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NATIONAL TRUST
GHARAUNDA SCHEME
Annual Report – 2024-25

◊Preface:

Our Velugu society, a registered service organization, that became functional during 1997, has been covering the drought prone geographic areas of Madanapalle urban and Rural, B.Kothakota, P.T.M., Kurabalakota, Peddamandyam and ThamballapalleMandals, of Madanapalle Revenue Division, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh. Eligible and needy disabled children are identified and admitted to our Velugu Special School even from neighbouring districts like Kadapah, Ananthapur. Special education is arranged to these Divyangjans children based on their assessed IQ levels, by Teachers having prescribed special qualification and experience. Additionally vocational trainings/Skill development are conducted for these children, with a view to help them become, economically, socially self supportive and self reliant. Special Education is provided to the H.I. Children, covering elementary to High School syllabus. Standard and suggested facilities are made available to these Divyangjans for their comfortable stay.

Issuance of Medical Certificates, NIRAMAYA Health Insurance card, Identity cards, Bus / Rail passes, certificates, Rice coupons etc., to the identified disabled persons are arranged by us. After medical checks, needy disabled are given prescribed and suggested, Aids, appliances, like HEARING AIDS, TRI – CYCLES, WHEEL, CHAIRS, CRUTCHES, HAND STICKS, WALK SUPPORTERS etc.,

Disabled persons both women and men from surrounding areas are formed into groups. They are encouraged to adopt Thrift and savings. Bank loans and financial support also arranged, to encourage them to achieve economic self support so that they can lead independent life with honour and dignity. We act as a bridge and facilitate accessing govt. welfare and development programmes meant for the disabled.

We also are running an OLD AGE HOME, for the poor, single, aged women, who are found less wanted by their children and kith & kin, This old age Home was established, to serve

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exclusively such women. The inmates of our Old Age Home, are provided with all homely comforts, facilities including Health Care. The aged women seem to be more happy at old age home than at their Homes. Presently there are about 50 women inmates in our OLD AGE HOME, due to inadequacy of suitable accommodation

◈ Our Goal :

Achieving holistic and wholesome rehabilitation of the disabled children by capacitating and empowering them through special trainings, education so that they become self dependent and self – supportive, thereby joining the main stream of society with honour and dignity and recognition. They are made confident to feel that they are second to none.

To identify, accommodate and provide all inclusive homely facilities and services to the poor deserving aged single women, thereby giving them the confidence that their remaining life is secured, happy and peaceful.

✦OBJECTIVES :

-- VELUGU HAS THE FOLLOWING SET OBJECTIVES --

1. To establish and run institutions to impart special education and vocational skills to the disabled as per laid down procedure.
2. Capacitate and enable them to access the Govt. welfare and development programme by duly extending facilitation and follow-up services, including escort and placement services, where possible.
3. To carry out mental and physical development activities including yoga, dance, recreational and spiritual activities for these special children.
4. To sensitize and build impacting awareness and pro-activism in public to the cause of the disabled.
5. To undertake IBR & CBR activities for the development of the disabled.
6. To promote and help target persons to learn suitable skills and engage in Income generating Activities.
7. To provide Aids and Appliances and Medical services, Health Insurances to the needy disabled.

8. To support self – help groups of the disabled and provide institutional facilities, services and arrange Bank Linkages.
9. To act as a link between Government and Target people, for their meaningful progress.
10. Rehabilitation and mainstreaming of the special children.
11. To support and rehabilitate the poor, hapless single women.
12. To educate and enable the H.I Children, to pursue higher studies or vocational courses in special institutions after their high school studies.

APRIL MONTH EVENTS - 2024

Vote Awareness Program to Transgenders : On 08.04.2024

Under the supervision of Mr. Krishna kishore, Assistant director welfare Department of PWD, senior citizens & Transgender , Rayachoti and Annamayya District,,Velugu organisation conducted an awareness program regarding the use of the right to vote in the upcoming elections. As per the Government's orders , at the Transgender colony in Madanaplle by Velugu secretary M.Uday mohan reddy this program was successfully completed.

Ugadi celebrations: On 09.04.2024

Among the divyangjns and olders of velugu this year Ugadi was grandly celebrated in Velugu premises. Ugadi special sweets and traditional dishes are made and all ejoyed and welcomed the new year with new hope.

World Parkinson's Day: On 11.04.2024

An awareness program was conducted in velugu meeting hall in order to identify the disease in early stages. The symptoms of parkinson was discussed among the staff and children and this is

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misunderstood and misdiagnosed as we all know. In this program all staff, children and elders were participated.

Velugu secretary Uday mohan reddy appointed as District Monitoring committee on Accessible Elections civil society organisation member

With the orders of Government of Andhra Pradesh collector, welfare department of Rayachoti and Annamayya District announced, Velugu Secretary M.Uday mohan reddy as CSO. M.Uday Mohan reddy appointed as District Monitoring committee on Accessible Elections civil Society organisation member (CSO).

Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi: On 14.04.2024:

Bharat Ratna, the Great leader of India , Dr.B.R.Ambedkar's Birth anniversary was celebrated in grand manner. Velugu principal leena kumari spoken few words about B.R. Ambedkar that today , the maker of the constitution of India, he was the who contributed to the upliftment of Dalit and weaker sections communities in India.

Vote Awareness Program to Velugu Staff: On 15.04.2024

Under the supervision of Mr. Krishna kishore ,Assistant director welfare Department of PWD,senior citizens & Transgender , Rayachoti and Annamayya District, an awareness program was conducted among Velugu staff regarding the use of the right to vote in the upcoming elections. As per the Government's orders , at velugu premises in Madanaplle by Velugu secretary M.Uday mohan reddy this program was successfully completed.

