

Activities and Programs Report

Inauguration of COVA Community Centre, Kurmaguda, Hyderabad 26th May, 2024



**Hindu- Muslim - Christian Faith Leaders offerings Multi Faith Prayers
at Inauguration of COVA Community Centre in Hyderabad, India**

COVA Community Center was inaugurated at Kurmaguda, Hyderabad on 26th May 2024 to secure entitlements and enable empowerment of people in four localities of Kurmaguda Ward and to foster harmony and peace between communities of the area.

These Centers will cater to 5000 houses through direct outreach and another 5,000 households through Awareness Programs and Campaigns.

Bro. K. R. Janga Reddy, Smt. Swati and Maulana Mustapha, Christian, Hindu and Muslim Faith Leaders offered Multi Faith Prayers. They invoked the blessings of the Almighty for success of

the Community Center and hoped that it will bring together all communities and enable their comprehensive empowerment. They specially urged youth to take all benefits from the Center.

Empowerment: Groups of Youth, Women and Community Leaders will be formed for planning and organizing Development and Peace Programs in the Localities through collaborative initiatives that will include leadership and social media training, spoken English, awareness, career counselling, personality development programs, sports and recreation activities for youth.

Entitlements: Members of the localities will be facilitated to obtain proper documents like Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Bank Account, Caste Certificate etc and their linkages where ever required. This will help them to apply Online and access a wide range of Government Schemes and Programs. Locality members will also get guidance and help to give representations to government departments for problems and get redress properly

Social Harmony: An important component of the Program will be formation of Peace Groups in each locality for prevention of conflicts and promoting harmony, through Multi Faith Celebrations and greater interactions between different communities through sports, recreation and development programs.

Prominent citizens, representatives of organisations, community leaders, women activists and youth participated in the Inauguration Program. All welcomed the establishment of the Center and offered their full collaboration, partnership and participation in the programs and activities.

Orientation Program to 2 Areas Old Kurmaguda and Chandriah Huts Peace and Development Group Members

On the occasion of inauguration of COVA-HDPP Centres Orientation Programs were organised to the Peace and Development Groups of two areas viz. old Kurmaguda and Chanriah Huts. In this Sri.Mazher Hussain Executive Director of COVA explained the motto behind starting of this Centre and he also explained how our old city areas can be developed through this project.

Inauguration of COVA Community Centre, Jangammet, Hyderabad 26th May, 2024



Another COVA Community Center was inaugurated at Bhatji Nagar, Jangammet Ward, Hyderabad on 23rd June 2024 to secure entitlements and enable empowerment of people in Six localities of Jangammet Ward and to foster harmony and peace between communities in these areas.

Mrs. Aparna Adhikari, Secy. COVA shared her views with women and people present in the program and assured to organise women awareness programs in near future as requested by the public. Mrs. Amena Niloufer, Director KAAM4U interacted with people regarding Social issues present in the area. She appealed all the members present to foster unity which and which only can solve our problems. Local Leaders Mr.Ahmed, Mr Nageshwar Rao, Mr. Jagan etc were also present on the occasion and assured complete cooperation to make this program a successful one.

Sri Mazher Hussain sir explained the objectives of the program Entitlements, Empowerment, and Establishing Peace in area of Poor People. People present in the program have enrolled their names into committees for future programs.

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Drug Abuse Day at Chandriah Huts, Kurmaguda Youth 26thJune, 2024



On the occasion of World Drug Abuse Day an awareness program in the Volleyball is organised at Chandriah Huts, Kurmaguda. Nearly 20 youth and 15 other people participated in this program. After playing Volley Ball the youth joined the program and interacted with Mr. Mazher Hussain sir on Drug Abuse and the Work of COVA – HDPP program in the area.

Speaking on this occasion Sri Mazher Hussain sir how drug addiction is growing in city. He also assured that in we are going to conduct awareness programs on Drug Abuse so that we can identify our friends who are getting addicted in early stage and protect them from addiction. Local Leaders joined the program and appreciated the efforts of COVA. After the program a delegation along with Mr.Mazher Hussain met Local Circle Inspector of Police to represent on Behalf of COVA.

Inauguration of 4 COVA - Youth TRAC Sports and Recreation Centers at Kurmaguda Ward, Hyderabad 7th July 2024



Youth of the area - girls and boys - play Volleyball, Cricket and Shuttle Cock as informal groups with very limited sports material. COVA provided sports material to 4 youth groups of the localities and has started the process of formation of proper Sports Teams that will operate through Youth TRAC Centres.



