

## Dr.P.Ranjan Babu's Birthday Celebrations in a grand style.



**Phirangipuram (VV):** Sri Dokka Manikya Varaprasad, Minister for Rural Development, applauded the services of Dr.P.Ranjan Babu, the owner of CARDS Organization, Dalit leader and the founder of Deenapur. On the premises of local Deenapur the birthday celebrations of Ranjan Babu were conducted in a grand style. While speaking, Sri D.Manikya Vara Prasad, Minister, who attended the function as chief guest, said that the services done by Ranjan Babu in various districts of our state for the poor Dalits are matchless. He also said that Ranjan Babu is a great personality who has been striving day and night for the sake of poor Dalits students. He added that Ranjan Babu is trying his level best to illumine the lives of poor and backward class by taking the ideals of Dr.B.R Ambedkar as his model. He said that Ranjan Babu has established different colleges and providing education for the poor students in them. He has been greatly exerting for more than three decades for the development of education among Dalits. The Minister suggested that various voluntary organizations in the society should come forward to provide education to the poor by taking Ranjan Babu as a model. On this occasion the convocation of Dalit Open University was also celebrated in a grand style. Dalit Open University Awards were presented to K.Vinay Kumar, K.Prem Kumar, D.Dhanaraj, K.Gowamma Madiga and Usha Navel Vijoyi who have served in various fields. Dr.Swarnalatha Devi presided over the function. In this Programme, Immanuel Prakash, Correspondent, Pharmacy College Immi Organizations, Franklin Viswanadham, Joint Director, CARDS, Mary Vardhanam, Amarnadh, Deputy Director, CARDS, Moses, Principal, Lecturers P.Baburao, R.Baburao, P.Hrudaya Raju and other members of the organization participated.

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**BALA BATA**

Dalit Open University of India

**DOUI SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS-(1987-2012)**

During the fast lap of the 19th century, in the three decades of its journey, DOUI, which is celebrating its silver jubilee, has performed a historical role in the fulfillment of the needs of the Dalit race, which is leading a degraded life. The DOUI played a laudable role in lending support to the Dalit race to gain self respect and stability needed at a stage while resurrecting the lost culture, history, royal pride of it which has been experiencing physical and psychological slavery. DOUI convened a conference of "Dalit is Dignified" shattered the feelings of karma in the Dalits of the four corners of India. DOUI played an unforgettable role in building a great movement from which the Dalit race picked up the enlightenment, rejected the inhuman ways and with the resurrection of this alternative culture made "Dalit Philosophy" Nationwide.

DOUI originated as an essence of the ideas of Dr. Ranjan Babu while he started implementing his ideology from 1969 to 1985, by linking the failures, victories, experiences of the rural, urban and town Dalits including women, youth, student, employees and intelligent classes, coordination and recognizing the Dalit aspirations to oppose slavery, caste fetters and illiterate blindness and in ascertaining the values that were achieved and the goals to be achieved.

Ranjan Babu established DOUI by overcoming many hurdles against which he had fought unceasingly for 15 years. He recognized the Dalit philosophy of gaining energy and happiness through hardship. He made this fact a part of his life and in the direction of reaching his goal he increased his followers, encouraged his colleagues and awakened the Dalit race of India with the Co-ordination of the likeminded people who were denied the common human rights but inspired by Christ, Deenamma, Bhagaiah, Phule and Ambedkar's messages and at a stage when they were suppressed by caste conspiracy, DOUI made them understand the essence of the teachings of Ambedkar and the necessity of self-respect.

For the last 800 years the Dalit race has experienced inhuman and unbearable life style and became a victim to lead a life without a home to live in, clothes to cover the body and food to eat. These people endured the psychological and physical slavery though it is difficult to bear. They never tried to oppose any of the inhuman deeds. They tried to be relieved of their fatigue under the lip sympathy and false reforms shown by many. They suffered from the suppressing culture which surrounded them and as a crowd preserved their past history in the folk art forms and

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safeguarded peace, coexistence and human values which are their cultural base.

Though their children have no food, dying premature deaths, their sons were being brutally murdered for questioning the atrocities and those who survived were being tortured in the name of verdicts of "Rachaband" and while whippings, burning alive, parading nakedly after shaving the heads clean, social boycott, raids, riots, house burning, rapes, atrocities became common, Dalits accustomed to endure such life with peace and patience but never turned their eyes towards violence. In today's caste India these majority of Dalits are being suppressed undemocratically.

Dr.P.Ranjan Babu, who was born in a family which had been striving for the brilliance of Dalit consciousness for the last four generations, recognised the sacrificial nature and cultural values of his parents and grandparents who struggled with the untouchability in the contemporary society. As a priest against the caste discrimination and against the cultural values which were patronizing the suppressing culture, the Dalit warriors followed the philosophy of Amma Thallulu, Saivam, Veera Saivam, Vemana, Brahmam, Kabir and even before them Jain and Buddhist philosophies. They took refuge of Islam from 1300 to 1800 and then began to practice Christianity 1850 onwards. They practiced the religious conversions as a protest against the prevailing cunning castism and as a part of reviving the human values but not to suppress or exploit anybody. Dalits are those who patronized the religions which encouraged peaceful coexistence. Dalits are patrons of alternative culture that opposes the culture values which encourage suppression and inhumanity in the name of religion. This is a historical fact. In this process Dalits embraced and started practicing Christianity which entered the Coastal Districts of Andhra Pradesh in 1850's.