Sri Rama navami : On 17.04.2024

Sri Rama navami is an aspicious day that was celebrated in velugu with great enthusiasm between children and elders of velugu. Chanting Jai sree ram and knowing the greatness of Sri Ram navami was such a great feel . In this velugu children and elders were participated.

World hemoplilia day: On 17.04.2024

On April 17th the global bleeding disorders community will come together to celebrate world hemophilia day. The theme of the event this year is Equitable access for all , recognizing all beeding disorders. An awareness program was conducted in velugu premises. In this program velugu staff ,children, elders were participated.

Annual day celebrations : 24.04.2024

Velugu organisation grandly celebrated annual day in velugu premises . Madanapalle municipal chairperson Manuja reddy, Annamayya district women department general secretary Annapoorna , , madanapalle counsellor Rubeena , velugu secretary M.Uday mohan reddy, treasurer Raghunath reddy , convener Bhayalakshmi , old age home superintendent M.Uday kumar reddy, EC member Sujatha , attended as chief guests. The program was started with jyothi prajwalana by the chief guests .Children mesmerized with their dance and skit performances. Parents, teachers ,children and elders enjoyed alot on this day. All over India our velugu special school children got third prize in the Dance competition conducted by USO, New Delhi. So the trophies and certificates were distributed among the winners by the chief guests. The overall program was ended by the feast of love.

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MAY MONTH EVENTS - 2024

World Thlassemia Day: On 08.05.2024

World Thalassemia day is celebrated in our velugu premises . An awareness was given by one of the velugu staff that it is a genetic blood disorder that affects millions of people around the globe. This disorder is common in some countries . Thalassemia Awareness day is celebrated to ensure equal access to treatment for all thalassemia patients. In this program children's, staff and elders were participated.

Global accessibility awareness day (GAAD): On 18.05.2024

Global Accessibility awareness day program was organized at Velugu organisation. Firstly, the velugu staff sweety invited the chief guests namely convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena kumari, social worker Geetha on to the stage and started the program with a prayer song sung by velugu student Gayathri. Later on sweety continued by saying that even though there are many people with disabilities in the population, they are facing many challenges due to the digital technology. GAAD will show the equal right and importance of everyone in the digital world and that digital technology is very important in education, employment, communication, business and other fields. Children , elders and staff held placards and conveyed the main purpose of the program. convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena kumari, social worker Geetha, staff, children and olders participated in this program

World Schizophrenia Day: On 24.05.2024

world schizophrenia day event was grandly organized in Velugu. One of the velugu staff shared the views and discussed that the most important ways to raise awareness about world schizophrenia awareness day is to talk openly about the disorder. It is important to challenge the social taboos and stereotypes that surround schizophrenia and to promote understanding the acceptance. All the member wore silver color ribbon to symbolize the day. In this program velugu children, staff were participated.

World Multiple sclerosis day : On 30.05.2024.

Multiple sclerosis day is being celebrated at Velugu under the directives of Government of India , Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and National Trust. Sweety, a member of the staff, said that every year May 30 is observed as World Multiple sclerosis day , and the main purpose of this day is to support people suffering from this disease and to create awareness about the disease. MS is a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system, and its symptoms and causes are well described. This is a neurological disorder, the root cause is not clear, and this can occur at any age, mainly in the age group of 20-40 years, most of the cases are recorded, compared to men, the risk of MS is tow to three rates higher for women, She said that this disease can also be hereditary. Leen kumari , the principal of Velugu, the staff and children participated in this program.

JUNE MONTH EVENTS - 2024

WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY – 19.06.2024

Ministry of Social Justice, Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and National Trust organized the "World Sickle Cell Day" program at Velugu organisation.

First of all, the velugu staff Sweety said that “World Sickle Cell Day” is being celebrated on June 19. Sickle cell disease is a group of blood disorders that are usually inherited and the most common type is called sickle cell anemia, which results in a sickle-like shape due to a defect in red blood cells. Problems usually begin at 5 to 6 months of age, many health problems develop, anemia, swelling of the hands and feet, bacterial infections, and chronic pain later in life. Care for people with sickle cell disease may include vaccination and antibiotics, high fluid intake, and folic acid supplementation.

Together they made people think and raised awareness among the people and explained very well that everyone should support those suffering from sickle cell disease and give them appropriate support.

Later, Principal Leena Kumari said that we need to do necessary blood tests to find this sickle cell disease first. She said that we should take regular blood tests and proper diet to protect ourselves from such disorders. Leenakumari, the principal of Velugu, and the staff participated in this program.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA : 21.06.2024

The International Day of Yoga is celebrated with great pomp in velugu organsation. The chief guests of the program were Bhagyalakshmi, convener, Leena Kumari, principal, and Geetha, social worker, who were welcomed by the children, the elderly and the staff with applause.

Under the direction of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the National Trust, the International Day of Yoga is celebrated on June 21 First of all, the velugu staff M.Sweety invited the guests to the stage and explained very well about the importance of the yoga, its uniqueness and how useful it is in our daily life.

Staff member Vijaya Kumari said that our Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken steps across the country to make yoga accessible to everyone, recognizing its universal appeal and declaring June 21 as the International Day of Yoga on 11 December 2014 by the United Nations resolution, to raise awareness around the world about the many benefits of practicing yoga.

Bhagya Lakshmi, convener, said that one should unite the mind and intellect and control the thoughts and everyone should make yoga a part of their daily routine. later on elders and children, staff performed some yogasanas.

Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, Social Worker Geetha, children, elders and staff participated in this program.