These Teams will also organise awareness and capacity building programs. The Centers are dedicated to Holistic Development of Youth through Recreation and for Community Empowerment and Peace.



Over a hundred people - mostly youth and prominent citizens, representatives of organisations, Community Influencers, women activists and seven visitors from Los Angeles USA attended. It was resolved that apart from daily sports and recreation, fortnightly Awareness Programs will be organised along with tournaments to bring together different teams on a regular basis. Some topics suggested by youth for the Awareness Programs are Personality Development, Spoken English, Career Counselling, Social Media and Leadership Training etc.



Multi Faith Celebration of Festivals will also be organised on a regular basis to promote better understanding of all religions and harmony in Society. The highlight of the Program was an interesting interaction between the locality teams and seven youth who had come from USA.

The discussion centred around gun culture in USA and its dangers, safety of women and opportunities for higher education in US. On the other hand the visitors enquired about the aspirations and hopes of the youth of India and the problems and obstacles faced by them in pursuing their dreams.

Bi Monthly Awareness Program of Career Counselling

A Bi monthly awareness Program on topic ‘Career Opportunities and Planning’ has been organised by Mr. Moiz Baig, Member of Career Guidance Centre, Charminar. Girls and Boys of 4 Areas participated in this Awareness Program. There was an informal interaction session after the Program with youth where lot of questions were raised by students regarding career opportunities in software field which were cleared by Mr. Mirza moizbaig Sab.

Inauguration of 7 COVA - Youth TRAC Sports and Recreation Centers at Jangammet Ward, Hyderabad

21st July 2024



Nearly 70 youth from different areas both Girls and Boys of different communities gathered to take oath of cultivating sports culture and forming Youth TRACs under HDPP project. Esteemed Guests on the occasion were Janab Afzal Sab, Advocate; Sri Ramakrishna, GHMC Sports Coach; Sri Mazher Hussain Sir, Executive Director COVA.

Sri Mazher Hussain sir explained the object of Youth TRACs as not only playing but also volunteering for Social Development. Janab Afzal Sab, Advocate explained some Law tips and assured to attend the Awareness Programs. Mr. Ramakrishna explained about Physical benefits of playing open door games. Sports materials were distributed to the teams of both Girls and Boys. The program reverberated with the cheers of youth.

Bi Monthly Awareness Program on Legal Awareness about Traffic Rules

A Bi monthly awareness Program on topic 'Legal Awareness About Traffic Rules and our Rights' has been organised by Advocate Afzal Sab. Youth of 4 Areas participated in this Awareness Program. There was an informal interaction session after the Program with youth where lot of questions were raised by youth and answers were given by Janab Afzal saheb.

Partnership with 8 Locality Sports Groups

After the inauguration of the Youth TRAC Programs, even in the remaining areas youth groups were formed and collaboration for support in organising sports has been discussed and arranged. The Youth groups were given Sports material and

The Three Objectives of the Program are:

1. Empowering Youth
 2. Facilitating access to all Entitlements available to the youth and community as citizens
 3. Modelling youth as Peace Ambassadors to promote harmony in society
- It is proposed to catalyse 10 Youth Groups through Youth TRAC in Kurmaguda and Jangammet Wards of Hyderabad.

This is an initiative of Hyderabad Development and Peace Project of COVA Peace Network.