Dr.RanJan Babu's family which has been a part of Christianity for three generations prior to him did not primarily confine Christian gospel to heaven. Instead they sacrificed their lives to the practice of "Love-Peace-Truth" which is the basis of the preachings of Christ. Realizing the necessity of education for the liberation of Dalits, who have been suffering from illiteracy, untouchability and poverty, Ranjan Babu's father and Grandmother had undergone so many hardships and dedicated their lives for the spreading of education among Dalit masses.

Deenamamma: Deenamamma garu, who had no hands and legs, got her education with many difficulties, established a school in the village besides making the co-Dalits educated, she organized them against untouchability, Economic blockade which is the root of slavery. As a model for Dalits, she not only conducted business and agriculture but also made the Dalits conduct them. In the light of Christianity, she inspired the Dalit masses along with her children to live with self-respect.

Viswanadham – Santhoshamma: Deenamamma prepared her Children as teachers for the awakening of Dalits. Viswanadham son of Deenamamma and his wife Santhoshamma conducted restless struggles against caste discrimination. By opposing the evil acts of Casuists, they established human values through "Education – Unity – Understanding". They patiently opposed the punishments and resisted the injustice meted out to the Dalits. As a result, they were transferred to forest areas, but strove hard for the achievement of their goal by becoming stronger with the troubles and difficulties they had faced. Though they were working in a school on the



## NEWS CLIPPINGS



### Aim to Provide complete Education to Dalits

#### News line, Sathenapalli Rural:

Amarnadh, Deputy Director, CARDS said that they have established Best Clubs to strengthen the primary education of Dalit Students. The success meet of Best Club was conducted on the local market yard premises on Sunday. Speaking in the meeting presided over by Gannvaram Elia, Divisional Co-ordinator of the organization, Amarnadh said that the aim of CARDS organization is total literacy of Dalits. Bala Batas are working as a part of it. Mutluru Venkaiah, state level Best Teacher Awardee inaugurated the programme and spoke. He said that

the members of the club should see that there will be no drop outs in Dalit colonies. In charge DD, Babu Rao also spoke in the meeting. Later, the members of Best Club conducted competition for Bala Bata organizers in songs, sports and oaths and distributed prizes. Deegala Rambabu, HM, Narnepadu School organizers Lurdhu Kumar, Ravindra, Paparao and Ch.Nageswarao also present in the programme.



### Dalits Development is Through Education only

#### Narasarao Pet Town:

NGO Association President Sri Daniel said that Dalits will develop only with education. He was the chief guest in the felicitation programme conducted by CARDS organization to felicitate Bala Bata and Bala teachers on Sunday. Continuing to speak he said that the effort of CARDS Organization for the development of education of Dalits is appreciable. Subbarao, Amarnadh, Anand, Narendra, Rajani, Rajeswari and others attended the function.

### Awareness among Students about growing plants,



#### Bhagya Nagar Colony (Sathenapalli rural)

**Newsline:** Amarnadh, Deputy Director, CARDS said that there is necessity for students to develop awareness of growing plants along with their education. CARDS has conducted the programme of the distribution of seeds of vegetables in MPPS school in Bhagyanagar Colony in the "Jurisdiction of Dulipala Panchayati in the Mandal on Saturday. Speaking in the programme, Amarnadh said that every family can get healthy life by taking up growing of vegetables. On this occasion, seeds of vegetables were distributed to old students of this school. In this programme G Elia, Deputy Co-ordinator, K Achaiah, School HM, Rajendra Kumar, Teacher, Nageswara Rao, DO and others participated.



# PHOTO CLIPPINGS



**Sri Dokka Manikya Varaprasad, Minister speaking to Dr.P.Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS after the completion of the DOUI meeting.**



**Dr.Frank Viswanadh, Joint Director, CARDS with Bala Bata Staff.**



**Sri Dokka Manikya Varaprasad, Minister with DOUI award recipients.**

reason of their caste, these doners of education made the railway platform, which was two KM away from their school, their residence and offered education to the people who put them to sufferings. The B.C's who noticed the love and service of this couple, who became synonym of dedication, and resolved to allow them to construct a room in the school itself. Thus they showed pity and compassion.