HELEN KELLER'S DAY: ON 27.06.2024

Bhagyalakshmi, Convenor and Leena Kumari, Principal were the chief guests for the Helen Keller Day program organized in velugu organization. Sweety, a member of velugu staff, said that Helen Keller's Day has been organized today in our velugu organization as per the directives of Ministry of social justice & empowerment and National Trust.

Pandu, a student, says that Helen Keller lost her eyesight at an early age, and a young teacher, Anne Sulevan, guided her through skillful guidance using touch teaching techniques, who later became the first blind and deaf woman to graduate.

Later, Lena Kumari, the principal, spoke about Helen Keller's childhood and explained her greatness very well.

Velugu Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, children, elders and staff participated in this program.

JULY MONTH EVENTS - 2024

VELUGU 27TH ANNIVERSARY: 07.07.2024

The 27th Anniversary Celebrations of Velugu Organization, located in Ammacheruvu Mitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal, were conducted grandly. On this occasion, Velugu Secretary, Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy, performed a floral tribute and offered prayers to the marble statue of the late Smt. Padmaja velugu founder.

In 1997, following the vision of the late Smt. Padmaja, Velugu Organization was founded by the late T.N. Raghunath Reddy with his benevolent hands. The organization started with 15 differently-abled individuals on Madanapalle-Bangalore Road and has since grown to serve 145 differently-abled, speech and hearing-impaired, and elderly individuals at velugu . Today, on 07.07.2024, the organization celebrates its 27th anniversary with a grand event at Velugu Special School.

The Velugu management expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Mr. T.N. Raghunath Reddy and his family, retired Principal Secretary Mr. Jayabharath Reddy, son of Kadapa Kotireddy, IAS officers, journalists, NGOs, donors, and all those who have supported Velugu since its inception. Special thanks were extended to Velugu staff, officials, elders, teachers, and parents for their contributions to the organization.

Velugu Secretary Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Treasurer Mr. N. Raghunath Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal P. Leena Kumari, and the Velugu staff cut a cake and distributed it to the staff, children, and elderly residents as part of the celebrations.

AUGUST MONTH EVENTS – 2024

Independence day 15.08.2024

The 78th Independence Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm at Velugu Organization, located in Ammacheruvu Mitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal, amidst the children and elderly residents. The event was graced by chief guests Mr. Shashidhar Rao, head of Sri Krishna Groups, ASI Rammurthy, members of the M.S. Agarwal Foundation, Velugu Treasurer Raghunath Reddy, and Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy. Padmavathi (ANM), agarbatti trainer Varalakshmi, vocational trainer Sudha Rani, and special educator Srija presented bouquets to the esteemed guests.

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The event commenced with Velugu Principal Leena Kumari and staff member Sweety welcoming the chief guests onto the stage. The Velugu staff collectively initiated the program by singing "Vande Mataram."

ASI Rammurthy, in his address, reminded everyone of the many Indian citizens who sacrificed their lives and stood as warriors during the freedom struggle. He encouraged the children of Velugu to be the future citizens who would serve the nation, instilling a sense of pride and patriotism in them. Everyone joined in chanting slogans in praise of Bharat Mata.

Following this, the children, elderly, and staff extended heartfelt birthday wishes to Mr. Shashidhar Rao, head of Sri Krishna Groups, with applause and songs. On the occasion of his birthday, Mr. Rao generously sponsored meals for Velugu Special School and the Old Age Home, for which Velugu extended their gratitude.

The chief guests then hoisted the national flag, with everyone saluting it and singing the national anthem. Sweets were distributed to the children and elderly after the ceremony.

The event was attended by Mr. Shashidhar Rao, ASI Rammurthy, members of the M.S. Agarwal Foundation, Velugu Treasurer Raghunath Reddy, Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, the children, elderly residents, and staff.

Velugu founder Padmaja madam death anniversary: 29.08.2024

The 19th death anniversary of the founder of Velugu Organization, Late Smt. Padmaja, was commemorated with great reverence at the Velugu campus in Ammacheruvu Mitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal. Smt. Padmaja, who established Velugu in 1997 with the vision of brightening the lives of persons with disabilities and integrating them into society, was honored on this solemn occasion.

Velugu Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Treasurer Raghunath Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Superintendent Uday Kumar Reddy, E.C. member Sujatha, and the Mittapalli family attended the event. The program began with a floral tribute and prayers at the statue of Smt. Padmaja, led by Mr. Uday Mohan Reddy, Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, Mr. Uday Kumar Reddy, and Mrs. Sujatha.

Speaking on the occasion, Velugu Principal Leena Kumari mentioned that though Smt. Padmaja is no longer with us physically, her legacy continues to live on in our hearts. She will always be remembered for her contributions, and everyone observed two minutes of silence in her memory, praying for her soul's peace.

As in previous years, this year also Dr. Aravind Reddy and Dr. Satish Reddy, who are serving in Bangalore, made a generous donation to provide uniforms for the children in honor of Smt. Padmaja's death anniversary. Additionally, Madanapalle Medina Fruit Market donated apples to the children, elderly, and staff of Velugu.

In memory of Smt. Padmaja, Mr. Uday Mohan Reddy and his family friends arranged a meal for all the children and elderly at Velugu. The event was attended by Velugu Superintendent Uday Kumar Reddy, Secretary Uday Mohan Reddy, Treasurer Raghunath Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, social worker Geetha, Velugu staff, children, and elderly residents.