APF Officers Visit and Youth Meetings at Kurmaguda 10th July, 2024



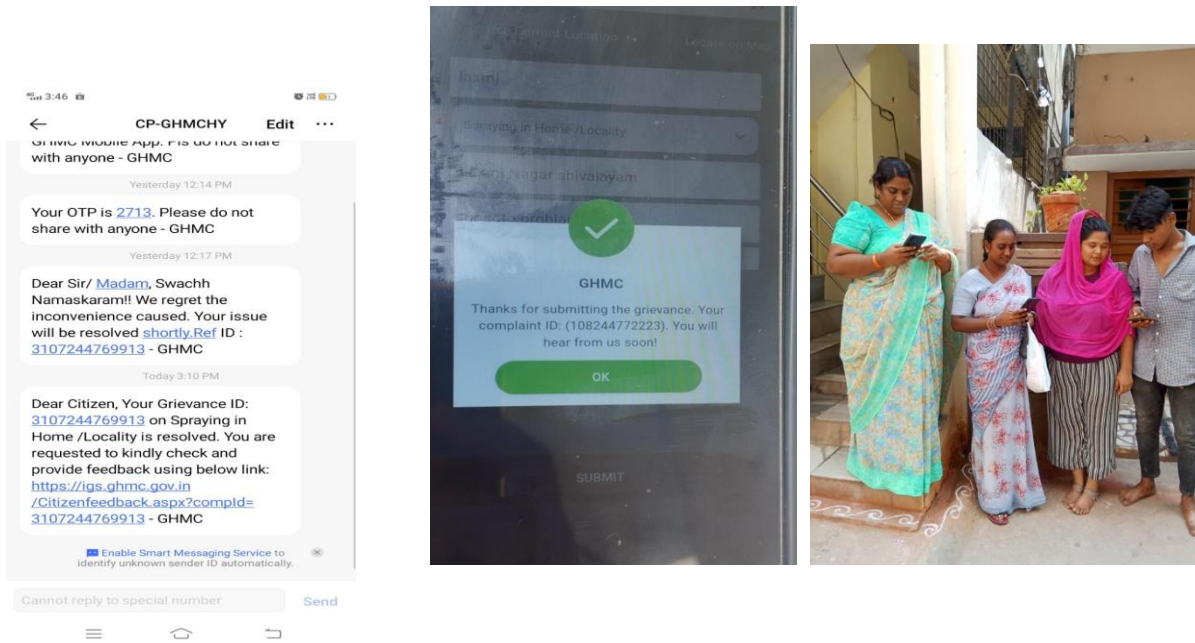
APF officers Sri Zulfiqur Sab and Mr. Ram visited Kurmaguda Community Centre on 10th July 2024 to inspect and guide the program HDPP and records to be maintained. After the inspection of records meetings with youth group of Kurmaguda Girls at office and of Chandriah Huts Volley Ball group at Volley ball ground were organised for interaction with APF Officers.

Awareness about Citizen Charters of GHMC, Electricity Department and Water Works

In the 2nd Phase of Program as many committee members and general people placed their problems of Civic Amenities like Garbage Lifting, Water Overflow, Power Problems etc. in community outreach meetings, we took awareness campaign about Citizen Charters and the Apps present to solve the Civic Problems. There is a very good response thousands of people downloaded the Apps and many started Complaining about the problems of concerned Departments. 90% of the Problems were attended by the Departments and were resolved. 10% of the problems, which require intervention and budget allocations from higher level are under persuasion.

Through community meetings and outreach in localities wide distribution of the pamphlets of 56 Services of GHMC, Water works, Electricity Board were taken up. And very good response received from the people for this activity. A drive has been taken up to download Citizen service Apps and complain about the civic problems in the slums.

Till October, 1424 people downloaded the Apps, complaints were raised over Apps were 241 and among them 229 are resolved. People are also facing the problem of Polluted water which needs more persuasion and intervention by Higher Authorities.



Aadhaar Camps

As a part of HDDP program in course of working for entitlements of the people we found that the Basic Document Aadhaar of many people is with lot of abnormalities. And the corrections cannot be done by anyone over online. Hence we approached Aadhaar Seva Kendra Regional

Centre, Hyderabad for Collaboration. With the help of Aadhaar Seva Kendra we started organising 2 camps in a month one in each centre.



Till October 4 such Aadhaar Camps were organised and 464 members were benefitted through these camps. It comprises of New Aadhaar cards to children and Name, Address corrections and Biometric Updatons for elders.

Along with Aadhaar Camps Awareness programs on basic entitlements were organised where the Aadhaar Officers present explained about Aadhaar upadations, required documents, new Aadhaar facility etc.

Locality Outreach Meetings

To outreach local people and explain the motto of HDPP project and to know the requirements in the area till October 41 Locality Outreach Meetings were organised with Women, Youth, Galli People etc. through which we could select the Local Committee Members and spread the ideals of HDPP Program.



Meetings of Locality Groups (Local Committees)

These are Monthly meetings of Development and Peace Groups to review and plan activities where all communities get involved and participate. The ideal number in these committees is 15 i.e. 5 youth, 5 women and 5 Basthi Leaders.



In almost all the 10 areas the committees are formed, but consistency is still to be achieved. At present 8 to 10 members are regular in different local committees and efforts are on to ensure atleast 15 members to participate on a regular basis. Till now 16 such meetings were organised in which on average 12 members are participated.

Good interactions are taking place and many new suggestions are coming from the people. Though we cannot address all their aspirations many new programs, events like Women's Awareness Programs, Medical Camps etc. are evolving through these Locality Committee Meetings.

