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## To Whomsoever It May Concern

Dr.Gurajada Sobha Perin Devi  
Ph.D in Problems of Senior Citizens

I am a social activist working with senior citizens since my high school days. I have 40 years of experience and do counselling and teaching on the issues faced by elders. I taught intergenerational bonding programs to school and college students in collaboration with Heritage Foundation of India, HelpAge India and others.

I took Sessions on Care of Elders in over 40 schools in Hyderabad for the Compassionate Citizenship Program of COVA during 2022-23 and 2023-24. All students interacted and participated actively in the discussions. During and after my Course, many children opened up and said they are counselling their parents when they shout at their grandparents. Children of various schools are celebrating their birthdays either by going to old age homes or by distributing chocolates/ bananas to old beggars, old fruit vendors, etc, and are helping the elders on the road. Some children shared that now they have started giving, medicines to grandparents and some are reporting and stopping abuse of elders by using the Toll Free Number: 14567 they learnt about during the Course.

A girl asked me if she can choose a career like mine in social work -will society and family accept? She said this career has neither money nor recognition in the opinion of her parents. I told her first she would be satisfied and secondly, she would get a good income if she worked well. After a month she called me and said she was discussing with her friends that caring and sharing is a must for people in whatever profession they chose.

One girl fought with her parents when they were forcibly taking the pension of her grandparents. Another girl said she would take a picture whenever she sees abuse after growing up. Now she is asking her elder brothers to take photos of any elder abuse and make them viral on social media.

These days. Summer Holidays are being devoted for summer schools and so children are neither going to villages to see their grandparents nor calling and talking by phone. I can happily say that children are wishing grandparents on their birthdays by phone and are asking parents to take them to their grandparents' villages.

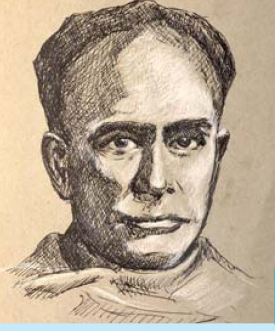
The Project Work Reports prepared by students touched my heart. These Project Works will mould them into becoming best citizens and role models. If schools and colleges adopt COVA's policy of practical Project Works then people will stop thinking ill of others and will become compassionate and bring unity in diversity.

I congratulate COVA for the Compassionate Citizenship Program that is making the students sensitive to others and also realise they can make society better by becoming responsible citizens

Thanks & regards,

Dr.G.Sobha Perin Devi.

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K.Bharatesh,  
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I am in field of Social Advocacy since 20 years. In all these 20 years I worked as activist representing the problems of marginalized, unorganized and migrant workers and the slum dwelling people. We could cherish many successes in collaboration with likeminded organizations and officers. In this course we could take-up many development activities in urban slums and in some villages.

I am very happy to associate with COVA under the project Compassionate Citizenship Program along with Department of Education, Government of Telangana. Under this Project I took sessions on Social Advocacy in about 80 schools of Hyderabad, Vikarabad and Mahboob Nagar Districts during the year 2022-23. In This I could explain them the role of Great Social Reformers in framing the present day Indian Society like Raja Rammohan Roy, Vidyasagar, Jyothiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, Fatema Shaik, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar etc. We also introduced them with modern Climate activists.

In *Compassionate Citizenship Program* along with lectures, field surveys, project reports students also proposed solutions to problems and tried to involve in the process of solving the social issues. and the results were astonishing.

*In Individual Capacity* students started checking the open taps and closing them, removing waster and stones on road, established emotional link with Grand Parents and understanding their problems, Using APPs like My GHMC, TSSPDCL, HMWSSB and making their parents and neighbors install the Apps and raising complaints on civic problems.

*Forming Small Groups* the students collected some money helped patents in Govt. Hospitals, Gave memorandums to officials, Corporators, Ward Members on many civic problems, sensitising about eve teasing problems they approached faith leaders.

*With the help of Teachers, Officials and NGOs* they could transform a Child Labour into a School boy. Many heartening Case Studies we could find in this project. Studetns also developed qualities like Compassion, Patience and an Enquiring attitude.

*In Conclusion* I am sure that if such initiation takes place in all schools of the Telangana, definitely a great transform will take place.

With Regards

(K.Bharatesh)  
President

**Education Does not only mean Learning Reading, Writing and arithmetic it should provide Comprehesive Knowledge - Eswara Chandra Vidyasagar**



**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**  
**COMPASSIONATE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM**

Feedback from Resource Person

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I had the opportunity of taking Sessions on Dowry in over 30 schools as part of the compassionate Citizenship of COVA. 80 percent boys and 90 percent girls participated in the Sessions enthusiastically and there was definitely some shift in perspectives and awareness increased.

A young boy asked me what is wrong in accepting gifts from your in-laws who are like your parents, when they can afford to give and are expressing love through gifts, so why call it dowry or a social evil? This shows the challenge we have to face to address the misconceptions ingrained in society for centuries and Programs like Compassionate Citizenship are most needed.

I attended the Project Works Display Program organized by COVA in which students from different schools showcased their Project Work Reports on different topics including dowry. The impact of the Program on the perspectives and actions of the students became clear through the Project Work Reports prepared by them.

Apart from preparing inspiring posters and videos on this social menace, students came forward to spread the word through their own social media handles on one particular day of a month and proclaim \*SAY NO TO DOWRY\*.

Although parents who attended the Project Works Display Program werenot very forthcoming in trying to improve the situation, they appreciated the awareness being created.

The quality of course material given by COVA in the form of PPTs and audio visual presentations was excellent and greatly helped the Resource Persons in delivering quality lectures to the students.

In conclusion we can say any small change is a big step in the right direction as this social evil is so deeply embossed in our society. The implications have been overlooked for so long that a determined, sustainable and continued effort is mandatory which I think COVA is doing in a persevering manner and we all need to applaud and support such initiatives.

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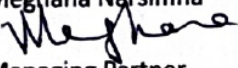
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I am pleased to share my feedback on the Compassionate Citizenship Program, where I had the privilege of teaching school students on the topic of Participatory Budgeting. The students actively engaged in the session, raising insightful questions throughout. It was encouraging to witness their enthusiasm and curiosity around the subject.

Following the session, many students completed a project on participatory budgeting, and the quality of their work was impressive. What stood out most to me was observing real changes in some students' behavior, such as improved management of their personal finances, particularly with their pocket money.

This positive outcome reflects the value of the courses conducted by COVA, which I believe are truly the need of the hour. These programs are not just educational but transformational, influencing the mindset of students for the betterment of society. I strongly recommend that such initiatives continue, as they foster responsible, aware, and engaged citizens.

Warm regards,  
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