such differences might not be considered as important and inequitable in terms of values.

Poverty :

It is a matter of social ethics, justice and of morality that no human being should be left in absolute poverty, which causes suffering and deprivation of opportunities to earn and to grow. In order to avoid facing such a moral challenge, the religious values preached alternatives like poor feeding, charities, etc. during festival days, which served as an alibi for the few rich. The 19th century socialists deserve the credit for having questioned the systemic and structural causes and the 20th century socialists for having experimented, on a massive scale, unsuccessfully, to totally eliminate poverty. No doubt, there were other experiments in the past in isolated islands or in the literary imagination. Many welfare states in the developing countries also have tried in utter inefficiency. All those efforts have sinned in treating the poor as a victims or objects of pity and compassion, rather than as concerned actors.

But, today, in the 21st century, it is possible to prove that we can eliminate absolute poverty without a shadow of doubt, without any sacrifice or charity by appropriate economic reforms. We should divide poverty into absolute poverty and relative poverty. With the implementation of the Million Development Goals (MDG), absolute poverty could be totally eliminated by 2030 from all the countries in the world, where, of course, there is no civil war. Poverty in the human being creates a psychological traumatism due to fear, insecurity and suffering, the degree of which varies from place to place, society to society and epoch to epoch. Poverty can never be eradicated by re-distribution of assets of others who acquired them legitimately as per the rules of the financial game; or by donations or by force. There is no fear of poverty in societies where there are mechanisms of security like trusted police and compulsory insurances. A system of social security should have a supplementary arrangement of a net to recover those who fall out of the system. Of course, feelings of relative poverty would persist and the fear of economic inequalities stems, essentially, from this strong feeling of relative poverty.

It is to be recognised that, even to-day, in socially advanced West European countries like France, Germany and the United Kingdom, there are always 5 to 15 percent of the relatively poor, in spite of many historical advantages enjoyed by those countries. The USA is another glaring example. Only the Scandinavian countries can boast of having the least number of them. However, Fr. Joseph Wresinski, the founder of ATD Fourth World in France identified that, nevertheless, among them a small percentage suffers from 'extreme' poverty. Having spent almost an year with him in the early seventies, I came to the conclusion, which remains valid, even today, that along with a cultural spirit in the poor person, giving opportunities for him to be an economic actor is the only long-standing solution. In other words, we have to democratize all economic activities and mechanisms, without leaving anybody behind.

Rao VBJ.Chelikani

News from Associations :

సీనియర్ సిటిజన్స్ అసోసియేషన్ మరుయ డెకేర్ సెంటర్, ఏలూరు వారు 27-12-2014 నుంచి 30-12-2014 వరకు 4 రోజులు వారు కార్యలయమునందు అయస్కాంత చికిత్స శిబిరము (మేగ్నటిక్ థెరపి) నిర్వహించినారు. సుమారు 400 మంది స్త్రీ పురుషులు పాల్గొని ఈ చికిత్స ద్వారా ప్రయోజనము పొందిరి. ఈ శిబిరమును శ్రీ తేజభారత్, గారిచే ప్రారంభించబడినది. మరియు ఈ సంఘమువారు 25 మంది మూగ, చెవిటి వారికి వినకీడి యంత్రములు, ఒక్కొక్కటి రు. 3500 లు విలువగలవి. ఉచితముగా ప్రదానము చేసియున్నారు. ఇంకను రు. 54,000/- విలువగలు



ఒక శివపేటికను జిల్లా కలెక్టరు గారి ద్వారా 'మానవత్' సంస్థకు బహుకరించినారని ఈ సంఘము అధ్యక్షులు శ్రీ చలసాని వెంకటేశ్వర రావు గారు, సెక్రటరీ శ్రీ రంగయ్యనందా గారు తెలియజేసినారు.

Tanuku Senior Citizens Association

25.12.2014 న తమ సంఘం 2015 సం॥ క్యాలెండర్లను విడుదల చేసినారు. వీటిని చెరుకూరి సంస్థ (తణకు శాఖ) వారి సౌజన్యంతో ముద్రించబడినవి. ఆ సంస్థ మేనేజరు శ్రీమతి బి. హేమలత గారు క్యాలెండర్లను ఆవిష్కరించారు.