Ranjan Babu, the son of Viswanadham and Santhoshamma, studied the condition of Dalits in the present day situation from his student life to the time of the establishment of DOUI. He toured throughout the country. In the background of the liberation of Dalit masses and in the process of implementing the essence of his experience and thought that "Education for Liberation" he took the help of the likeminded colleagues, intellectuals and students to put his thought into practice. In this process he started night schools, Balwadies, Progressive schools and saving unions. He conducted so many struggles through "Dalit Praja Samiti" to find a way to defeat hunger with new Economic policies of Dalits and through agriculture, business and handy work. In the process of preparing student activists who work for the society and spread the experience gained in the 30 villages in Guntur District he established RCJ College. He organized many agitations with thousands of students throughout the state and made the Dalits realize that it is their own responsibility to see that the constitutional rights achieved by Ambedkar and Jagajeevan Ram are implemented correctly. Through leadership training camps and law training classes the rights were made understood. He also established "Cultural Trainers" for creating understanding in illiterates, "Dalit Seva Dals" for the achievement of the daily needs of the villages, "Saving Groups" for the empowerment of women and for the development of the Dalit literature Dalit writers were mobilized and Dalit Writings were collected. Young students were organized for the achievement of these goals. Training was given to preachers to turn Christianity, which is confined to heaven, towards the salvation of the problems of life in this world. By organizing the conferences of priests for the Co-ordination among food-land and devotion, he tried to spread in brightness that has existed as a result of many activities. DOUI has emerged from Ranjan Babu's thoughts and practices and also as Dalit's need. In this process DOUI, as an essence of practice – experience – study, strives to spread the slogan "Dalit is Dignified" throughout the world. It also works to better the Dalit life and in democratic ways try to lead Dalits towards political Power. For this it encourages and published writings like:

1. Ambedkar's life – Struggles – Today's Dalit's problems of life - (G.Lazarus)
2. Jagajeevan Ram's life – struggles – Duties of Dalits – (Sudarshanam)
3. Today's Dalits – The past ruler's play (Sudarshanam)
4. Dalit Writer's sangham (Darasam) – (Araham)
5. Dalit Kala Parishad (Dayaratnam)
6. Dalit Intellectual's Union. (A.P.Nirmal)
7. Liberty to the Captives (Prabhakar)

DOUI worked in 18 states with ten categories. Even today DOUI tries to enlighten thousands of students with the lessons "Ambedkar's life – Struggle – Today's Duties".

During these twenty five years DOUI has been felicitatin national and international prominent persons who have been working for the cause of Dalits. In doing so it supports their struggles and propagate their struggles

among the masses. As part of this process, for the year 2013 DOUI has selected 5 persons and honoured them.

DOUI committee under the guidance of Dr.Frank Viswanadh selected the recipients of honour and encouraged them to continue their task of inculcating awareness in Dalits

## DOUI Recipients of Honuor

1. Smt. Usha Naval Viyogi 2. Sri. K.Vinay Kumar 3. Smt. K.Mary Madiga  
4. Sri. K.Prem Kumar 5. Sri. D.Dhanraj

**1. Usha Naval Viyogi:** She is a preeminent person who have conducted nationwide struggles for the rights of the Panjab women. Usha Naval Viyogi, who strove tirelessly for the unity of the women agitators of India, is also a poet who awakened the Dalits.

**2. K.Vinay Kumar:** He is a young intellectual well known by the people of Andhra Pradesh as a leader of Dalit movement. A warrior who led the movements of Tsunduru and Kollipara. His effort in diffusing the Dalit voice world wide as the representative of India at Durban conference is unique. A young man who has been conducting so many struggles for the sake of the Dalits of Andhra Pradesh through Dalit Bahujan Front.

**3. K.Gowamma Mary Madiga:** This Mary Madiga is a woman force who has conducted untiring struggles for the rights of Dalit women of Andhra Pradesh. A courageous lady who has been struggling against the oppression of Dalit women who are being more exploited among belonging to other castes. A warrior who has been leading the Women Rights movements and human rights struggles throughout the state.

**4. K.Prem Kumar:** Prem Kumar is a brilliant young Dalit who has been striving for the prevention of Social disparities, and brutalities shown towards Dalits. With clear understanding of the problems of Dalits of A.P, he is enriching the consciousness in thousands of Dalit Young men. Prem Kumar is an embodiment of love and he is a dynamic personality. He has been enlightening Dalits through art forms.

**5. D.Dhanraj :** Dhanraj is a great warrior who has struggled bravely even without caring for life in the human rights struggle. Dhanraj is the Dalit lion, who entered the annals of history for his bold and brave struggle though subjected to physical torture for participation in the Tsunduru Dalit Movement.

**DOUI is going to release a collection of Essays by eminent writers written in English and Telugu on the works of Jashuva. Rev.James Massey from New Delhi in attending the function as a Chief Guest this function in giving to be celebrated under the leadership of Prof.Gujjarlamudi Krupachari and Dr.M.Swarnalatha Devi.**



# BALA BATA'S MODE OF WORK



## Responsibilities of Regional Co-ordinators (RCO):

1. He should extend his help and Co-operation to the Dos in the implementation of the four point programme of Bala Bata.
2. He should prepare monthly visit schedule, decide when to phone ACO s according to it and after taking attendance the register must be handed over to the DCO.
3. RCO should visit Bala Bata every morning in his own Mandal. He should visit the Bala Batas in other Mandals in the evening. He should inform DCO about these visits.
4. In the coming year (2013- 2014) he should compulsorily attain 75 seats in his own Mandal and 75 seats in other two Mandals totaling 150 seats.
5. RCO should visit the Residential schools in his jurisdiction every month and see that there will be no drop outs.
6. In the monthly meetings he should collect all the reports (DO s, mothers, children, HM s, Public Representatives) and send them to the office through TCO.
7. When the RCO goes on visit to Bala Bata, he should see that DO and the students phone up the office.
8. RCO should conduct a programme every month in the Mandals of his jurisdiction with the help of the local human resources.
9. RCO should start Best Clubs and through them he should conduct competitions for the students studying in Residential Schools so that the students would get an idea of Bala Bata. When these students go to their villages in holidays they should create a good opinion on Bala Bata and Residential Education.
10. RCO should keep a book to register every programme conducted at the regional level.