SEPTEMBER MONTH EVENTS - 2024

Teachers day 05.09.2024:

The Teacher's Day celebration was conducted with great enthusiasm at Velugu Organization, located in Ammacheruvu Mitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal, to honor the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Velugu Secretary, Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy, and Velugu Convener, Mrs. R. Bhagya Lakshmi, attended as the chief guests and were warmly welcomed by the children with applause.

Velugu Principal, Ms. P. Leena Kumari, extended her Teacher's Day greetings to all the teachers present on the dais. Following this, Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy led the floral tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's portrait, marking the occasion with a prayer.

The teachers of Velugu paid their respects to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Principal Leena Kumari spoke about his life and achievements, elaborating on the various positions he held and concluded her speech with a song in his honor.

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Acknowledging the dedicated service of the teachers working with special needs students at Velugu, Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy and Convener R. Bhagya Lakshmi honored them with shawls and gifts, expressing gratitude and best wishes.

As a gesture ahead of the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival, Secretary Uday Mohan Reddy also presented new clothes to the children receiving services at Velugu Special School.

Later, at the National Trust Gharaunda Centre for Adults, Convener and Special Educator Mrs. Bhagya Lakshmi paid tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and invited the chief guests to the stage. Gharaunda staff member Vasundhara explained the significance of the day. Biscuits were distributed to the children afterward.

The event was attended by Velugu Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener R. Bhagya Lakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, Social Worker M. Geetha, Warden Sweety, Velugu staff, and children.

World dochenne muscular dystrophy day: 07.09.2024:

On September 7, 2024, Velugu Organization observed World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) Day to raise awareness about this condition among the divyajans (differently-abled individuals) and elderly residents.

The event aimed to educate participants about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a genetic disorder characterized by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. The program was attended by all teachers and staff of the Velugu Organization, demonstrating a strong commitment to the cause.Informative discussions were held to explain the nature of DMD, its symptoms, and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention.Participants were encouraged to share their experiences and ask questions, fostering a supportive environment.The event successfully heightened awareness of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy among the divyajans and elders, empowering them with knowledge and resources. The participation of teachers and staff further emphasized the organization's dedication to supporting individuals with this condition.

This initiative not only helped in spreading awareness but also strengthened the community's understanding of muscular dystrophies, promoting inclusivity and support for affected individuals.

World physiotheraphy day: 08.09.2024

On September 8, 2024, *World Physiotherapy Day* was celebrated at Velugu Organization with active participation from the divyangjans (persons with disabilities) and elderly residents. The event highlighted the importance of physiotherapy in improving mobility, reducing pain, and enhancing the overall quality of life, particularly for individuals with physical disabilities and the elderly.

The day featured educational sessions where the benefits of physiotherapy were explained in detail. The necessity of regular physiotherapy for those with specific physical conditions was emphasized, and personalized physiotherapy treatments were provided to individuals in need.

In addition to the treatment, physiotherapists conducted practical sessions where basic exercises were taught to the divyangjans and elderly to help them maintain mobility, flexibility, and strength. These exercises were designed to be simple yet effective, ensuring that they could be easily incorporated into daily routines.

Overall, the event was a success in raising awareness about the vital role of physiotherapy and providing direct support to the beneficiaries of the Velugu Organization.

International day of sign language / word deaf day 23.09.2024:

International Sign Language Day Celebration at Velugu Special School and Gharaunda Group Home for Adults in Ammacheruvu Mitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal**

As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE, New Delhi) through the National Implementation Committee 2022 announced the celebration of *International Sign Language Day* on September 23. In line with this directive, Velugu Special School organized a special event to mark the occasion.

Velugu EC Member, Mrs. Y. Sujatha, and Principal Ms. Leena Kumari were welcomed to the event by the staff and students of Velugu.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal P. Leena Kumari shared that the World Federation of the Deaf initiated *International Sign Language Day* in 1951. She highlighted the importance of language in expressing thoughts and emotions, noting that while hearing individuals use spoken language to communicate, deaf individuals express themselves through sign language using hand gestures, facial expressions, and body language. She mentioned that there are different types of sign languages globally, such as American Sign Language (ASL), British Sign Language (BSL), and Indian Sign Language (ISL). ASL primarily uses one hand for communication, whereas ISL involves using both hands.

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Velugu Special Educator J.N. Vijay Kumari elaborated on how the Indian government, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, is promoting Indian Sign Language (ISL) to increase awareness of its importance. She explained that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is encouraging all non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to celebrate *International Sign Language Day* and raise awareness within their organizations and communities.

Later, Velugu Gharaunda staff member K. Vasundhara shared her personal experience, explaining that her own son is deaf. Initially, she felt heartbroken, but her son has now made her proud by passing his first year of MBA. She expressed her happiness and pride in her son's achievements.

The event saw the participation of Velugu EC Member Mrs. Y. Sujatha, Principal Ms. Leena Kumari, Warden Sweety, Velugu staff, and students.

World Alzemers day 21.09.2024:

Velugu Organization in Ammacheruvu Mitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal, celebrated *World Alzheimer's Day*. The event was graced by chief guests, Dr. Chandra Shekhar (Anesthetist) and Dr. Usha (ENT Specialist). They were warmly welcomed by Velugu Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, Social Worker M. Geetha, Warden Sweety, and the elderly residents of Velugu.

On the occasion of the birthday of T. Yogith, the grandson of Tholla Parvathamma & Tholla Reddeppa, and N. Saraswathi & Eranna, an *Annadanam* (charity meal) was organized for the children and elderly at the Velugu Organization by Dr. Chandra Shekhar and Dr. Usha in celebration. The program started with serving meals to the children and elderly, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony where the cake was distributed to all present.

Warden Sweety welcomed the chief guests to the stage, where awareness about the symptoms and treatment of Alzheimer's disease was provided to the elderly residents of the old age home.