తణకు సీనియర్ సిటిజన్స్ వారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో హోమియో మెడికల్ క్యాంప్



తణకు సీనియర్ సిటిజన్స్ అసోసియేషన్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో చీరల పంపిణీ కార్యక్రమం

Mahabub Nagar District Senior Citizens Organisation :

సీనియర్ సిటిజన్ల సమస్యల పరిష్కారానికి కృషి

ఆరేపల్లి గ్రామం, ఆత్మకూరు మండలం వారు ది॥ 9-01-2015 న వయోధిక సభ్య సమావేశం ఉదయం గం॥ 10.30 లకు గ్రామ పంచాయితీ ఆధ్వర్యంలో జరిపి 15 మంది సభ్యులలో కూడిన కార్యవర్గ కమిటీని ఎన్నుకొనుట జరిగినది. సమావేశంలో గ్రామ సర్పంచ్ శ్రీ అంజనేయులు గారు, డా॥టి. నాగేంద్ర స్వామి గారు, తదితర ముఖ్యసభ్యులు పిల్లలకు పెద్దవారి యొక్క ప్రాముఖ్యత వివరించాలని, వారికి పెద్దలయందు గౌరవము, వారిమాటకి విలువ నిచ్చునట్లు తీర్మానించినట్లు చెప్పినారు. గ్రామ ప్రజలు పెద్దలు యొక్క ప్రయోజనము తెలుసుకొనవలెనని, జనన ధృవీకరణపత్రం ప్రతివారికి అవసరమని గ్రామ కార్యదర్శి శ్రీ రమేష్ గారు మాట్లాడారు.

కార్యవర్గ సభ్యులలో శ్రీయుతులు గుండారెడ్డి, గొల్లబాలస్వామి, బి. నాగన్న, శ్రీమతి కావలి లక్ష్మమ్మ, రేచింతల లక్ష్మి మొదలగు 15 మంది సభ్యులు ఎన్నికైనారు.

- శ్రీ జి.వి.ఆర్. రెడ్డి (వి.వి.పి)

Jawahar Nagar Senior Citizens' Association, Moula Ali, Hyd.

Jawahar Nagar Senior Citizens' Association, Moula Ali, Hyd., held Annual General Body Meeting at their Community Hall on 18-01-2015. All the members present have unanimously elected the same body and asked the president to continue for the second term, i.e., 2015-16 (2 years). The President, Sri K. Jagannatha Swamy will continue with Secretary Sri K. V. Varma, Treasurer Sri S. Ramulu & Other 4 members.

Senior Citizens' Forum, Nizamabad



In coordination with Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rice Millers' Association, Marwadi & Rajasthani People Association, etc. they have conducted a press meet on 15-12-2014 at the Railway Station, urging the political leaders to take initiative for development of railways in the district and complete the long pending projects with additional funds.

They have also sent a D.D. for Rs. 16,000/- towards Prime Minister's Relief Fund, to the District Collector, for Jammu & Kashmir flood affected people. They have also revived the Christian Senior Citizens' Welfare Society at Kanteshwar in the district and conducted sports on 17-12-2014 and distributed the prizes.

by T.Bhumanna, Secretary

బాన్సువాడ సీనియర్ సిటిజన్స్

బాన్సువాడ సీనియర్ సిటిజన్స్ ఫోరం వారు 30-12-2014న విశ్రాంతి ఉద్యోగులు భవనంలో సమావేశమై సభ్యులకు గుర్తింపు కార్డులు అందజేసినారు. సభలో ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి శ్రీ భూమన్న గారు ప్రసంగిస్తూ సుప్రీంకోర్టు సీనియర్ సిటిజన్ సభ్యులకు కల్పించిన హక్కులను ఉపయోగించుకోవలెనని చెప్పినారు. బాన్సువాడ మున్సిపల్ కోర్టు రెండో తరగతి న్యాయమూర్తి శ్రీ దత్తాత్రేయ గారు మాట్లాడుతూ గ్రామాలలోని సీనియర్ సిటిజన్లకు కూడా ఈ అవకాశం కల్పించాలని అన్నారు. శ్రీ నర్సింహులు గారు ఫోరంకు బిల్లులు బహుకరించగ శ్రీ రాజేందర్ గారు నగదు అందజేశారు.

ఈ సంఘం వారు జనవరి 1వ తేదిన నూతన సంవత్సర సందర్భముగా జిల్లా కలెక్టరు గారిని పోలీసు సూపరింటెండెంటు గారిని కలిసి, వారిని అభినందించారు.