## Responsibilities of Area Co-ordinators (ACO)

Discipline:

1. Children should be seated in a proper way and in a line.
2. All should be made sing two of Bala Bata songs.
3. Should make the children do drill for 5 minutes.
4. All should be made take the Bala Bata oath.
5. All should say the slogans of Bala Bata. "Jai Bala Bata – Jai Jai Bala Bata" (Bala Bata – Bangaru Bata) (Long Live Long Live – CARDS Long Live)

**Scruting of Records:**

1. Should scrutinize the Bala Bata register, write down proper advice and put signature with date.
2. Should examine 2 or 3 copy writing books and put his signature. Should explain to all the children the importance of good handwriting.
3. Should go through the school note books and homework books of some students and give proper instructions.
4. After the completion of Bala Bata, he should arrange a special meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> class students and explain to them the opportunities of Residential Schools.
5. Should encourage DO by giving advice especially about the development of Bala Bata.

**Family Visit:**

1. Should speak to the parents of two or three children who absent themselves from Bala Bata.
2. Should speak to the parents of two or three students who are going to join residential school.
3. Should observe the kitchen gardens of families he has visited and encourage them.
4. Should meet any one teacher of government school, wherever possible.
5. ACO should compulsorily visit every DO once in a month.

# POLITICAL LEADERS VIEWS

✳ Though I do not know about Bala Bata, DO sir informed me about it. In our village also, children after knowing about it, developed interest in studies with songs and sports and are attending Bala Bata. As Bala Bata is introduced for the Dalit Children, these children are attending with discipline and cleanliness. I believe that Bala Bata will be developed and be helpful for many Dalit Children.

- **K.Vijayamma, Gopavaram (Mandal)**

✳ To Sri Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS. I attended the meeting of Bala Bata, organized by the DO s of CARDS as a chief guest. Dos are basis of development of Dalits in the villages. We have come to know that everything can be achieved through education. In our village, till now, 15 students got admission in Residential School through Bala Bata. It gives us happiness. In our village, the DO s Jayasree and Naresh conduct Bala Bata every day morning and evening. They are training the children well in sports and songs. -**Ch.Jyothi, Chitalapadu, Krishna (Dist).**

✳ My thanks to the CARDS Organization which is conducting Bala Bata in the SC colony of Badinenipalle. When there was no Bala Bata in our village, our children used to roam, about mischievously. Now they are attending Bala Bata morning and evening. All of them

seem to be very neat. My heartfelt thanks to Sri Ranjan Babu, the founder of Bala Bata who has brought such a great change in our village. - **P. Marthamma, Badinenipalle.**

✳ On the instructions of Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS, and as part of Bala Bata activities we conducted Independence Day Celebrations in all the Bala Batas of Konakanamitla Mandal and Tarlubadu Mandal of Prakasam District. As part of it, we conducted special programme in Kalujvapadu village. All the DOs attended the programme and made it a grand success. In its provisions were supplied to the DO s through the village sarpanch and the Head Master of the school. DCO Raju and ACO Sukumar participated in it.

- **P. Nagaiah, Village Sarpanch.**

✳ I am attending all the meetings of Bala Bata at my convenience. The effort done by Bala Bata for the development of education of poor classes is laudable. 15 students are selected for the Residential School from our village. I extend my help to admit students in Residential School this year also. I thank Sri Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS for giving me such a good opportunity.

