

BV INAUGURATES NEW BRANCH OFFICE IN VIJAYAWADA

Bala Vikasa opened new branch office in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh to monitor and manage its projects based in AP more efficiently and effectively. Inaugurated by BV founder Bala Theresa Gingras and Executive Director Shoury Reddy in presence of program staff, the office is set to become the epicenter of activities that BV strives to expand to many more villages of AP impacting thousands and thousands of rural poor families.



PRIF FUNDS MISSION JALA VIKASA UNDER ITS CSR ACTIVITY

Bala Vikasa's Mission Jala Vikasa to conserve water through diverse community-led water conservation activities like construction of farm ponds, tank desiltation, recharge of borewells, etc., has found a new supporter in Pernod Ricard India Foundation (PRIF). PRIF will provide Rs. 2.29 crore as a CSR Grant to construct 600 Farm Ponds, restore 7 Irrigation Tanks and recharge 75 Borewells between December 2019 - December 2020.



BALA VIKASA AWARDS OVER RS. 11 LAKHS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ORPHAN STUDENTS

Bala Vikasa organized college level meet for orphan students in September 2019 at PDTC, Warangal. Through this meet, BV provided students with scholarships of nearly Rs. 11 Lakhs awarded according to their academic achievements.

BV experts helped students to understand the value of time management, discipline, education, right attitude and behavior, fair use of technology, confidence, and dignity.



BV PARTNERS WITH UWE TO TEST THEIR NEW DEVICE

University of West England (UWE) and Bose Institute, Kolkata has chosen Bala Vikasa to test their new device that disinfects water with biological contamination. BV has been selected for the project because of its massive experience in water projects.

In order to conduct the testing, BV has shortlisted 30 water tanks of different capacities, which are being checked for the microbial

contamination. After which the device will be installed and water quality will be monitored regularly.

All of this is being conducted by BV to check if the device is capable enough to disinfect the water.

NEARLY 900 OLD AND DESTITUTE GET HELP THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

Bala Vikasa's women members organized humanitarian activities for old and destitute people at 36 program centers in September 2019. The activities helped nearly 900 people get clothes and essentials supplies which included over 23,000 kgs of rice and 450 chairs.

A total of over 9 lakh rupees was raised in donations from more than 8,500 local donors, most of whom were members of women and model community program, and ration dealers.



OVER 6,000 COMMUNITY LEADERS ATTENDED TRAINING PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY BALA VIKASA

Bala Vikasa organized training programs for community leaders during August - September 2019. 6,133 leaders attended these trainings which were organized to enhance their leadership qualities, increase their participation, improve the sustainability of development activities, teach good governance, and to discuss various insights of the programs.

During the program topics such as MAC-AGB matter, importance of plantation, upcoming solidarity celebrations, and more were discussed.



MORE THAN 34,000 PATIENTS BENEFIT FROM HEALTH CAMPS

Health Camps organized by Bala Vikasa treated over 34,000 patients from 192 villages and provided them with the necessary medication. All the villages health committees and development committees took active part in organizing there health camps.

More than 945 doctors and nurses volunteered to take part in the camps organized with the help of 265 people, who donated over Rs 26 Lakhs. These camps helped many poor people receive medical treatment after taking medical advice.



310 VILLAGES TAKE PART IN PLANTATION DRIVE

Bala Vikasa ran an awareness campaign between September and October 2019 and facilitated plantation drive in 310 villages. During this campaign, Bala Vikasa distributed over 15 lakh plants to more than 30,700 families which were planted in front of the houses and along the pathways.



BALA VIKASA ORGANIZES HAND WASH CAMPAIGN IN 218 VILLAGES

A Hand Wash Campaign was organized in 218 villages to inculcate the habit of hand hygiene to prevent and control infections, achieve better health and well-being for kids. More than 23,000 children were made part of this campaign with the help of 1,575 staff members.



192 MODEL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTEND TRAINING PROGRAM

Bala Vikasa organized training programs at PDTC for various committees attended by 192 members. These trainings helped committee members have positive spirit, encouragement, and motivation to participate proactively in development activities in their respective villages and turn them into model villages.



BV MOTIVATES YOUNGSTERS TO BE THE AGENTS OF CHANGE

Bala Vikasa organized Annual Youth Convention on 1st October 2019 in Warangal, here BV experts and guests focused on the impact that youngsters can make to change the world for better. Over 2,500 college students, many of whom were the kids of BV women program members, office and field staff attended the convention. BV founder Bala Theresa and Warangal police Commissioner Dr Vishwanath Ravindra addressed the students along with other experts.



