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**WOMEN'S DAY** 

# **DIRECTORS' NOTE**

The United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to achieve decent lives for all on a healthy planet by 2030

SDG 4 specifically speaks of QUALITY EDUCATION. Education is the key to improving development in some of the world's poorest communities. Sustainable Development Goal 4 calls for inclusive, equitable and quality education for all. Despite this, in 2018, more than half of children and adolescents worldwide did not meet minimum proficiency standards in reading and mathematics. We're committed to providing inclusive and quality education in these regions

Taking this into consideration CDEW tries to reach out to children in our working areas to help in achieving this goal. Due to the Pandemic situation although many of our centres were unable to reach out to the children physically, some have been trying to keep in touch with them through various ways.

However, CDEW this year was able to organise Human Right Education in the 8 schools of Andhra/Telangana and cover around 2698 children, teachers and parents and also women of the locality about their Rights.

As I present this News Letter, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the communities, Sisters and teachers who took pains to make this Education programme a success.

Sr. Rosy Lopez.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION (HRE) PROJECT**

**Human Rights Education** (**HRE**) has been a part of International Human Rights Law since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Article 26(2) of the Universal Declaration reads: "Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace."

The project "Promotion of Human Rights Education in 8 schools in Andhra Pradesh" supported by VIDES Coperacion Spain was launched on 15th January 2021 to educate children, youth, teachers and parents to develop critical understanding of life situations, occurence of human rights violations, cruelty and exploitation, including that associated with education, employment and practices that may foster racial, religious and other forms of discriminations.

The targeted participants were 2698 children, teachers, women and members of Parents' Teachers Association (PTA) in 8 schools in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Children were given special preference in this project since they are the supreme assets and greatest hope for the future of our nation. They deserve special attention as they are subjected to all kinds of vulnerabilities and Rights violations due to their age and status of dependency. The project activities taught the children how to resist the Rights violations; empowered them to demand for their Rights and to perform duties combined with Rights as responsible citizens. The activities successfully implemented to these effects are: Training of Trainers (TOTs) on Universal Declaration of Human Rights - History and Development, how it benefits our Fundamental Human Rights; the link between Rights and Personal Responsibilities, Formation and Capacity Building, Human Rights Clubs in Schools, awareness programmes for parents and volunteers on Human Rights, Child Rights and Celebration of Human Rights Day in all the centers.



















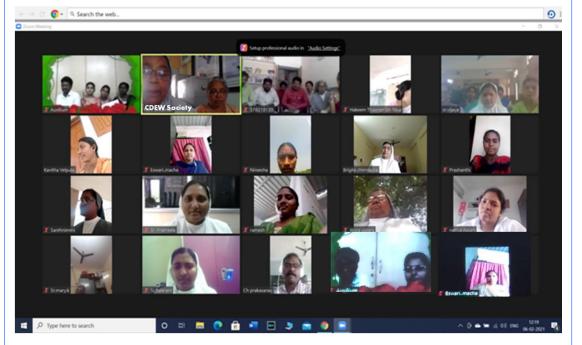








## TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON HRE



CDEW Society organized two days virtual capacity building programme for 40 teachers including Sisters of eight schools in Andhra Pradesh on 5 & 6 February 2021. Mr. Job Puthenpura, an experienced person in advocacy programmes was the resource person. The topics discussed were: Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Rights of the Children, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, Government Welfare Schemes and Sustainable Development Goals. It helped the participants to realize numerous rights they ignore, and remain as risk groupsmainly children and women. Education for freedom from discrimination contributes to the creation of a protective environment and supports social and legal protection, promotes accountability and introduces the measures to end discrimination, ill treatment and violence. Taking steps to promote and protect human rights will reduce the risks.

#### TRAINING ON HRE TO THE MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CLUBS



## **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION**

**Human Rights Day** was observed in all the eight schools according to their convenience. Some of the schools celebrated Human Rights Day along with International Women's Day. It was intended to conscientize the participants on Human Rights specially Child Rights and Women Rights because they are not aware of Right violations and do not know how to face the challenges in day to day life.