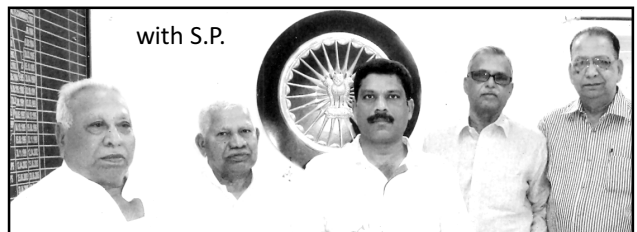
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Nizamabad Senior Citizens Association



with Collector



with S.P.

New Nagole Senior Citizens Forum, Hyderabad

The Forum conducted their General body election and elected the following office bearers to hold the office for the year 2015.

President- R.Mohan Rao, 9032536601, Vice President- S. Sammaiah Chary-9618575878, Gen. Secretary, S.Raghava Rao-9440884831, Joint Secretary -K.S.N.Murthy-9908845525, Org. Secretary -N. Chandra Sekhar -9160711180, Treasurer -K.Koteswar Rao-9491540562. E.C. Members: O. Rama Rao-9396569538, P.S.Seshagri Rao-8331838027, Sri.Mallikarjuna Sastry-9640517048, M. Jagadeeshwar Rao-8978670743, Shaik Amir-9848898131, K.Krishna Murthy- 9014329630

by S. Raghava Rao

Forum for Senior Citizens, Tarnaka, Hyderabad

Annual Day Get-Together of the Forum was held at the meeting hall of the Nagarjuna Nagar Welfare association on 19-12-2014. The programme started with conventional prayer songs and couple of poems, followed by some songs and classical telugu poetry by Sri. B. Rama Krishnaiah, (aged above 80 years). The team from Senior citizens Forum, Secunderabad consisting of Mrs. Kamakshi Hatti and Aruna Deekshitulu organized Tambola which was cheered and occupied.

Ekapatrabhinayanam , mono action of the epic charter " Karna" by Sri. Paramahansa, a senior member was also well received by the participants. A few speakers from the neighboring senior citizens associations spoke about their experiences and activities. Notable among them were by Smt. Kamakshi Hatti, President of SCF, Secunderabad and Sri. Sitarama Swamy of Malkajgiri. Smt. Rajeshwari, Founder President of Thoudu- Needa spoke about the organization, nurtured by her team to provide companionships to those who are alone and seek company after their retirement.

Felicitations were done for octogenarians and couples who had the good fortune of having a married life of 50 years and above. Prizes were distributed under the supervision of Sri. Manohar Bhawe. Ms.Lakshmi, Secretarial Assistant, IFHD was felicitated for her dedicated continued services to the senior citizens during the year. The meeting came to a happy ending with the members saying good bye to 2014 and welcome to happy new year 2015.

by Prof.K. Sreerama Murthy



GHMC's Republic Day Gift to Senior Citizens Day Care Centres

GHMC Aasara has sanctioned materials for Day Care Centres of senior citizens as per their earlier commitment. This is a republic day gift to the following associations as reported by their office bearers.

Senior Citizens Forum, Alwal was granted Rs. 28,000/- for the purchase of one almairah, 50 chairs, 4 stools and one table, as informed by Y. Nagaiah, President SCF Alwal

Senior Citizens Forum, Malkajgiri: 8 Day Care Centres were sanctioned Rs. 40,000/- each of which Rs.26,000/- worth materials were supplied. One almarah, 20 chairs, 2 tables one computer chair and one LED T.V. were supplied on 29-1-2015. as informed by S.Sitarama Swamy.

Gokulnagar Welfare Society goes hi-tech



Celebrated 66th Republic day with hoisting of national flag in the morning and cultural events in the evening.

The Gokulnagar Website <http://gokulnagartarnaka.com> has been launched.

by T. Balaswamy

National Voters Day: Curtain raiser and launch of National voters Day 2015 in Hyderabad

Observance by UFERWAS at Paryataka Bhawan, 24th Jan. 2015

The United Federation of Resident Welfare Associations has signed a MOU in 2011 under theme of "Civil Society Collaboration in Election Management- Moving Forward", as part of Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Election Commission of India. On the occasion of the National voters Day, 2015, this meeting is a Curtain raiser with partner organizations working with Election Commission of India on SVEEP : Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation. The programme started with a Hindi playlet by Koshish theatre Group working with COVA which explains how even a rag-picker pays taxes and has a right to question the governance.