They asked students to draw inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi, stay away from distraction such as drugs, etc, make education first priority, learn and adhere to human values, choose wise role models, and explained the concept of Social Entrepreneurship.

33 COLLEGE-LEVEL SEMINARS INSPIRE YOUNGSTERS TO SPEARHEAD THE CHANGE IN SOCIETY

Bala Vikasa organized college-level youth seminars in 33 colleges from 10 districts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The seminars helped in imparting the ideas of social development in young minds. Over 14,000 students and 382 committee members attended the seminars that discussed 'Role of Youth in Social Change'.



The seminars empowered and mobilized the youth to be agents of change in sustainable development. Students talked about their experiences, discrimination faced by their widow mothers, other injustice and superstitious beliefs exist in society.

Many of them also volunteered to produce posters, articles, and to advocate for widow's rights. Inspired by BV's work, they pledged to be active change agents at home, village, and society and create awareness among general public

OVER 3,600 YOUNGSTERS ATTENDED DISTRICT LEVEL SEMINARS

Two one-day district level youth seminars organized by Bala Vikasa in Siddipet and Mancherial addressed the need to eradicate superstitious beliefs attached to widowhood. Over 3,600 students from various colleges attended the seminars and learned about the importance of education, behavior and morals, and use of social networking sites.

Telangana Finance Minister T. Harsh Rao supported the Siddipet seminar and helped in making all the needed arrangements; MLA Diwakar Rao Nadipelli arranged the food and venue for Mancherial seminar.

MLC - Farooq Hussain, Siddipet Commissioner of Police D. Joel Davis and MLA Balka Suman addressed the students along with prominent other local politicians, counselors, principals, and faculty members.



ADVANCED TAILORING TRAINING PROVIDES NEW INCOME SOURCE TO WIDOWS

21 widow beneficiaries attended two-month long 'advanced tailoring' course organized by Bala Vikasa. The courses were conducted by highly skilled teachers Mohammad Zafar and Satyavathi, who were recruited by BV.

The classes helped them in polishing their skills to meet the fast-paced competition, secure income prospects, advance economically and become self-sustaining. At the end of the course the participants were awarded with the certificates and high-end sewing machines.

As a result of this training course, ten of the participants have started their own tailoring shops and the rest are working from home.



BV ORGANIZES BATHUKAMMA CELEBRATIONS FOR WIDOWS

This year, Bala Vikasa celebrated Bathukamma festival with widows at Illoni Mallikarjuna Swamy temple. To eliminate the persisting discriminatory behavior towards widows and encourage them to have a normal life, BV with temple administration organized the festivity.

Like every year, this activity helped many widows come out of their homes and participate in customary rituals for the first time post widowhood. Being confined to their homes and coping with the discriminatory treatment by everyone, even within their own families, participation at this event was liberating and helped them feel a sense of normalcy after a long time.

Bala Vikasa succeeded in creating solidarity among other women towards the plight of the widows who came accepted widows and celebrate Bathukamma together without any prejudices.



100 YOUNG WIDOWS ATTEND STRESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Between September and November, Bala Vikasa conducted two training workshops for 100 young widows. Counsellors addressed the gathered widows on the importance of self esteem, positive attitude and courage in facing the challenges that come their way.

They were provided quick tips, dos and don'ts to manage stress so that they can safeguard their mental health and be in a position to take the best care of their children.

The workshops helped them to manage their stress and get accustomed to change. BV organizes these workshops every alternative months.



88 NEW WPPS APPROVED BY FRANKLIN TEMPLETON

Franklin Templeton has also approved CSR for of 2.7 Crores to establish Community Water Purification Plants in 88 more villages continuing the 4 year partnership with Bala Vikasa in providing affordable drinking water to rural poor communities and safeguarding the health and wealth of the community.

31 WPPS INAUGURATED WITH MUCH ADO



31 Water Purification Projects (WPPs) inaugurated during September - December 2019 are benefiting over 10,000 families. These WPPs were supported by Sopar-Canada, CSR-Franklin Templeton - Hyderabad and Mumbai, and Chola - Chennai.

SIX NEW SUJAL ATWS IN THE WORKS

Bala Vikasa is installing three Sujal ATW kiosks in Ramagundum in collaboration with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). All three ATW kiosks are being installed within the Ramagundum Municipal Corporation (RMC) limits. Out of three, one kiosks has already been inaugurated and opened for public use.

Apart from this, with the support of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj Minister Dayakar Rao, Bala Vikasa is also providing technical support to establish three Sujal kiosks in Thorrur, Palakurthi and Rayaparathi towns. Out of which, the one planned in Thorrur has been completed and opened for public use.