Dr. Usha then addressed the gathering, explaining the changes that come with aging and urging the elderly not to fear these changes. She encouraged them to openly share any concerns with their family members and doctors. She emphasized that memory loss should not be viewed as a disease but rather as a small change in the body that can be managed with appropriate treatment.

Dr. Chandra Shekhar also spoke, highlighting that memory loss caused by minor changes in the brain can be managed by spending time in a pleasant and joyful environment filled with music

and relaxation. He advised the family members and caregivers to offer their support to the elderly during this time.

In closing, Velugu Principal Leena Kumari urged everyone to follow the doctors' advice and help each other in dealing with these changes. Following this, Velugu Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy honored the chief guests with shawls and presented them with mementos.

The event was attended by Dr. Chandra Shekhar (Anesthetist), Dr. Usha (ENT Specialist), Velugu Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari, Social Worker M. Geetha, Warden Sweety, and the elderly residents.

OCTOBER MONTH EVENTS - 2024

02.10.2024 Mahathma Gandhi Jayanthi:

Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary was celebrated grandly in velugu organization. All the staff members of velugu Organization together paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

06.10.2024: World Celebral palsy .

"Cerebral Palsy Day" program has been organized by Ministry of Social Justice Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and National Trust in velugu organisation, Madanapalle. velugu convener Bhagyalakshmi, velugu principal leena kumari, are the chief guests of this program.

It was informed that Cerebral Palsy is related to the brain and spine, children suffering from this disease should not be discouraged and should have a strong will that I can do something and participate enthusiastically along with all the children.

Children with cerebral palsy may not be completely cured, but it is explained that this cerebral palsy can be cured to some extent through physiotherapy, occupational therapy and occupational therapy.

08.10.2024: Dyslexia Day:

Celebrating World Dyslexia Day at velugu organization. World Dyslexia Day is celebrated on October 8 every year as per the directives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the National Trust. The main objective of this Dyslexia Day is to raise awareness about learning disabilities that affect reading and writing skills. The day promotes support and awareness for people with dyslexia, and activities and events are organized around the world to promote education and acceptance.

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The chief guests of this event were Velugu Convener Bhagyalakshmi and Velugu Principal Leena Kumari.

10.10.2024: World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is being celebrated in the velugu organization For World Mental Health Day, Velugu Special School could organize events and activities that emphasize the importance of mental well-being for students, staff, and the community. Here are a few ideas.

"DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AND CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION- 29.10.2024

Our VELUGU organisataion celebrated Diwali on 29.10.2024 . were very excited on that day. The program started with prayer at 9 in the morning. Our organisation was fully decorated with lights, candles. Various programs were presented one after the other by the Older Honourable Principal of our school P. Leena kumari madam gave an energetic speech on Diwali.

NOVEMBER MONTH EVENTS – 2024

Visited to Exhibition our Children & Staff – on 02.11.2024

The children and older women of Velugu Organization had a delightful outing to the DJ Amusement Park and Exhibition. This memorable experience brought smiles and joy to everyone who attended.

The exhibition management graciously provided free entry to all attendees, showcasing their generosity and commitment to supporting our cause. Additionally, one of the exhibition staff members personally assisted our group throughout the visit, ensuring that everyone felt comfortable and enjoyed the attractions safely.

The children and elders actively participated in various fun-filled activities, including giant Wheel which was one of the most exciting attractions, offering thrilling views from the top. Other one is disco which is vibrant lights and energetic music added to the festive mood. And one more is Columbus ride a favourite among the children, this ride was filled with cheers and laughter. And many more other attractions like group explored several other rides and exhibits that provided entertainment and engagement for all age groups.

The smiles and laughter of the children and elders were a testament to the success of this outing. Many expressed their excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to enjoy the park and exhibition. The Velugu staff members ensured everyone's safety and comfort, making the day even more special.

Velugu Organization extends heartfelt thanks to the DJ Amusement Park and Exhibition management for their hospitality and for providing this wonderful experience free of cost. Special appreciation goes to the staff member who guided us throughout the visit.

This visit not only served as a recreational outing but also reinforced our commitment to creating joyful moments for the children and older women we support.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) – Mr. Kailashkanth Executive Manager visited – On 08.11.2024

Velugu Organization was honored to host Mr. Kailashkanth, Executive Manager of IOC from Hyderabad, who visited on behalf of the 14-seater Tata Winger van sanctioned through CSR funds from IOC. His visit marked a significant milestone for Velugu, reflecting the organization's enduring commitment to serving older women and disabled children.

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Deeply impressed by the dedication and selfless service of Velugu's leadership, including Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy and Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Mr. Kailashkanth expressed his admiration for their transformative work. During his visit, he purchased handcrafted materials created by Velugu's children, showing his appreciation for their talents and providing encouragement for their vocational efforts.

In a heartfelt gesture, Mr. Kailashkanth was honored with a shawl and memento, recognizing his support and encouragement. A grand welcome was organized by Velugu's staff, children, and elderly residents, who showered him with flowers, creating a warm and joyous atmosphere. The highlight of the visit was his ride around the premises in the newly sanctioned van, symbolizing the mobility and growth that the CSR initiative has brought to Velugu.

Mr. Kailashkanth also paid tribute to Padmaja, the founder of Velugu Organization, acknowledging her vision and pioneering efforts in building this haven of hope. His visit left an indelible mark, inspiring everyone at Velugu to continue their mission of service with renewed vigor. The day was a celebration of collaboration, progress, and the collective dedication to creating a better future for society's most vulnerable.