- **Kuragantam Jyothy, Ex MPTC, Chitalapadu, Krishna (Dist).**

## The assistance of Rs. 81520/- given to 16304 Bala Bata children for three months by 162 Bala Bata relatives.

<b>Promoter Name :</b>							
M.Vasanth Rao	13	Sk. Abdul	28	A.Kavitha	22	M.Solomon	36
K.Deenamma	29	Sk.Haseena	20	T.Bhavani	17	G.Prasad	560
T.Ranga Rao	55	K.Sathish	46	A.Subbayamma	5	A.Kavitha	47
K.Sandhya	34	K.Shalini	23	M.Vijaya	5	Pullaiah	25
M.Nageswara Rao	30	Mariyamma	17	M.Suvarnababu	22	K.Nagamma	740
P.Swapna	35	D.Doraka	32	M.Bharathi	9	G.Lakshamma	419
M.Solomon	38	P.Suguna deena	23	J.Raghavaiah	33	Sd.Ismail	107
G.Prasad	246	M.Sreedhar Reddy	27	M.Srinivasasara	13	ch.v.kishore	800
A.Kavitha	23	M.Sudarshan	37	Sk.Hussain	60	N.Koteswara Rao	60
Pullaiah	66	S.Vijaya Babu	840	Maria Dasu	50	G.Padma Rao	93
K.Nagamma	51	Ratalu	66	Usha	7	J.Devi	33
G.Lakshamma	190	N.Chittemma	30	M.Sathyavani	27	P.Swathi	112
Sd. Ismail	52	Kotamma	64	Srilatha	93	P.Aruna	17
N.Koteswara Rao	67	Padma	760	V.Anitha	19	B.Rangavalli	267
G.Padma Rao	94	Sk.Moulali	62	K.Prameela	19	M.Latha	67
J.Devi	68	Sk. Shamshina	52	P.Madhavi	13	K.Yesurathnam	56
P.Swathi	33	Sk.Mastanbi	78	Sk.Abdul	28	T.Amarnath	36
P.Aruna	109	UHC	153	Sk.Haseena	70	K.Rekha	33
B.Rangavalli	637	<b>Promoter Name :</b>		K.Sathish	23	A.Kavitha	20
M.Latha	18	M.Vasanth Rao	13	K.Shalini	23	T.Bhavani	15
K.Yesurathnam	60	K.Deenamma	88	Mariyamma	70	A.Subbayamma	3
T.Amarnath	40	T.Ranga Rao	28	D.Doraka	32	M.Vijaya	100
K.Rekha	35	K.Sandhya	34	P.Suguna deena	23	M.Suvarnababu	20
A.Kavitha	22	M.Nageswara Rao	30	P.Suresh Babu	187	M.Bharathi	8
T.Bhavani	17	P.Swapna	35	Sreedhar Reddy	27	J.Raghavaiah	28
A.Subbayamma	5	M.Solomon	38	M.Sudarshan	37	M.Srinivas	12
M.Vijaya	5	G.Prasad	13	S.Vijaya Babu	840	Sk.Hussain	240
M.Suvarnababu	22	A.Kavitha	23	Ratalu	33	P.Tondon Kumar	20
M.Bharathi	9	Pullaiah	33	N.Chittemma	30	Usha	7
J.Raghavaiah	33	K.Nagamma	26	Kotamma	33	M.Sathyavani	27
M.Srinivasasara	13	G.Lakshamma	26	Padma	760	Ch.Supriya	23
Sk.Hussain	116	Sd. Ismail	638	Sk.Moulali	100	V.Anitha	19
Maria Dasu	271	N.Koteswara Rao	67	Sk.Shamshina	133	K.Prameela	19
P.Tondon Kumar	22	G.Padma Rao	48	Sk.Mastanbi	133	P.Madhavi	13
Usha	7	J.Devi	35	UHC	153	Sk.Abdul	56
M.Sathyavani	27	P.Swathi	271	<b>Promoter Name :</b>		Sk.Mahmad	112
Ch.Supriya	200	P.Aruna	19	M.Vasanth Rao	13	Sk.Haseena	540
Srilatha	23	B.Rangavalli	55	K.Deenamma	138	K.Sathish	21
V.Anitha	19	M.Latha	18	T.Ranga Rao	53	K.Shalini	21
K.Prameela	19	K.Yesurathnam	60	K.Sandhya	33	Mariyamma	17
P.Madhavi	13	T.Amarnath	40	M.Nageswara Rao	860	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16304</b>
		K.Rekha	35	P.Swapna	312		

## Head Masters (HM's)

✿ Our heartfelt greetings to our respected Ranjan Babu. We conducted Bala Bata in our village. The children of our school from 1<sup>st</sup> class to 5<sup>th</sup> class are attending Bala Bata. Those students who are attending Bala Bata are progressing well with discipline. They are also making progress in sports. Those who were lagging behind in studies are now studying well after attending Bala Bata. They are punctually attending school by 9 a.m. They are showing interest in studies. So we express our heartfelt thanks to Sri. Ranjan Babu for introducing Bala Bata. - **K.Salomi** - **Komatinenipalem – Chilakaluripet.**

✿ To Respected Sri. Ranjan Babu, founder of CARDS from G.Yedukondalu, Headmaster, MMN (LE). Your help for the spread of education among poor children by founding CARDS is invaluable. I have heard of your activities. I want to inform you that we are ready to extend our help and cooperation for the benefit of Dalit children. We believe that there will be a great change with the support of word and we too are ready to strive for that change. Congratulating you on your activities. **G.Yedukondalu, Elchuru, Santhamaguluru, Prakasam Distric.**

✿ Bala Bata is going in our Kalasapadu Mandal. I too attended the CARDS programmes are being started with songs and sports. Bala Bata is giving much joy and spirit to the students. Through Bala Bata we joined the children of our school in Residential school. My thanks to the founder of Bala Bata. I wish that these activities will be highly developed in future. - **P.Bhaskar Babu - Kalasapadu Mandal – Cudapa Dt.**