Observations by participants from Hyderabad city, districts of AP & Telangana & NGOs:

1. V.V.Rao, Kukatpally: High %age of errors in voter lists; Low voter turn out; Names deleted from lists without reason; Voter impersonation:votes cast even before genuine voter arrives at polling booth.



2. Noor Ahmed Ali of Ananda Nagar Colony who had worked as BLO. He highlighted non-deletion of names despite several reminders, resulting in continued appearance of names of the 'deceased' or 'shifted' persons in voters' lists.
3. Ms Shantha (East Anand Bagh): a previous Corporator in 2009 found that names of husband & son were removed from subsequent years' lists & also recommended that voters enrolled at 2 locations must remove name at one place.
4. (Name ?) expressed that RWA's inputs should be utilized by GHMC to correct voter lists including removal of 'bogus' names (this is happening even after Voter ID cards are in force). Therefore GHMC electoral officers should approach RWAs for correct information and not the other way around.
5. J. Krishna Rao of KPHB Colony VI Phase emphasized that voting is a 'serious' function of every citizen in the electorate; Correction, updating of lists is a 365 day continuous process
6. Vuppala Gopal Rao from Kukatpalli: RWA reps who are service-oriented and willing to spare time should be involved in this. Only enlightened voters would choose enlightened people's representatives.
7. G. Satyanarayana, Mehdiptnam : Questioned as to why all citizens are not covered by RWAs. Whereas, no political party would have the interest for the common good that RWAs have. Therefore RWAs must consider a method of reaching out to all citizens and play a role in elimination of fraud. Hence SVEEP - Voters Education & Electoral Participation is important.
8. Mazher Hussain, Director, COVA had specific flagged points: Go beyond elections; Mindset of being subjects rather than citizens (of colonial origin) must change. Demand entitlements, not seek favours. Assert rights. Winner of election should not be allowed to think that he is a 'king' or a feudal lord. Set up competition amongst different political parties to serve and not just win by getting votes. We need people who will serve us after the election. Setting of political agenda should be done by people, not by political party. Priorities should be not mandir and mazjid, but education, health, water, electricity as per people's manifesto. Going to the people should start 6 months ahead and not just 2 months or less as is done. Technology should be made available for (i) enrolment, making changes if and when required (ii) Online voting by use of a Code No.
9. D. Benerjee, Rep from Uttamnagar Colony, Malkajgiri, raised the issue of frauds by political parties at Municipal level for removal/replacement of names. He suggested linking of Voter ID with Aadhar Card.
10. B.T.Srinivasan from the same area spoke of the need for facilitation of Voter's Booths by NGOs to prevent reckless behavior by police reps.
11. S. Sunil Kumar from Khammam spoke from personal experience that the best results can be obtained only by cooperation between District Electoral Officer and the civil society.
He recommended (i) songs by groups in Telugu/Hindi, (ii) mobile tableaux for registrations /corrections in lists (iii) voter mela linked to RWAs (iv) catchy single line slogan approved by the Election Commission.
12. M. Padmanabha Reddy, Secretary, Forum for Good Governance said that Free & Fair elections were the two wheels required to take the process forward. He complimented Shri. Bhanwar Lal for receiving national appreciation for confiscating money and liquor, meat for distribution. However he regretted that no legal action was taken so far on the accused cases of fraud under Sec 171. The Income-tax was not revealing the transaction. Votes cannot be treated as commodities without sanctity. That would make a mockery of democracy.
13. Ravi Kumar Narra, (Padma Shri Awardee): Majority of voters have a low understanding of the significance of voting when compared to advanced countries such as Japan. There is an acceptance of corruption by our public. Remedial measures suggested include: IT & penalty; plays & booklets.
14. S.V. Gajanani from Malkajgiri also highlighted the role that RWAs can play & the need for Aadhar linkage to voter ID.
15. V. Narayana Murthy of Chebrolu in West Godavari district distributed a very useful booklet of poems on the topic and insisted that when 18 years is the age of eligibility for voting, it should be mandatory that the syllabus adopted for students after intermediate, includes a chapter on the important function of voting in a diverse democracy of 125 Crore population such as India.
A playlet in Telugu by Narayana Murthy encouraging electoral awareness is released by Shri. Bhanwar Lal. In response to the above reactions, the Chief Electoral Officer has expressed his happiness about the involvement and initiatives being taken by the resident welfare associations with regard to voter awareness and new voter registrations. He expressed his concern about the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh topping the list of the highest cash seized during last elections with Rs 153 crore out of Rs 313 crore seized from all over India. Less voting percentage was seen, especially, in urban areas like Greater Hyderabad and asked everyone to promote more awareness and promised all support. In GHMC 54% is the highest polling. Why so little? Absent or shifting voters? 4.4% duplicates detected in 80 lakhs population. Citizen indifference in attending to required changes in Form No 6.
In response to the previous speakers he underlined the fact that free election is the responsibility of E.C. whereas fair election is responsibility of the Voters or the civil society. Usage of IT for Voting: E-registration in 2011 is 72% online as against a target of 100%. Can we aspire for E-voting by 2019/2024 ? Yes, provided IT increases access & connectivity. Already, voter list is linked to Aadhar card in three districts: Hyderabad, Chittoor and Nizamabad, which became the 1st district in the country with 100% linkage. Follow up action on election offences is slow because of slow rate of disposal of cases in courts. CJJ permission is being sought for the pending cases disposal (frauds) through fast track courts, eliminating long years of wait. Income tax department would be asked to be more transparent.
The U-FERWAS representatives congratulated Sri C.V. Anand, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Metropolitan Police for getting selected by Election Commission of India (ECI) for 'National Special Award for Best Electoral Practices 2014'. The organizers from UFERWAS included Rao Chelikani, B T Srinivasan, Maj Shiva Kiran, P Ashwin Kumar, V V Rao, G V Reddy, S Sunil Kumar, TVR Chandra, D. Geeta, G. Sudershan Rao, S.K. Raju and other RWA members.