National Epilepsy Day : 17.11.2024

On the occasion of **National Epilepsy Day**, Velugu Organization conducted an awareness program aimed at educating attendees about epilepsy, its impact, and the importance of timely treatment.

The event began with an introductory speech by **M. Sweety**, who explained that National Epilepsy Day, observed on **November 17 every year in India**, serves as a national healthcare initiative to raise awareness about the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by epilepsy. She emphasized the need to understand and address the condition at both personal and community levels.

Vijaya Kumari , special educator who explained about the disruptions in brain signals that lead to symptoms like loss of consciousness, behavioral changes, and lack of control over emotions and physical actions, significantly impacting the patient's life. She highlighted the need for greater awareness about this often-overlooked condition.

Leena Kumari, Principal of Velugu , elaborated on the symptoms of epilepsy and the types of treatments available for patients. She emphasized the importance of seeking medical attention and staying informed about management options.

Bhagyalakshmi Garu, Convenor of Velugu , discussed the methods for diagnosing epilepsy and the medications essential for its management. She also explained the importance of early intervention and proper medical guidance.

A special segment was dedicated to individuals living with epilepsy. Children suffering from the condition were invited to the stage, where they shared their skills and stories of resilience in coping with the challenges posed by epilepsy. This interaction inspired and motivated everyone present.

The program successfully fulfilled its goal of spreading awareness and encouraging collective efforts to support those impacted by epilepsy. It concluded with positive feedback from participants and a pledge to continue such initiatives for better healthcare education.

DECEMBER MONTH EVENTS – 2024

International Day of Person with Disabilities – on 07.12.2024

International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated in velugu organisation. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated all over the world from the 3rd to the 7th of December every year. Velugu has resolved to celebrate the Day of the Disabled on December 7 this year as well. This time, Madanapalle Megha Swaroop, IAS visited to velugu and shared his valuable words with everyone and said that velugu has decided to achieve sustainable goals by providing equal opportunities and rights to the disabled and participating them in the establishment of a new society. It is said that many people with disabilities are looked down upon, but they are no less than those who have everything. Watched the children's dance performance. The winners in the games were congratulated by giving gifts to the children.

Finally, the Secretary M. Udayamohan Reddy, Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Leena Kumari and all the staff members honored Megha Swaroop with a momento and shawls. The chief guest in this program was Madanapalli Megha Swaroop, Shashidhar Rao , Head of sree Krishna Groups, , Velugu Secretary M.Uday Mohan Reddy, Velugu Convener Bhagyalakshmi, Velugu Principal Leena Kumari, Velugu staff, children and old Olders.

Christmas Festival: On 25.12.2024:

Grand pre-Christmas celebrations at Velugu organisation...
Our velugu organisation held pre-Christmas celebrations in a grand manner. The children and staff of the velugu set up the

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Christmas tree and decorated it and prayed for the birth of Jesus Christ with great devotion. First of all, Leena Kumari, the principal, started the Christmas celebration with a prayer and sang hymns and continued the program with a Bible reading about the birth of Christ. The children enthralled everyone with their devotional songs and dance performances. Anupama sang a song and sweety of the velugu staff explained the real meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate Christmas. The children and staff listened to the Christmas sermon with great devotion and participated in this program with great enthusiasm. Finally everyone cut the cake and distributed it to everyone. Photos were taken with the Christmas tree.
The event was attended by the convener Bhagyalakshmi, the principal Leena Kumari, the staff members Sweety, Anupama, children and staff.

JANUARY MONTH EVENTS – 2025

01.01.2025: New year celebrations:

Velugu organisation welcomed new year with new resolutions, new goals and renewed enthusiasm.. Its been the tradition of VELUGU to celebrate New Year every year with great zeal and fanfare. This year also, VELUGU celebrated this festival on 1st January with the divyangajan and the women of golden ages of VELUGU old age home. Members of VELUGU organistion made generous contributions by spending quality time and by giving goodies to them. Various activities like dancing and singings were performed by VELUGU members for their entertainment. The day ended with the cake cutting and New Year greetings. The glowing smiles of children , tears in the tinkling eyes in wrinkled faces and hands raised to bless us warmheartedly , will always be etched in our minds as the best new year gift memory.

14.01.2025: Sankranthi celebration:

Velugu organisation celebrates this festival with lots of colorful Rangoli, Kites festival, Decoration and many more. This year velugu organized the Rangoli, dances. Members of all have participated in this event as it is the part of sankranthi sambaralu which is most important festival in Andhra Pradesh. Our convener R. Bhagya lakshmi , planned and executed the celebrations of the festival in the organisation campus in association Staff coordinated these rangoli, dances, kolatam by encouraging all to participate and at last they distributed special sweet pongal , traditional gifts to the guests.

26.01.2025: Republic day:

VELUGU organisation witnessed the celebration of the 76th Republic Day on the 26th January,2025. Madanapalli, Taluka C.I. Kala Venkata Ramana attended as Chief guest to this program and flag hoisting was done in the presence of C.I. Kala Venkata Ramana. The speech was followed by the National Anthem. National songs performed by the Staff. In this Velugu Secretary M.Uday Mohan Reddy Garu, Convener R. Bhagyalakshmi Garu, Principal P. Leenakumari, Social Worker M. Geetha, Warden Sweety , Staff, old age home, children were participated.

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FEBRUARY MONTH EVENTS – 2025

Mahashivarathri on 25.02.2025

Velugu Organization joyfully celebrated Maha Shivaratri on February 26th, 2024, with great devotion and enthusiasm. The event was organized to honor Lord Shiva and to instill spiritual values among the residents, including children and elderly members.