BALA VIKASA TO REVIVE 14 WATER PLANTS IN KARNATAKA

Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL) partnered with Bala Vikasa to revive 14 water plants in 10 villages of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) district, Karnataka. Earlier, the private companies and Gram panchayats were managing these government-funded projects, due to lack of people participation, they turned nonoperational. BFIL approached Bala Vikasa for the restoration and management of these plants with a budget of 40 Lakh rupees.

As part of the project, BV organized village level awareness meetings and out of the 14, ten plants have been repaired and made operational. BV is working towards encouraging 50 percent memberships in each community, where the utilization was two to five percent. In order to do so, frequent training-cum-exposure visits are being organized.



BV ORGANIZED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEWLY CONSTITUTES GULBARGA TEAM

Bala Vikasa organized a training program for the facilitation of newly elected Committee members in Gulbarga district, Karnataka. The committee is responsible for handling the Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL) project, under which 14 water plants in 10 villages of Karnataka are being revived.



SIX SFC SUPPORTED BORE WELLS READY FOR PUBLIC USE

A total of six new bore wells, which were installed with the support of SFC-Italy, have been inaugurated and opened for public use. Ms.Sara, SFC representative from Italy also took part in the inauguration. She expressed great pleasure to be part of the community development activities and applauded Bala Vikasa' efforts and initiatives.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED TO CONNECT ORGANIC FARMERS DIRECTLY TO THE CONSUMERS



Bala Vikasa launched www.siddipetorganicproducts.com, a web and mobile app platform that will leverage digital technologies to connect farmers and customers directly and facilitate hassle-free transactions. By piloting siddipetorganicproducts.com, BV is seeking to address the challenge of market access for the organic products produced by all the farmers enrolled under the program. Through the website, organic farmers can present all the products available for purchase, take advance books and sell their products directly to consumers, both wholesale and retail, without the need for the middlemen. Launched on 3rd December, the website has already received over 7000 visitors and more than 100 buyers have purchased organic supplies. The farmers received 30 percent higher prices for their produce than general market.

BV DISTRIBUTES DESI COWS TO 242 FARMERS TO SUPPORT ORGANIC FARMING EFFORTS

Bala Vikasa, with the support of Telangana State Finance Minister T. Harish Rao, distributed 242 cows worth Rs. one crore to organic farmers between August and December to help them pursue in sustainable farming.

Cow (Desi) urine, dung are important ingredients in preparing many of the organic preparations to fight pests and boost farm productivity. Distribution of cows was done in order to ensure that nothing holds back the farmers from doing organic farming and they continue it without any constraints or limitations.



FARMERS PLANT OVER 2,300 SAPLINGS IN NINE VILLAGES

As a result of Bala Vikasa's awareness campaigns and facilitation, farmers planted over 2,300 saplings around farm ponds in nine villages of four districts.



This plantation around ponds significantly limited erosion, removed contaminants from the soil, maintained a natural equilibrium in ponds, and provided a beautiful canopy.

PARTICIPANTS FROM NINE NGOS ATTEND TRAINING-CUM-EXPOSURE VISIT AT BV

16 Participants from five different NGOs attended a one-day training-cum-exposure visit organized by Bala Vikasa on the intricacies of Organic farming.

The participants learned about sustainable agriculture practices, crop planning, organic pest management techniques, seed treatment, best crop measures, and ways of improving soil fertility.

OVER 700 FARMERS ATTEND CROP MANAGEMENT TRAININGS, RECEIVE ORGANIC INPUTS



BV conducted two seasonal training sessions on crop management for Rabi season. Over 700 farmers attended the training sessions that helped them in acquiring knowledge about seasonal conditions, crop diseases, organic pest control, seed treatment, best crop measures, and ways of improving soil fertility.

The farmers were also provided organic input supplies worth nine lakh rupees to help them prepare organic preparations and decoctions. BV is ensuring that they have both the training and the tools and resources to engage in sustainable farming so that many will be attracted towards this eco-friendly, viable farming mode as opposed to capital intensive chemical farming.

DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ATTEND CDD TRAINING

Development professionals and students from Sudan, Ethiopia, Zambia, Nepal, Liberia and India representing international NGOs like World Vision, UNDP, Oxfam Britain and universities like University of Dhaka, Stanford University-Bangladesh, and more came together to learn the CDD approaches of Bala Vikasa.

In a two-week training program organized by PDTC between 18-30 November 2019, the participants learned various approaches and insights of sustainable rural development. The training helped them in develop a wide understanding of impactful development models, tools, and approaches to community-driven development of Bala Vikasa.