✿ As Bala Bata is being conducted in our village the students of our village

are well improved to the stage of studying well. Bala Bata programme conducted by CARDS to educate the Dalit children is very appreciable. This Bala Bata will be useful for the progress of Dalits. For the development of Bala Bata we too do our best. Students also are studying well with songs and sports and also coming to school without fail. - **P.Sujatha, Veerulapadu, Krishna Dt.**

✿ The programmes conducted by CARDS are very helpful for the dalit students. Bala Bata will be much helpful for children's progress and future. Children are studying well as they are taught with songs and sports. - **D.Nagarjun, Veerlapadu, Krishna Dt.**

✿ Bala Bata programme is started in Ootapalli village. Mutyalamma and Triveni are working as DO's of Bala Bata. They are training children in songs and sports. They are making the children do their homework given at school. I observed that students are coming to school without fail from the introduction of Bala Bata - **Ch.V.Sushvani.**

✿ In our village students are being taught songs and sports along with education from 4 pm to 5 pm. They are instructing the students to go to school in a proper way. Compared to past, now the students are attending classes neatly. For it we are very happy. More over the students are made do the home work given in the school in the Bala Bata is very helpful for the parents who cannot send their children to tuitions by paying fee. One evening I went to Bala Bata and observed its activities. In Bala Bata students of all classes are studying well. I am very happy. My heartfelt thanks to the Director, CARDS. - **M.Padma.**

## Regional Co-ordinators (RCO's)

✿ Respected Director, CARDS I visit Bala Bata every day. I am conversing with Dos, Children and their parents. We distributed seeds through DO s to the parents. Everyone is organizing Bala Bata well in my region. I inform you that I shall put in more effort for the development of Bala Bata in my jurisdiction. My thanks to Sri Ranjan Babu for giving me this opportunity. - **B Baburao, Amaravati, Guntur.**

✿ I saw that students of 4<sup>th</sup> class apply for Residential School in May and joined the students who were selected on lottery basis. I selected new Dos. Three DO s were selected for the training at Phirangipuram on the occasion of Dedication Day. Every DO in my jurisdiction is informing me about his progress report on phone. As these activities are conducted by CARDS, it is very helpful for the progress of Dalit Society. My heartfelt greeting to the Director, CARDS. - **B Devaiah, Piduguralla, Machavaram, Guntur.**

✿ I have been visiting the Bala Bata centre's which were allotted to me in the Santhamaguluru jurisdiction since July 15, 2013. I talked to the parents of Bala Bata children. I informed them that Bala Bata will be a good Bata (path) for children. We are unitedly striving for the development of education through Bala Bata. I assure you that we work hard for the development of Bala Bata. - **T George, Santhamaguluru, Prakasam (Dist).**

✿ For the development of Bala Bata in the rural areas and also to take forward Ranjan Babu's aspirations, every Dalit student must conduct Bala Bata taking it as his responsibility. When the students suffer from ill health they must be taken to the government doctors. We try our best

to join a great number of children in Model Schools and Residential Schools in the coming year. The Director of CARDS informed us that the Children will develop when we work willingly and their lives also will progress. I assure you that in order to the fulfillment of Ranjan Babu's aims, I do my level best. - **K.Elisha, Atmakuru, Warangal (Dist).**

✿ Students of Best Club and Residential School also attended the meeting. This year my ACO s and I will try to get more seats. I shall send the list of 4<sup>th</sup> class children and the details of the visit of Dos of Bala Bata to the office. - **N.Durga Rao, Jeelugumilli, Kareemnagar (Dist).**

✿ I discussed the expansion of Bala Bata with the employees and political leaders of our village. They promised me to give their support. - **S.Nagesh, Sarvereddipalli, Kambham.**

✿ We discussed the necessity of expansion of Bala Bata and how can we organize it and how to get economic co-operation with some leaders and ex students of Bala Bata. Admiring us for the Bala Bata services all of them promised to give Rs.10/- each before December to start many BalaBatas. Members of congregations also are willing to help us. - **K. Jayapaul, Nandigama, Krishna (Dt)**

✿ I visited Bala Bata and gave them advice and instructions. I am continuously working for the development of Dalits and strengthening Bala Batas. By inculcating consciousness in all the ACOs, through the Bala Bata Programmes in various areas, I am trying my best for the development of education in Dalits.

- **P. Tirumalaya, Dornala.**

## Area Co-ordinators (ACO's)

✿ I, K Sudheer Kumar, is working as an ACO in your organization. I started Bala Bata on August 1<sup>st</sup>. I distributed seeds of vegetables to all the DO s with me. Moreover, we are extending education mingled with songs and sports to all the students. I am making them follow greenery, cleanliness, raising of kitchen garden and the slogan of self help life style. In addition, I gave registers to all the Dos. I tried to gain 30 job cards relating to job assurance programme. This year, we achieved 70 seats in Residential Schools. - **K Sudheer Kumar, Durgi, Guntur (Dist).**

✿ I, B Amarnadh Naik, is working as ACO in Bala Bata. I attended Bala Bata training on July 12, 13 & 14 and learned how to work in Bala Bata. When I went back, I convened a meeting of all the DO s working with me and taught them all the matters which had learned here. They were asked to teach the children in the same way. Every time I went on visit, I talked to the parents of the children and informed them about Model Schools. We told them how better would be the life of their children if they studied in those schools. - **Amarnadh Naik, Kolluru (Mandal), Guntur (Dist).**