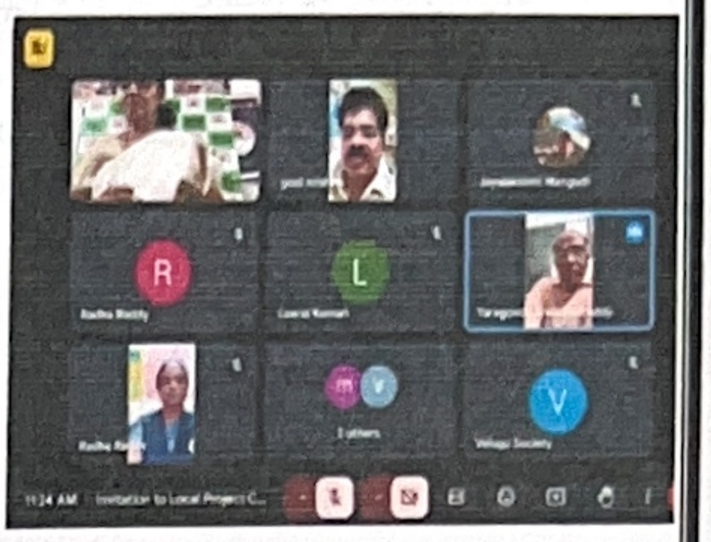
A beautifully decorated Shiva Lingam adorned with fresh flowers was arranged as the focal point of the celebration .The Velugu Convener provided an insightful explanation of the significance of Maha Shivaratri, emphasizing its spiritual and cultural importance.All participants, including children and elders, joined together in singing devotional songs dedicated to Lord Shiva, creating a divine and uplifting atmosphere. As a part of the celebration, prasadam was distributed to all attendees, fostering a sense of unity and devotion. The event concluded on a serene and blissful note, leaving the participants enriched with spiritual knowledge and a sense of togetherness. Maha Shivaratri at Velugu Organization was a true reflection of faith, devotion, and community harmony.

Local Project Committee meeting (LPC) : On 27.02.2025:

Local Project Committee Virtual meeting was conducted in velugu premises In this, velugu convener Bhagyalakshmi welcomed the secretary Uday mohan reddy and other members of the committee. Firstly in the meeting velugu given the complete Introduction of Gharaunda scheme which was currently running in Velugu organization explained in detail. Secondly, Construction of Gharaunda , Inauguration programme of Gharaunda, Purchase Solar Heater to Ghararunda, Requested the Bank loan to Purchase of Medical cover making to Gharaunda, are also been discussed with the members. So Velugu with the own

resources A new building is under constructing in Velugu premises and this is informed to the members of the committee.

And the programs Past and Pre events of Event calendar was announced. In this all the committee members, staffs were participated.



MARCH MONTH EVENTS – 2025

International Women's Day: On 08.03.2025:

International Women's Day Celebrations at Velugu Organization, Madanapalle

The International Women's Day celebrations were held at Velugu Organization, located at Amma Cheruvumitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal.

The event was graced by esteemed guests including S.I. Ramadevi from the 2nd Town Police Station, Madanapalle; Traffic S.I. Shivakamini from Madanapalle; Dr. Radhika, Psychologist from Govt. General Hospital; Dr. Kiran, Medical Officer from B. Kotha Kota PHC; and Velugu EC Member Mrs. M. Sujatha. They were warmly welcomed with bouquets by Velugu Secretary Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy and the organization staff.

The program commenced with Warden Sweety conveying Women's Day wishes to the guests and sharing an overview of Velugu's activities. Traffic S.I. Shivakamini appreciated the organization's commendable service to persons with disabilities and elderly women.

S.I. Ramadevi emphasized that providing support to the elderly and disabled is a noble deed and assured that any legal issues faced by the elderly at Velugu would be promptly brought to the attention of higher authorities for resolution.

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Psychologist Dr. Radhika extended Women's Day wishes to th e Velugu team and assured her continued support and availability for services to the residents of Velugu.

As part of the celebration, the guests and Velugu staff jointly honored elderly resident Mrs. Devamma with a shawl.

Later, Velugu Secretary Mr. Uday Mohan Reddy presented sarees as gifts to the women staff of the organization in recognition of their dedicated service.

The event concluded with the felicitation of the chief guests—S.I. Ramadevi, S.I. Shivakamini, Dr. Radhika, and EC Member Mrs. Sujatha—by Mr. Uday Mohan Reddy and the staff, who presented them with shawls and mementoes.

Participants of the program included the chief guests, Mr. Girish (Secretary of Well Wishers Organization, Madanapalle), his team, Velugu Secretary Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Principal Mrs. Leena Kumari, Social Worker Mrs. Geetha, Warden Sweety, Velugu staff, elderly women, and differently-abled children.

Grand Celebration of Holi Festival at Velugu Special School and Old Age Home : On 14.03.2025

Holi, the festival of colors, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Velugu Special School and Old Age Home, located at Amma Cheruvumitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal. The celebrations were organized under the leadership of Velugu Convener Mrs. R. Bhagyalakshmi.

Children and elderly residents participated joyfully, playing with vibrant colors, singing songs, and dancing with cheer and laughter. The entire Velugu campus was filled with a festive Holi atmosphere, radiating joy and unity through its colorful celebrations.

Addressing the gathering, Velugu Convener Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi spoke about the significance of Holi. She explained that Holi symbolizes colors, and colors represent

virtues. By sharing colors with each other, we are essentially accepting and spreading each other's good qualities.

The celebration saw active participation from EC Member Mrs. M. Sujatha, Principal Mrs. Leena Kumari, Social Worker Mrs. Geetha, Warden Mrs. Sweety, the children and elderly residents, and the entire Velugu staff.