Women's Awareness Programs

Through discussions with Local People Women's Awareness Programs suggestion came for programs for awareness and empowerment of women. In response, COVA greed to organise one program for women of two localities together every month.. Till October 2024, 12 Women's awareness programs were conducted Resource Persons from different fields attended these programs to enlighten the women of different Topics like Care of Elders by Smt. Shobha Perindevi, Health and Well being for women by Smt. Amena Niloufer, Acts for the Protection of Women and Their effective Usage by Smt. Hemalatha, Financial Literacy by Smt. Meghana Punjala etc.

These are part of awareness Sessions for Every Two months, But exclusively for women and on issues of interest to them.



Youth Awareness Programs (Fortnightly Trainings)

Forming the Youth Groups as part of the Project and Regular Awareness Programs are going on. Till October 15 Groups were formed and 17 Awareness programs were organised. The Resource persons took sessions on different topics. Because of Festivals and Exams these were a bit less in this half year, which are yet to pickup. Details available in Google Sheet on HDPP Meetings and Programs.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cm3HlowBWhAbmPkMOYQ0OVstfA7IroenXNUMNFJfmGE/edit?gid=0#gid=0>



Medical Camps

As part of the program, as per the request of the local people we collaborated with the organisations like Akruthi, CSC etc for medical camps. Till now 4 such camps were organised. In CSC Blood Test Camps it is noteworthy that Nearly 35 test reports were given including HBA1C and Vitamin –D at free of cost. And in ENT camps by Akruthi Along with free Doctor Consultation Audiogram Tests are done and Basic Medicines are provided free of cost. Till now 526 members benefitted through these medical camps under this project.



Leadership Training Program 10th November, 2024

Leadership Training Program was organised on 10th November 2024 in collaboration with Anurag University for which preparations were done in September and October months of 2024. The Google form was created; Local Leaders were recruited for the Program. Short listed men, women, youth of different community were invited to this workshop in 10th November 2024. On the basis of target audience with the help of Anurag University Professors a Program schedule with activities and interactive sessions. The program was well acclaimed by all the Participants. 32 members participated in this camp.

Spoken English Courses

Spoken English Courses in Kurmaguda and Jangammet Wards are scheduled to start from 2nd December 2024.

Identification and short listing of locality participants, interviews for selection of Resource Persons, developing Program Design and Course Material and arrangements for venues were undertaken from September and October 2024.

Multi Faith Celebrations



Number of Multi Faith Celebration Events Organised: 6

Festivals Celebrated:

1. Ugadi-Gudi Padwa- Navratri- Eid-UI-Adha (Ramadan)
2. Baisakhi- Chaitraoba - Ram Navami
3. Mahavir Jayanti –Parsi New Year Day
4. Bakrid-Raksha Bandhan
5. Ganesh Chaturthi and Milad un Nabi
6. Diwali - Mahavir Nirvana - Guru Nanak Jayanti

Date:

- 10th May, 2024
10th May, 2024
15th August, 2024
18th August, 2024
11th September, 2024
24th October, 2024 &
3rd November, 2024

Faith Leaders and Influencers Participated in these Programs:

1. Mr Omar Shafeeq
2. Sri NCV Narasimha Charyulu
3. Mr. Muniruddin Mujahid
4. Bro. Yesu Prabhakaran
5. Bro. Thomos
6. Sri Sajjan Singh
7. Sufi Nizamuddin
8. Parsi priest Meharnosh
9. Sri. Chaitanya Prasad

Multi Faith Celebrations of Mahavir Jayanti- Ram Navami- Ramazan- Baisakhi- Establishment of Khalsa Pant



Girls-Boys-Youth Men & Women of different Religions, Castes participated in the program on this occasion where faith Leaders spoke about the Life and Message of Bhagwan Mahaveer; Celebration of Birth, Life and Example of Lord Ram as Ram Navami; Values inculcated by Ramazan and the Social Benefits of Zakat and Celebration of Baisakhi as a harvest Festival that marks the New Year and is also the day on which Guru Gobind Singh ji, the Tenth Guru, established the Khalsa Pant.

Members from different religions and communities felt the Magical Spell of Multi faith Celebrations that could provide the opportunity to understand teachings of other faiths and interact with members of different Communities that helped address some ill informed biases to promote a Harmonious and Peaceful Society.