A book on AP Apartments Act1987

A book recently written by Sri. Tatavarti Srinivasa Rao was released by Sri Vanamadi Venkateswara

Rao, MLA, on 28th December 2014 at Kakinada. Others in the picture are Sri Varma, MLA, Pithapuram, Sri T. Srinivasa Rao, the author and Sri Jawahar Ali, President, Maharshi Sambamurty Institute of Social and Development Studies, Kakinada. It is available online. Readers around the globe can have access to the e-book at the following link: <http://kinige.com/kbook.php?id=4346>

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The Old Dairy Farm Resident's Welfare Association general secretary Syed Khaled Shah along with Sri Mallayya, President, Sri.S. Lakshman Goud, treasurer and others have participated in 'Swachh Bharath program' in Tarnaka on 24.1.2015.



On the occasion of National Voters Day, 25-01-2015, the Old Dairy Farm Resident's Welfare Association conducted special drive online for registration of voters. In a single day, 103 voters have been registered.



The 66th Republic Day celebrations were held on 26th January 2015 in Old Dairy Farm.

President Sri Mallayya hoisted the Flag. Childrens programs have been conducted.



The World Arabic Language Day: Haramain Sharifain Arabic Islamic Model University and Darul-arab has released a special issue of the AL-HIRA fortnightly news paper. The program was organized by Haramain Sharifain Arabic Islamic model University in the office of the International Foundation for Human Development, Tarnaka. Dr . Rao V.B.J Chelikani, Chairman IFHD and Sri T Balaswami retired Central Govt officer were present on this occasion. Dr Hamed Al Qhureshi spoke about Arabic Language. Mr Massiuddin explained about Haramain Sharifain Arabic Islamic Model University activities.



Dr Kalimuddin explained the relation between India and the Arab world. Dr Rao Chelikani has shared his past experience with UNESCO and said that Mr. Syed Khaled Shah has done a great job by taking a big responsibility to promote Arabic language with the guidance of Prof Syed Jahangir, a renowned professor at the English and Foreign Languages University.

by Syed khaled Shah, Tarnaka

Letters to the Editor give wake up call to the U-FERWAS

Dear Editor,

I would like to flag the following issues for wider discussion and consensus among all the RWAs. The Kalyanapuri RWA will have this item on the agenda for our AGM.