After acquiring knowledge and expertise to be effective change agents they requested Bala Vikasa to come to Africa, disseminate the same and change the lives of poor communities in Africa.



PDTC ORGANISED THREE-DAY EXPOSURE PROGRAM ON INCLUSIVE, PARTICIPATORY AND SUSTAINABLE APPROACHES FOR NGOS

PDTC organized a three-day exposure program on 'Bala Vikasa's Inclusive, Participatory and Sustainable approaches' for Indian NGOs in November. The workshop helped participants from various NGOs working in Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu and West Bengal enhance their understanding of sustainable development projects.

The workshop helped acquire practical exposure and learn by interacting to the community people and its application on ground.



PDTC HOLDS TRAINING PROGRAM EXPLAINING 'RESULT BASED MONITORING AND EVALUATION' APPROACH

To explain the "Result Based Monitoring and Evaluation," Bala Vikasa organized one-week International Training at PDTC for development professionals from Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Ethiopia, South Sudan and India. It helped participants in enhancing their understanding of result based approach developed by Bala Vikasa and how its better than right based approach.

The week-long training program, conducted between 28th October to 2nd November 2019, was attended by Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officers and CEOs representing various NGOs.

They were trained on the successful Monitoring and Evaluation approaches followed by Bala Vikasa as part of the Community Driven Development approach which helped in achieving best results for all programs.

Shoury Reddy, Executive Director, shared his wealth of knowledge and experience with the delegates who took great insights useful tips to improved the efficiency of their programs. They greatly appreciated the knowledge they gained from Bala Vikasa.



IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS OF SEHGAL FOUNDATION VISIT PDTC

Various implementing partners of Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon visited PDTC for an exposure visit to diverse sustainable models of Bala Vikasa. They learned the key approaches and procedures of Bala Vikasa during their visit and were impressed by the organization's achievements at the grassroots. They also said that they would implement the principles of Bala Vikasa in their respective projects.



BVIC PARTNERS WITH US CONSULATE GENERAL TO TRAIN YOUNG LEADERS ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

BVIC partnered with US Consulate General, Hyderabad to introduce the shared traditions of the constitutional democracies of India and United States of America to 150 young leaders. Through this one of its kind program, Bala Vikasa will impart knowledge through constitutional law experts on various aspects of both the countries underscoring democratic guarantees of a citizen's right to life, freedom, property, and speech in our societies.

Three workshops, one each in the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha, comparing American and Indian constitutions will be organized to promote civic activism, to make youth aware of the existing constitutional rights, to inculcate the practice of applying rights in day to day life, to empower youth to be socially-invested citizen-leaders, to motivate students to engage and teach their peers, to enhance leadership and social consciousness towards human rights.

HCL TO SIGN AN MOU WITH BALA VIKASA

HCL Foundation shortlisted Bala Vikasa for their Uday Program's 'Skills & Livelihood' grant. Over 150 pan India NGOs applied to get on-board and forge new partnership with HCL, out of which only seven were shortlisted - Bala Vikasa, Dr Reddy's Foundation, Grey Sims Learning Foundation, LEARN, TATA Strive, Techno Serve, and UnLtd India.

Bala Vikasa International Center will incubate early stage startup to help them scale and achieve sustainability through a series of capacity building programs, mentoring sessions, network access and seed funding.



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HEART AND US CONSULATE GENERAL INVITES BVIC AS PANEL JUDGE AT 'TEEN TO TYCOON' EVENT

Hyderabad Exchange Alumni Ready to Transform (HEART) in collaboration with U.S.Consulate General, Hyderabad conducted its Entrepreneurship Bootcamp 'Teen to Tycoon'. They invited BVIC as a panel judge and speaker along with other eminent entrepreneurs and educators from Hyderabad to guide college students through the competition on social entrepreneurship.

Vijay Kumar Machcha, BVIC Lead-Programs, mentored and guided contestants along with fellow judges from various reputed organizations such as The ThickShake Factory, Wise Owl Consulting Services, DOTWEB IDEAS, Donatekart, T-Hub, Involute Institute of Technical Training, and more. Together they gave their inputs and felicitated the students. 50 Students from seven undergraduate government colleges attended the event.



BVIC PARTNERS WITH US CONSULATE GENERAL TO HOST A JAZZ EVENT FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Bala Vikasa received federal award from US Consulate General, Hyderabad to organize a Jazz performance. The event introduced Jazz, a quintessential American art form, to local influencers. USG leadership, musicians and other influencers addressed the audience and shared the message on women empowerment. It helped audience support women in general and patronize women artists in the culture industry.

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