Parsi New Year Day (15th August), Bakrid (17th August), Raksha Bandhan (19th August) As Multi Faith Celebrations

Appeal to People to Organise Multi Faith Celebrations in their Homes

CALLING: Muslims- Christians - Parsis and Hindus to invite their neighbours with Families from other religions to their Homes to Celebrate Bakrid-17th June, Feast of Mother Mary -15th August, Parsi New Year Day- 15th August, Raksha Bandhan -19th August 2024 to Experience the Magic of Multi Faith Celebrations

On the occasion of Parsi New Year on 15th August a Parsi New Year Celebration Program has been organised at Jorastrian Club, Secunderabad, Hyderabad. Nearly 300 members gathered on this occasion. Discussion on Multi Faith Celebration Concept was introduced to many people who came for this celebration.

Bro. Vargheese, Bro. Thomos, Smt. Padmaja Shah, Smt. Sajaya, Sri Mazher Hussain sir are the important Persons from COVA interacted with the people in explaining the concept of Multi Faith Celebrations.

Raksha Bandhan as Multi Faith Celebration

Venues: Kurmaguda and Jangammet COVA Community Centers

19st August, 2024



Girls-Boys-Youth Men & Women of different Religions, Castes participated in large numbers in Jangammet and Kurmaguda Wards to tie Rakhis, Share Sweets Exchange Gifts and Pledged to Establish and Respect Bonds of Kinship to Promote Harmony & Peace in Society

Ganesh Chaturthi and Milad un Nabi Festivities as Multi Faith Celebrations **11th September, 2024**

Girls-Boys-Youth Men & Women of Different Religions & Castes Participated in Jangammet and Kurmaguda Wards. **Sri NCV Narasimha Charyulu of Vedantha Pandith Parishad** explained the importance and values promoted by Ganesh Chaturthi. He further explained that it comes during the month of Bhadrapada, where diseases increase and the leaves used in pooja of this time are of medicinal value and protect us from diseases. He also emphasised that the big ears of Lord Ganesha teach us to listen more and the small eyes to concentrate better, Hence this is a Festival of Gaining Knowledge.



Mr Omar Shafeeq, Tamir E Millat, Informed Milad un Nabi, the Birthday of Prophet Mohammed, is an occasion to learn the great values propagated and practiced by him. He narrated many incidences from the life of Prophet Mohammad that show his spirit of forgiveness, kindness, respect towards women, behaviour with practitioners of other faiths and concern for the weak and the environment.

Mr. Muniruddin Mujahid, Founder Member of COVA lamented how people of different religions used to live together in Hyderabad in the past and now separate neighbourhoods are being formed leading to misunderstandings and hatred that could again lead to violence and riots. He also detailed the efforts by COVA in restoring peace in the old city.



Dr. Mazher Hussain of COVA, shared that the core objective of Multi Faith Celebrations is to invite families in our neighbourhood to promote better understanding. He appealed to all to pledge to invite their neighbors from other communities for the upcoming festivals and for all festivals to come.

All participants appreciated the Multi Faith Celebrations Program and promised to invite their neighbours for all their festivals to promote better understanding and social harmony. The speakers asserted that religions cannot and should not be used for hatred and violence and youth to be protected from getting corrupted by the social media.

The Program ended with Milad Kheer and Ganesh Laddu.

Diwali- Mahavir Nirvana - Guru Nanak Jayanti Festivities In Hyderabad as Multi Faith Celebration 24th October, 2024

Responding to the Call of COVA likeminded people and organisations came forward to organise Multi Faith Celebrations. In association with Telangana Stree Seva Samithi Many Multi Faith Celebrations were organised. Raksha Bandhan, Diwali are the prominent Multi Faith Celebrations organised in collaboration with Telangana Stree Seva Samithi.



Celebrating Diwali at Fathima Old Age Home along with Local Committee Members of Jangammet area was really amazing. Rice, Dal and other material were also donated on this occasion to Fathima Old Age Home. Smt. Shoba Perindevi, Mr. Md. Wasif, Sri Srinivas Reddy and others expressed that their joy doubled by sharing happiness of Diwali with the members of other Community and Elders.

Old Age Home Members, Local Committee Members and General Public also joined in this Celebration. On this occasion crackers were distributed and Diyas were lightened. The Celebration by lighting the crackers ended with distribution of Jalebi Sweets to all present.

Free Distribution of Slates to Anganwadi Children 24th October 2024



Collaborating with other organisation and donors we could make donors to come directly to the slums and interact with them. As part of it we involved donors to support vulnerable children by distribution required materials to them.

As part of Multi Faith Celebration on 24th October the children of 4 Anganwadi Centers were gathered and Slates, Slate Pencils and Chocolates were distributed to the children.