1. Domestic Helpers: Several colonies have only senior citizens as the residents who are fending for themselves with their children staying elsewhere. These households have per force to depend on the maid servants. These maid servants are holding seize of the houses. They do not come regularly. One cannot replace them as the other maid servants are either prevented from taking up the work in a new house by engaging with the later in a street fight or they just do not come. They absent themselves even for more than a week to fifteen days demanding full wages for their period of absence.

Keeping in view the need for protection for the unorganised labour and also to fulfill the requirements of households, I have the following suggestions : RWA should advise the members to collect the Aadhar card fascimile of all the domestic helpers working in their households; RWA should fix up the monthly remuneration depending upon the number of inmates; size of the residence; should fix up the weekly or monthly holidays that the helper could be entitled to; Responding to sudden incapacitation of the servant either due to illness or other requirements, by indenting on the services of the other maid servant with appropriate proportionate wage to be paid for by the engaging household. Any leave of more than three days at a time to be on no-work-no-pay basis. The list of maid servants and the addresses should also be filed with the zonal office of the GHMC and the Police station. Please let me know your thoughts on this agenda so that we would include in our AGM for sure.

2. As regards the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the devolution of funds for the purpose is now centralised ever since the 2% norm is imposed. Earlier, for instance, institutions like the banks used to provide the senior

citizens' welfare associations and even RWAs the support recommended by the local branch manager of a bank depending upon the servicing accounts of the colony with the bank. For instance, when I was President of KRWA, I got funds for the Association to construct a bus shelter; to equip the children's park; to buy plastic chairs etc. After the Companies Act is amended in 2013, the expenditure is restricted to specific areas that the corporate office decided: like equipment to a school or another. Decentralising decision on the CSR within the band of 2% is necessary so that the SWAs and RWAs can be benefited.

3. Another issue that has lately come up is the overt conditions of the grants-in-aid of the GHMC wherever the associations are provided support for construction of community hall in part or in full from the GHMC. Community hall is basically meant for servicing the community needs: the hall is rented out to the members and non-members as per the decision of the General body or executive committee and the purpose of such facility is also clearly defined. For the enrollment of citizens for ID cards or food security or for conduct of elections, such halls are invariably given to the GHMC. Unless the EC agrees through special resolution, political meetings and religious meetings are generally avoided. All academic meetings, health camps and yoga camps etc are allowed either free or on nominal rental basis. While the grant is provided, the GHMC has not been advising in writing the conditions for availing grants in aid. This is leaving scope for some political agents to exploit the community hall facilities as several have received such grants either from MP or MLA Constituency Development Funds. I shall be glad to have your views and rules in force for larger benefit. These may be published in the next bulletin.

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Dear Editor,

Previously I shared my views on your work on RWAs. The RWA concept must catch up to ensure the civic life to be peaceful, orderly and hassle free. There is no better custodian of interests than the Resident himself. The local RWA, here, has succeeded in protecting their environs by a 4 1/2 year struggle and saved 274 acres of Botanical Garden Area worth Rs.6,850 crore in the prime area of Twin Cities. I was intimately connected with it. A small write up by its most active member Mr. A V Reddy is sent as attachment. You can please accept it as an authentic success story for publication in Tarnaka Times and cite it in your research work. In case more details are needed, they are available. I will wait for your opinion,

Regards, -JVSharma, Hydeabad.
5th Jan. by e-mail

Dear Editor,

We are very happy to see your publication "Tarnaka Times". The articles published are very thought provoking, informative and useful. In Czech Colony, we have about 1,700 flats and around 430 senior citizens. We are organizing Swachh Bharat programme of cleaning roads from 06.30 to 07.30 am every Sunday from 18th October 2014 onwards. We have conducted Yoga programme on every Saturday from 5pm to 6.30 pm for 4 weeks during the months of November and December 2014. We have a library with 4,000 books. Books and book shelves are donated by our Czech Colony residents. Our library and office is located in our Endeco's County, Street no 2, Czech Colony, Sanathnagar, This accomodation has been given temporarily to CCSCWA, as I am secretary of the Endecos County Flat Owners Welfare Association. We do not have any own building as Czech Colony lands are all private and very costly. We are trying to acquire a small bit of land from GHMC but we are yet to succeed.

V.Umamaheswara Rao, President, Czech Colony Senior Citizens Welfare Association & Secretary, Endeco's County Flat Owners Welfare Association Tel No:- 04023710223, Mob :- 9912823064 26th Dec. 2014



DOB : 13-10-1938
DOD : 30-12-2014

Obituary :

Prof.V. Veeranaiah, a well known social worker served our Forum for Senior Citizens Tarnaka as President for 2 times. During his period the association took up many social activities and remembered him for his good work.

