

District level Declaration of Child Labour Free Villages Srikakulam District

Date: 19-10-2019

Venue: Zilla Parishad Meeting Hall, Srikakulam District

On the eve of Declaration of Child Labour Free Villages, The BIRDS Organization conducted a district level meeting on 19.10.2019 at ZP meeting Hall, Srikakulam District.

This meeting was intended to declare 60 villages as child labour free from “Combating Child Domestic Labour” project of BIRDS organization, Srikakulam by District Collector, Sri. J. Nivas. discuss on the importance of Child Labour Free villages and Its objectives, issue of the child labour, impact on overall development of the child and also to aware the community and stakeholders in different acts, related to protection of child Rights.

Meeting was started with the welcome address by BIRDS Project Coordinator P.Simhachalam, invited the dignitaries to the Dias who are Mr. J.Nivas, District Collector & Magistrate, Srikakulam as Chief Guest. Mr.S. D. V Prasad Rao, Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Srikakulam, Smt. K. Ananthalakshmi, Assistant Project Director, Women and Child Development Agency, Mr. I. Venugopal Rao, Project Director, National Child Labour Project, Smt. T. Shanthi, AP & TS State Manager, PLAN India, Mr. V. Paul Raja Rao Executive Director of BIRDS. Later on program started with Prayer song Vandemataram.

Project Introduction:

Mr. V. Paul Rajarao, Executive Director, BIRDS

He stated entire CCDL Project & program goals, objectives, activities and achievements for the last three years and three months in Srikakulam district. Such as Donors of Plan India and Plan Japan, CL & VTL Children status, Child forums, Child Protection Committees, Tuition Centers and Livelihood units. Line departments, CBOs and PRI members supported towards project implementation.

Mr. SDV. Prasad, DCL, Dept. of Labour

Then The Deputy Commissioner of Labour took the program to lead. He spoke about the process of 60-Child Labour free villages and then he invited Mr. Kondalarao Asst. Labour Officer, Srikakulam to Dias to speak about CLF Validation. He said BIRDS- PLAN India done well in the field level and developed good mechanisms for wellbeing of the children towards education.

Smt. Shanthi, State Program Manager AP & TS

She told about the three years journey of CCDL Project and BIRDS organization. that the implementation of RTE need to be strengthen by creating awareness among public to prevent school dropouts and child labours in the district. So implementation of proper creation of livelihood opportunities is very important to increase income level of families A word of appreciation expressed on the hard work of BIRDS and team in motivating

vulnerable children and parents, it shows they are very actively participating in the services of BIRDS.

Mrs. B. Hemalatha – Member of CF

Addressed about the event. BIRDS organization spread good message about child rights, Child Labour, Child Marriages, RTE and Child line to all 80 villages to protect children, Before BIRDS came we don't know about Child rights, Children acts, Children schemes, Scholarships and Children related laws but BIRDS formed committees at village level and explained all the things for children safeguarding and Education.

Mr. B. Ramu-Member of CPC

Spoke about the Child Protection Committee major roles and responsibilities and appreciated BIRDS-PLAN services towards Children education. Requested to keep continue the BIRDS services in future also for well being of the children.

Smt. Neelaveni - Tuition Teacher

Spoke about significance of tuition centre for children and every child has the right to free, compulsory and quality education. Through education only child labour can be eliminated from the society. 40 Tuition centre are continuing in nine mandals in our district.

Sri. J. NIVAS, District Collector & Magistrate, Srikakulam

The Honorable Chief guest spoke about BIRDS-PLAN effort to eliminate the Domestic Labour in Srikakulam is most appreciable and we need both of your support to entire district to get 100 percent literacy in the district, we need to focus on coastal areas and Orissa state boarder mandals like Echapuram, Kaviti, Meliyaputti, Vajrapukothuru, Bhamini, Pathapatnma, Gara and Ranastalam...etc. there is less rate of literacy appearing. Need to be done one pilot project in those areas on education. There were no intermediate students to get employment by the Grama Volunteer System.

CLF villages - 60 declaration by District Collector.

By the Child Domestic Labour Project in 9 mandals in Srikakulam District 60 villages has declared as Child Labour Free.

CLF Certificates distribution to Villages

CLF certificated issued to villages by Honorable district Collector, People quite happy about declaration certificates and feel proud to get certificates from the District Collector.

Felicitations to Chief Guest and Dignitaries on the Dias.

Plan State manager Smt. Shanthi and BIRDS Executive Director Mr. Paul Rajarao Felicitated to District Collector, Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Project Director, NCLP, Assistant. Project Director, WCDA. BIRDS staff felicitated to Mr. Shanthi madam and Project staff felicitated to Mr. Paul Rajarao.

Vote of thanks:

Program concluded by the executive director, Sri. Paul Rajarao. He thanked the entire guest who attended for the declaration meeting, Stakeholder, Community and children for making this program successful.

Photo Gallery:



Speech delivered by Mrs. V. Paul Rajarao,
Executive Director, BIRDS



Mrs. Shanthi, Plan India, State manager
addressing on CLF villages.



Mr. SDV. Prasad Rao, Deputy Commissioner
of Labour addressing



Smt. Neelaveni, Tuition Teacher, Neelamma
colony Village.



Speech delivered by Honourable District
Collector, Sri. J. Nivas, Srikakulam.



CLF villages were declaring by Honourable
District Collector, Sri. J. Nivas, Srikakulam



Appreciation Certificates were issued by District Collector & Magistrate, Sri. J. Nivas, Srikakulam



Declaration meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by Executive Director, BIRDS

News clippings:

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