Smt. Shobha, Donor Distributed the Slates

Diwali- Mahavir Nirvana - Guru Nanak Jayanti Festivities In Hyderabad as Multi Faith Celebration 3rd November, 2024

Children-Youth- Men and Women of Different Religions and Castes Participated at Urdu Ghar, Hyderabad on 3rd November 2024 for a Joint Program for Multi Faith Celebrations by COVA Community Centers of Kurmaguda and Jangammet

Sri Hari Narayan Tiwari, Hindu Pandith of Allahabad speaking on this occasion said Diwali is the festival of prosperity. We must light diyas of knowledge to remove the darkness of ignorance. Shubh Laabh are the achievements: first shubh i.e. goodness and then prosperity Laabh

Sardar Sajjan Singh, Member, SGPC Amritsar spoke about the virtues and values taught by Guru Nanak. The path of truth, patience, brotherhood and respect for all religions. He emphasized that spreading peace and exchange of basic ideas of every religion is the need of the hour.



Br. Yesu Prabhakaran, Director Boys Town Group of Institutions and Dr. Mazher Hussain of COVA narrated the importance of Mahavir Nirvana and explained that it is a celebration for the final release or liberation of Lord Mahavir's Soul, the 24th or last Jain Tirthankara. It is celebrated at the same time as the Hindu Festival of Diwali. They also said that after his Nirvana, a group of followers established Jainism.

The Vows of Jainism

1. Nonviolence
2. Always speak the truth
3. Do not steal
4. Show sexual restraint (with celibacy as an ideal), and
5. Do not become attached to worldly things

Presiding over the Program, **Br. Thomas Chakalakala, Secretary COVA**, conveyed his Greetings on the Festive Occasion and appealed for understanding of all faiths and their practices.

Others who shared their Greetings and messages included **Sufi Nizam Pasha, Muneeruddin Mujahid, Anita Yadav, Syed Jafer Hussain, Ms. Maimoona and Ms. Noor Jahan Siddiqui**. Sports material and sketching kits were presented by the guests to children and youth as Festival Gifts.

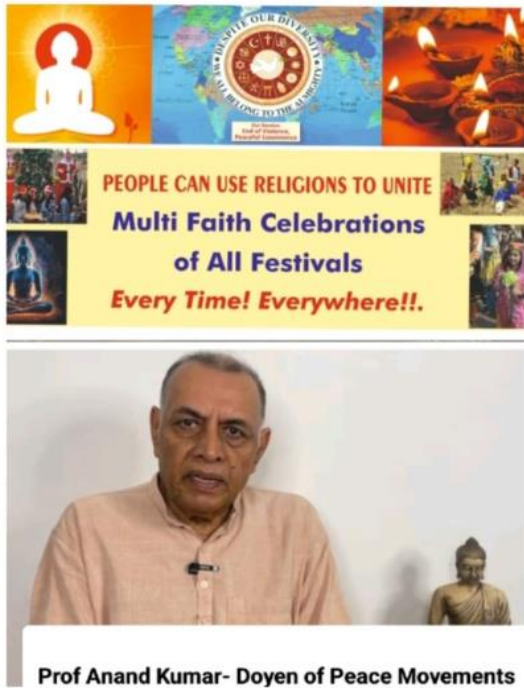
Mr. Bharatesh Kidambi, Project Coordinator of COVA shared a PPT showing different Multi Faith Celebrations involving 7 religions organised by COVA. He also explained that the core objective of Multi Faith Celebrations is to invite families in our neighborhood to promote better understanding. He appealed to all to pledge to invite their neighbors from other communities for all festivals to come.

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Sone Papdi and Laddus added sweetness to the Festivities!!

The Program started with Rangoli and lighting of Diyas and concluded with the National Anthem

Message by Prof. Anand Kumar



Prof Anand Kumar- Doyen of Peace Movements in India

Today the World is demanding Answers: Should we honour other faiths also or disrespect them

Please Click the Link for his Message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vwSYvairr4>

It is a Multi Faith world and India has been so for a long time. Ignorance of others leads to apprehension, fear and insecurity

Knowing others promote understanding and trust India is blessed to be a Multi Community, Multilingual and Multi Faith Nation.

This should and can be preserved and promoted by inviting our neighbors from other religions and communities to our festivals for Multi Faith Celebrations!

Many families in India and in other countries are taking to Multi Faith Celebrations to double their Joy!

WHY NOT YOU?

**Make Every Festival a Festival of Unity
A Celebration for Humanity**

Every House can be an Opportunity to bring Heavens down to Earth!!