14th National Conference of All India Senior Citizens Confederation (AISCCON)

21st and 22nd February, 2015

at Mohanlal Sukhadia Auditorium,
University Campus, Udaipur(Rajasthan)

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**HOLISTIC LIVING OF SENIOR CITIZENS :
CHALLENGES & WAY OUT**

With Best Wishes From

Federation of Senior Citizens Organisation
Tarnaka, Hyderabad



Fed AOA of Ghaziabad

We have gone through almost all the 78 Deeds of Declaration uploaded in GDA website and found that they lack seriousness on part of promoters in preparing the 'Deed'. Our research team found that they suffers from the following 'prima-facie' defects: 1) The Deeds are unregistered 2) They do not disclose the original size of the group housing plot in violation of the Act. 3) They have been modified by selectively deleting certain column and even rows to deny information. 4) The common areas and facilities listed in Annexure 'D' has been shifted to Annexure-'F' in violation of the order dated 14.11.2013 passed by the High Court. 5) The details of flats like covered area (in Sq. mtrs) (instead of super area calculation), proportionate undivided share in land (essential in the event of re-development), Proportionate representation for voting (essential for the elections of associations who have adopted Model Bye-laws), Approved use (essential to stop violation of land use and GDA bye laws) and Value of each Apartment have been either not provided or provided in batch to frustrate the purpose of the 'Deed'. 6) The sanctioned drawings, maps and documents of plants and machineries have not been supplied or uploaded (essential for facilitating the deemed handing over of section 14(5) of the Act).

FedAOA requests each one of our member associations to download their 'deed of declaration' from the GDA website (www.gdaghaziabad.com) and submit your written objections, if any, to GDA. FedAOA can assist the member association in this regard. On our request GDA has agreed to demand affidavits from promoters confirming the correctness of the 'Deed of Declaration' and face the consequences of filing a defective declaration.

Today we have filed another detailed representation requesting GDA to disentitle the promoter from its independent and limited common areas and declare the project with two types of areas: 1. Apartment (residential flats and convenient shops) as per sanctioned plan. 2. Rest all as common areas and facilities. GDA has assured prompt action.

- Alok Kumar, President

Dear Friends,

Fed AOA is the nodal body of the RWAs & Apartment Owners Associations (Group Housing having more than 3 apartments) envisaged under the U.P. Apartment Act 2010 for the protection of the common rights of the apartment owners of the district.

Your Fed AOA studied the GDA Master Plan 2021 to find that large pieces of plots were earmarked for recreational facilities at strategically located areas to cover the population of each area to minimize the travelling time under the neighborhood concept. RTI query by Alok Kumar, our president revealed that 3 plots which were earmarked as recreational land for community facility have been

converted into residential and commercial projects like Indirapuram Habitat Centre and Cloud 9 and constructions have already begun. Finding the land-use conversion against the interest of lakhs of apartment owners of Indirapuram and Vaishali permanently, Fed AOA took up the issue in the form of a PIL before the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court. The Hon'ble Court has been pleased to seek reply form GDA on this issue. Now we are awaiting the reply to see how they intend to restore their own Master Plan 2021.

by B.K Pandey, Coordinator Fed AOA,

Dear Friends,

Section 2 of the UP Apartment Act 2010 lays down that the provisions of this act shall apply to all buildings having four or more apartments. Section 3 of the UP Apartment Act 2010 lays down that an "Apartment" means a part of any property located on one or more floors with a direct exit to a public street. Clause 18 of the UP Apartment Rules 2011 lays down that a minimum of 4 persons can constitute the Board of Management of an Apartment Owners Association. It, by implication, means that even four families living in separate portions in one building on ground floor having exit to a public street are covered under the Apartment Act. And hence, the Builder Floors or people living in such buildings are welcome to form an AOA and join the AOA Federation Ghaziabad, which is registered in 2015.