The eminent resource persons explained well the importance of Human Rights, Fundamental Rights, Right to Education, Right to Live, Right to Health, Right to Equality, Right to Freedom of expression, Right to Religion and Gender Equality. Many centers concluded the celebration with a rally in which they shouted slogans, displayed placards and posters with quotes and pictures.

Some of the schools enacted various issues in the society like denial of girl child education, suppressing the voice of the poor; discrimination based on caste, gender and religion etc. and performed cultural programmes highlighting the power of women. All those programmes were very much helpful for the participants to understand their rights better.

It was indeed a learning platform for everyone, the teachers, students and parents. They got new insights of Human Rights and were asked to share with others - family, friends and people in the villages.

All the eight centers expressed gratitude to Sr. Rosy Lopez, the Director of CDEW Society and VIDES Cooperacion for the wonderful Project by which several children and women have benefitted.





children from all the eight centers become aware of basic Human Rights, Child Rights and their duties and responsibilities















## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021**

International Women's Day launched in 1857 is an annual occasion for women everywhere to unite and rise to claim their right to peace, equality and sustainable development. CDEW Society informed all the communities well in advance and asked them to celebrate the Women's Day together with women of their neighborhoods. The theme of the year 2021 was "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world" as across the world women are facing increased domestic violence, unpaid care duties, unemployment and poverty, inadequate representation of women in national and global COVID-19 policy spaces. Almost all the communities celebrated Women's Day in a striking way.



## Women's Day Celebration at Auxilium Navajeevana Guduvanahalli

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take". Navajeevana Sisters together with the women of the vilage celebrated Women's Day on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with great enthusiasm, keeping in mind the call of UNO - the leadership of women at all levels." The whole village consisting of nearly 80 families began the day with icebreaking through fun filled games. The home bound women well-dressed, looking smart, forgetting themselves and played while the entire village was in a festal mood and the events became more festal with the clapping of the children and the husbands encouraging their mothers and wives respectively. The community had decided to accord prizes to as many women as possible. Thus 39 women received either a blanket or a bed sheet or a turkey towel as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes respectively. The oldest lady of the village on a walker secured the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in elephant walk and drew the attention of all present. Thereafter the village children entertained everyone with their dances, comic, poems and songs on mothers. The Chief Guest Mrs. Ravi Kala the member of the District Jagruthi Cell, Mr. Muni Narayana the news reporter of Prajavani News Paper and Mr. Tilak the member of the Panchayat gave appropriate messages and exhorted them to become leaders wherever they are. The local newspaper carried this event and all were happy at this initiative and opportunity to exhibit their God - given Talents.

#### Sr. Benny Peter



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#### VISIBILITY OF OUR PRESENCE - NANDIGAMA

It was a God given opportunity to be invited as Chief Guest for Women's Day celebrations at MIC Engineering college of Technology at Kanchikacherla. The opportunity was accepted by Sr. Prameela, the Principal of Maria Nivas School as God given chance to make known the Human Rights. The college auditorium was packed with 600 Engineering Students (Girls) and 22 Women staff. Sr. Prameela addressed the audience with Salesian enthusiasm. She spoke about Women's Rights with examples and how each one should overcome the hurdles that prevent the women in exercising their Rights. She told them to give wings to their dreams to reach greater heights and also to become responsible citizens. The whole auditorium was in high praises for the 45 minutes speech. It was happy to hear from the management that they wanted Sr. Prameela to address the rest of the 3000 students too in near future. The management recognized the services rendered by Maria Nivas to the women and students of rural area in and around Nandigama and they honored Sr. Prameela as **BEST WOMAN**. Sr. Prameela received the felicitation in the name of Maria Nivas Community.

#### Sr. Prameela Sundari



**VISIBILITY OF CDEW IN GERMAN PAPERS** 

Don Bosco Mondo conducted an interview with CDEW to study how the Covid situation affected children, their studies, schools and other various programmes. They interviewed the functioning of NCP, Online classes conducted by teachers and attended by children from their homes, the school surroundings, empty classrooms and empty furniture. This was published in the YouTube as well as in German papers.



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