✿ All the DCO s, RCOs and ACO s region wise attended the meeting conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Ghatkeskar. In his speech, the Deputy Director Amarnadh gave detailed information about poverty; caste struggles took place in 1972, Bala Bata regulations and development of Dalits, Dwakra Groups and savings groups. I came to learn from this meeting that so much of change has to come in the lives of our Dalits. - **R Raju, Japharghad, Warangal.**

✿ My heartfelt greetings to the Director, CARDS. I am working as ACO, Bala Bata. I attended the meeting of ACO s under the leadership of Sri Amarnadh. In it I learned the education policies of Bala Bata, greenery, cleanliness and self help life style. We also discussed Model Schools, loans for SC s and ST s from government, and pensions for handicapped people. When the government appointed a committee to find out the reasons for the drop outs among Dalit Children, they could not get complete information. But when our CARDS organization conducted a survey we came to know that when 15 students were admitted to primary school only 5 of them went to high school but none of them went to intermediate. The reason for this is that the Dalits have no economical potentiality. Sunny Sir told us in detail about Model Schools, Indian family and reasons for the backwardness of Dalits. From this meeting I learned so many good things. - **T Tirupathi, Bellampalli, Adilabad (Dist).**

✿ My greetings to the Director, CARDS. My name is G Salmon Raju. I am working as an ACO, Bala Bata. In order to bring change in the lives of Dalits, we must maintain good relationship with them. We must see that a great number of students are admitted to Residential Schools and Model Schools. We have to conduct medical check up to the Dalit Children through ANM. We have to work in a way of showing remedies to the problems in the villages to the Dalit Children. I thank the Director, CARDS for giving me this opportunity. - **G Salmon Raju, Gollapalli, Karimnagar (Dist).**

## Mothers views

✿ I am Bharati. Our son is studying 3<sup>rd</sup> class. After Bala Bata is started, he is attending school with good preparation. Gradually he is doing his homework. Previously, he was not in the habit of attending school. He used to pretend of going to school, but after we had gone to work, he used to throw his books at home and wandered. As Bala Bata is introduced in the morning he is attending school without fail. DO sir is training them in songs and sports, teaching the lessons and sending them after doing the home work. So I thank you very much for the care you have undertaken for our children.

- **Bharati – Yelavathula.**

✿ Our child was not in the habit of going to school. He used to skip the classes and roam in the streets as a loafer. We felt hopeless and stopped sending him to school. But our son, after coming to know that Bala Bata is started in a village, habituated to go there. Finding his interest I am sending him to Government schools and Bala Bata of CARDS organization. My thanks to the Director.

- **Nagamani – West Godavari Dt.**

✿ Our daughter is getting good marks after she has joined Bala Bata. She is also studying well now. She is not behaving mischievously. She is exhibiting the songs and sports of Bala Bata before us. we feel very happy when we observe her telling her fellow children about health and cleanliness. - **T.Venkata Lakshmi – West Godavari Dt.**

✿ To Sri Ranjan Babu with heartfelt greetings. Our child is studying well through your Bala Bata. He is concentrating s on his studies without roaming here and there. He has become obedient. He is doing help to us at home. I am very happy as your Bala Bata programme has brought so much change in the behavior of our son. - **Mariyamma – Khammam Dt.**

✿ I am the mother of K.Vinod who is studying 5<sup>th</sup> class in Keesara village. Our son in not only going school but also to Bala Bata. We are very happy you are offering education without any fee. Through Bala Bata our son got a seat in Residential School. Bala Bata helps a lot for gaining higher studies. - **K.Jayamma – Khammam Dt.**

✿ My name is Karnamma. Our child used to come home at 7 p.m after roaming about streets mischievously. She did not use to study. Since Bala Bata started in our village she liked the education in Bala Bata which is mingled with games and songs. She is now going to school and Bala Bata without fail. Now she has shown great skill in education and within one year she got a seat in Residential school through Bala Bata.

Our girl did not go to school before Bala Bata has introduced. After Bala Bata was started she habituated to go to school regularly and she is attending Bala Bata in the evening. She is even growing the vegetables with the seeds given in Bala Bata. The vegetables are also very helpful for our economic progress. I extend my heartfelt thanks for introducing Bala Bata. - **B.Ramya, West Godavari Dt.**

Our son did not use to study before Bala Bata School was introduced in our village. After Bala Bata is introduced he is studying well and getting good marks. He learnt many games, songs and stories of Bala Bata. Bala Bata School functions from 7a.m to 8.30 a.m and from 6 pm to 7.30 pm. Because of Bala Bata the children of our village are behaving well. With this we are happy. My respectful thanks to Sri. Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS for introducing such programme - **K.Vinaya – West Godavari Dt.**

## Bala Bata Students

✿ To Respected Director, CARDS. Before I joined Bala Bata, I did not know the alphabet of either Telugu or English. But after I joined Bala Bata I learned all well. Now I am able to read and write. - **M Anil, Nandigadda.**

✿ I used to go to school in rags. Then I did not know how to be clean. After Bala Bata is introduced in our village, I learned how to be clean, reading and writing, transplantation, playing and many more activities. It is only because of you I am able to read well. I express my hearty greeting to the Director, CARDS.