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Contempt of Court

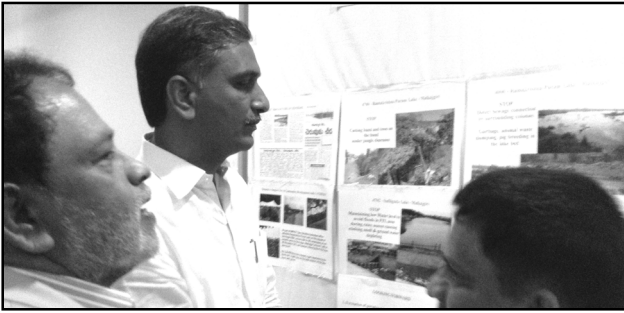
A lawful tenant is very much authorised to vote in an election of the Apartment Owners Association under UP Apartment Act 2010 as per a ruling given by the honourable High Court, Allahabad. In Nirala Eden Park, Indrapuram, elections were conducted recently against the ruling of the High Court. As a sequel the High Court has now issued notice to the concerned people on 13 Jan 2015 as under : "Why charges be not framed for committing willful and deliberate contempt of the order of this court".

HQ RWA Federation Ghaziabad, 133 B, Model Town East, Ghaziabad

Republic Day celebrations by Sector 26 Noida: Mr. G.P. Gupta, Mr NK Jain, Shobha Dani, Kuldeep Katiyar, Sunil Madra, RK khosla, manoj keasari and students who started Bharat Swachh Mission, as reported by OP Bansal, Jt Secretary



**Governance of Tanks & Small Water Resources in
Telangana State :**



On 9th January, Sri. T. Harish Rao, Minister for Irrigation, Marketing, Mines & Geology and Legislative Affairs, Telangana State inaugurated the workshop and photo gallery. Along with the minister are B.V. Subba Rao and B.T. Srinivasan.



**Participants in the U-FERWAS EC Meeting
held on 18th Jan, 2015**



We sincerely thank Confederation of NCR Resident Welfare Association's Convener Col Tejendra Pal Tyagi, President Shri P S Jain, General Secretary Shri Chetan Sharma, Shri B S Khokhar, Shri P K Agarwal, Shri Naveen Jaihind, Secretary General Mrs Aleyamma Jain of United Schools Organisation of India and Shri Atul Mittal, Shri Veerabhadra Rao Mavuri for their support during our meeting with Defence Minister.

We are also extremely grateful to Hon'ble Governor Shri E S L Narasimhan, Union Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar & MoS Sri Rao Jitender Singh, Shri Ch Malla Reddy, MP., Shri C Kanaka Reddy, MLA., All India Bar Council Member Adv. Shri N Ramachandra Rao, M Rajasekhar Reddy, Shri Mandali Radha Krishna Yadav and Shri V K Mahesh for their sympathetic understanding of the problems faced by the residents.

Consequently, we are happy to note that on 7th January, the MOD has instructed all the cantonment CEOs not to impose any restrictions without following procedures laid down in the cantonment Act.

by B T Srinivasan

Residents breathe easy

In a major relief to lakhs of people residing near the periphery of the Army Ordinance Corps (AOC) Secunderabad, the Army on 26th December, decided not to impose a ban on movement of civilian traffic during the day from January 1, after Hon'ble Governor E.S.L Narasimhan held a detailed meeting with the military top brass.

A memorandum was submitted to the Union Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar & MoS Sri Rao Jitender Singh and they were made to understand the difficulties the citizens would face once the army closes the roads. MP Sri Vinod informed Union ministers that Hon'ble CM Sri K Chandrasekhar Rao & his government's readiness in developing the alternative roads in army's land by compensating state government's land.

Republic day celebration pictures of RWA Federation Ghaziabad at Gagan Enclave and DPS School, with Col. Tejendra Pal Tyagi's presence



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Association of Senior Citizens Hyderabad

The association conducted a medical camp at Lions Bhavan on 11th Jan 2015.

The president of Lions Club of Hyderabad Sri Sushil Jejanu inaugurated the camp. Sri A Suryanarayana, Sri Chepuri Shankar Rao, Sri Mudigonda Lingamurthy did all the planning and screening. Sri Mital coordinated the entire show and his dynamism and enthusiasm at 88 is admirable. Sri Ramesh Sawhney liaised with Lions Club and Ms Tripta brought participants. Dr Balakrishna Ramaraju gave personal advice on choice of tests to be taken by individuals. Sri Kanda kumar, our member, donated Rs 3,200 to the Association.

by Dr P Vyasamoorthy

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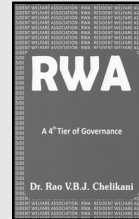
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