Gharaunda Children trip : on 15.03.2025

As part of the Gharaunda scheme supported by the National Trust, 20 beneficiaries from Velugu Organization were taken on a refreshing local trip around the Madanapalle surroundings. This outing was organized to give the residents a joyful break and a chance to explore nature and nearby places.

The trip was filled with fun, laughter, and memorable moments as the children enjoyed the scenic beauty and had a great time together. The outing helped everyone feel recharged and happy.

Convener Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, along with the dedicated Gharaunda staff and beneficiaries, traveled in Velugu's own van and returned with hearts full of joy and smiles on their faces.

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Down Syndrome Day Celebrated at Velugu Organization : On 21.03.2025

Down Syndrome Day was celebrated with joy and awareness at Velugu Voluntary Service Organization, located at Amma Cheruvumitta, Kollabylu Panchayat, Madanapalle Mandal.

The event was graced by distinguished guests including Velugu Secretary Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, EC Member Mrs. Sujatha, Principal Mrs. Leena Kumari, and Yoga Master Mrs. Anita. The children warmly welcomed the guests with floral bouquets.

The program began with Mrs. Radhamma, mother of a child with Down Syndrome named Jyothi Kiran, who explained in detail the characteristics of the condition, importance of blood tests, preventive care, and necessary precautions. Her insights were both informative and heartfelt.

Following this, children with Down Syndrome performed Surya Namaskars (sun salutations) with great precision, astonishing everyone with their energy and grace. The audience was deeply moved and impressed by their yoga demonstrations.

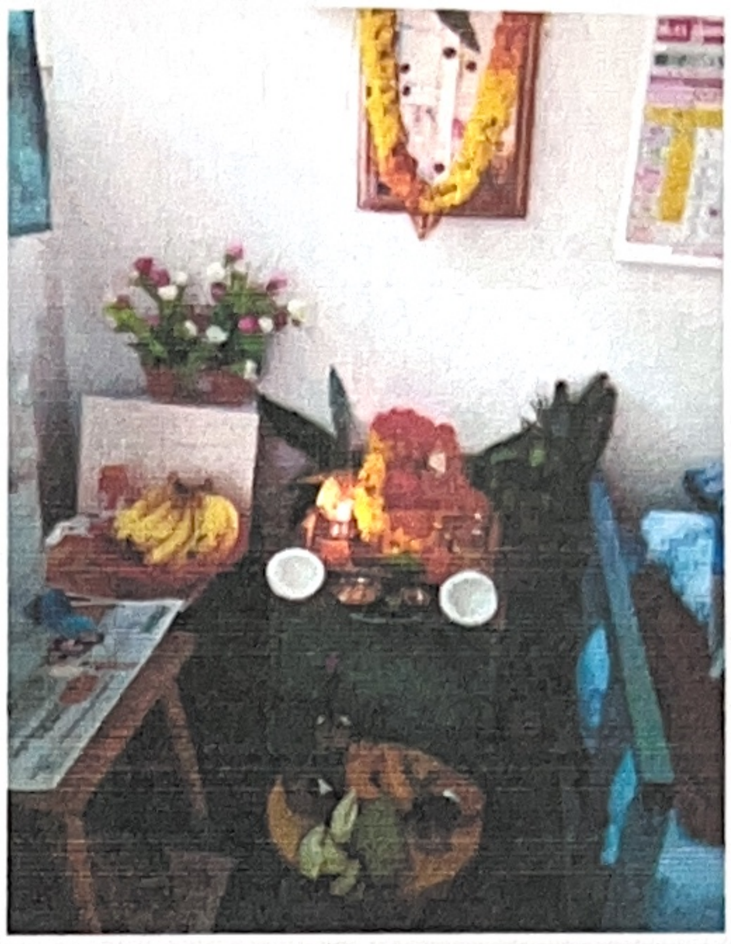
Yoga Master Mrs. Anita expressed her happiness in teaching yoga to the children of Velugu. She said it gave her immense satisfaction and that she considered it a great opportunity, extending her heartfelt thanks to the Velugu Organization for making it possible.

Later, the children delighted the audience with their vibrant dance performances. The event concluded with all participants, including children with Down Syndrome, joining together in celebration, making the day a memorable success.

Participants in the program included Velugu Secretary Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, EC Member Mrs. Sujatha, Principal Mrs. Leena Kumari, Yoga Master Mrs. Anita, Warden Mrs. Sweety, Velugu staff, and all the children.

Ugadi Celebrations at Velugu Campus : on 30.03.2025

Ugadi, the Telugu New Year, was celebrated with great joy and cultural spirit at the Velugu campus. The atmosphere was vibrant with flowers, fresh fruits, and the traditional Ugadi Pachadi, symbolizing the different flavors of life.



Velugu Convener Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi and Secretary Mr. M. Uday Mohan Reddy extended heartfelt Ugadi wishes to all the children, elderly residents, staff, and well-wishers of Velugu, as well as to society at large. They wished that this New Year brings happiness, prosperity, good health, and peace to everyone.

On this festive occasion, Ugadi Pachadi, seasonal fruits, and flowers were lovingly distributed to the children and elderly residents by the Velugu team, spreading joy and festive cheer throughout the campus.

The celebration reflected the values of unity, tradition, and gratitude, creating a warm start to the New Year for everyone at Velugu. Participants included Secretary M. Uday Mohan Reddy, Convener Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, Principal Ms. Leena Kumari, EC Member Mrs. Sujatha, Social Worker Mrs. Geetha, Warden Ms. Sweety, children, and Velugu staff.

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