- **C Balakrishna, Rajapakula.**

✿ To the Respected Director, CARDS: I am a student of Bala Bata. My name is N.Venugopal, Mantheti Village. Sir, before I joined Bala Bata I was lagging behind in education. I did not know even the 2<sup>nd</sup> table. Everybody used to tease me saying that I don't get education. After Bala Bata was introduced I used to go there every morning and evening. I took the help of D.O sir and studied well. Now I am able to tell 20 tables from my memory and also can write them. Sir, this is all because of your grace. I assure you that I will study well get a good job and help so many children of my kind. I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

- **Venugopal, Mantheti Village.**

✿ To the Director, CARDS Sir, I did not know anything before Bala Bata was introduced in our village. I could not read or write English words. After Bala Bata was introduced I learned writing and speaking English words. Moreover, I am making my fellow

children learn them. - **D Naresh, Balonepalli.**

✿ My name is Kumar. I am studying 4<sup>th</sup> class in Bala Bata. Before I joined Bala Bata I could not read or write letters. Now I am writing letters well. I do my homework in Bala Bata every day. In Bala Bata we are being trained in songs, sports and discipline. I love Bala Bata very much. - **Kumar, 4<sup>th</sup> class, West Godavari (Dt).**

✿ I am going to Bala Bata morning and evening. In Bala Bata I am learning songs, sports and drill. And I do home work every day. In Bala Bata I like everything. - **M Chandrika, 4<sup>th</sup> class, Khammam (Dist).**

✿ Bala Bata is going on well in our village Vardhanna Pet. I go there at 5 p.m. I do my homework given in the school. Our Bala Bata teacher helps us well in doing our homework. We are trained in singing songs and doing drill. I am going to our government school happily. - **M Hymavathi, Vardhannapet, Warangal (Dist).**

✿ Every day I go to Bala Bata before and after my school work. Our Bala Bata DO is training us well in songs and sports. By attending Bala Bata I am able to do my homework well. My teacher also has appreciated me greatly. - **M Srivani, Kanuru, Guntur (Dist).**

✿ To Respected Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS. Sir, I go to Balabta every day without fail. In our Bala Bata all the children are very cheerful. Our DO sir is giving us training in all cultural programmes. I am very happy to learn education in Bala Bata.

- **D Pameela, Krosuru, Guntur (Dist).**

## Development Organisers (DO's)

✦ I, V Manikyarao, have been working in CARDS for the last six months. Previously the children of our village were not in the habit of going to school. After the introduction of Bala Bata and as we have informed them about the necessity and importance of education they are attending school. Bala Bata is helpful for so many poor students. - **V Manikya Rao.**

✦ Bala Bata is beneficial for so many poor students. I too help poor students. I shall join many dalit children in Bala Bata and help them for their progress. I feel very happy for the illiterate children are taught by me. My thanks to the Director, CARDS for offering education through CARDS. - **S Elizabeth.**

✦ I express my special thanks to CARDS organization for being supportive to the poor students in their education and leading them in the best way. My greetings for supplying seeds to raise kitchen garden. My thanks to Sri Ranjan Babu, Director, CARDS for helping the dalit children in matter of education through Bala Bata programme.

- **S Rama Devi.**

✦ I am conducting Bala Bata morning and evening. Children are used to attend Bala Bata every day. They are studying well. I am informing them about education, greenery, cleanliness, raising of Kitchen garden and self help life style. My thanks to Ranjan Babu Sir for encouraging Dalits and leading them forwards by creating awareness in them about education through Bala Bata. - **P Anil.**

✦ I feel happy since the inception of Bala Bata. I learned so many good things through Bala Bata. I feel very happy of getting the good fortune of telling others about the value of education through the Bala Bata programme. Because of Bala Bata the students of our village are well in the fore front in all matters. They are doing their home work given in the school. They are passing in all subjects with good marks. My thanks to Ranjan Babu sir for giving me this opportunity. - **D Pameela.**

✦ I organize Bala Bata every day. Many children are attending Bala Bata with enthusiasm. I am teaching the children with songs and sports. The parents also are sending their children with discipline. Children are getting their doubts clarified by asking me. I am very happy for guiding these children. I help my level best in seeing the children study well.

- **B Sudharani.**

✦ I conduct Bala Bata every day. All the children are attending with discipline. Their parents also are appreciating. There are 4 students of 4<sup>th</sup> class with me. I will train them so that they all get seats in Residential School. - **K Kavitha.**

✦ I conduct Bala Bata every day. I am training the students in sports, songs, drill and skits besides education. Through Bala Bata children are trying to know their difficult issues in Math's and English. All the children of our village are being trained in cleanliness and discipline. My thanks to the Director, CARDS for creating an opportunity for the poor Dalits students to study by introducing Bala Bata. - **M Bharati.**