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1.1 Seva Sankalp Diwas

On 28th January, YFS Hyderabad celebrated its 7th annual day which is also celebrated as Seva Sankalp Diwas. It was celebrated at the Minerva Coffee Shop at Ameerpet. Mr. Gowtham Murthy garu, professor of Computer science and Mathematics was the chief guest of the event. Witnessed by 210 volunteers, the event was filled with fun and frolic. Many of the volunteers had dressed in traditional attire and brought in a colorful ambience. Volunteers have participated in cultural events like dances and skits. 23 volunteers across Hyderabad have been felicitated with the ‘Best Volunteer 2018’ award. Also, the full timers received a surprise memento from all the volunteers as a token of appreciation for their mentoring and all the motivation and encouragement they have given.

1.2 Chiguru Success Meet

On the first Sunday of the year, i.e., on January 7th, YFS volunteers attended the Chiguru Success meet at the YFS office in Banjara Hills. The phenomenal success of Chiguru has been acknowledged and appreciated by all the attendees. There was a strong sense of achievement and pride in the volunteers who had worked hard for the success of Chiguru. They congratulated each other for the same. The meeting included discussing about what changes or improvements could be made in the future to make the event even better. Feedback was taken from the volunteers regarding that. The organizers and volunteers had a sumptuous lunch after the meeting.

1.3 Chess Competition Winners

More than 100 students had participated in the Chiguru chess competition, among which the top 8 were selected as winners and given prizes. Two of the winners later went on to participate in a state-wide championship conducted by Telangana Chess Association, one in the under 15 category and the other in the under 17 category. The organizers of the Chiguru chess competition have decided to conduct local championships in the future. They also plan to start conducting chess classes in gurukuls, residential schools and also in basthis during summer.
1.4 Rural Visits

A day away from the urban grounds and a step closer to the hearts of Marriguda villagers. Mr. Surendra, Mr. Prasanth and Mr. Anil along a team of 38 volunteers had visited Marriguda village in Nalagonda district on 27 January, as a get away from all the usual city hassle lifestyle. Education is the primitive stage of development, so the first stop was at the local government school. Adolescence is the period where the young blooded kids must be steered into the right path. The students of grade 6 to 10 (nearly 450 children) of the local government school were profusely enlightened on menstrual hygiene and personality development to guide them to become good individuals when they grow up. They distributed 180 sanitary napkins to the young ladies in the school to encourage them to take a good of their menstrual hygiene. A medical camp was conducted at the school and they also spent some time conducting various fun activities such as kho-kho, cricket and badminton. The next stop was the Gramma Bharati Orphanage, where the volunteers gained knowledge about the techniques used to cultivate food naturally.

1.5 NGO Of The Year Award

Youth for Seva has been awarded the best NGO by Bharat Today, a revered Telugu news channel on Seva Sankalp Diwas on 23 January, 2018. Mr. Venkat, one of the core management team members, along with some of the volunteers had received award from the hands of the managing director of Mangeera Conglomerate Mr. Yoganad. It has boosted the energy of the members of YFS and it’s a great kick start for the beautiful year ahead, encouraging us to achieve many more goals and to create milestones that help in changing the world.
1.6 Sankranthi Celebrations

Volunteers of Youth for Seva celebrated the festival of kites with the people living in rural areas. They recapitulated why we celebrate Sankranthi and performed the rituals of the festivals with them to show its importance. Many volunteers took part in the celebration at different locations in our state. On the festival day, colorful kites flew on the city skyline and brought a wide smile on everyone's face.

1.7 Blood Donation

January is widely considered as the Blood Donor month. There are countless people in need of blood everyday. Many YFS volunteers came forward to do their part in helping these people by donating their blood. It also served as an initiative to encourage more people to donate blood.

1.8 Republic Day

Our country’s 69th republic day celebrations were held at different zonal schools in Hyderabad. We celebrated by hoisting the flag and by honoring the dead militants who sacrificed their lives to protect our country. Patriotic songs were sung and were danced upon to showcase their gratitude towards the country.
1.9 Run For Girl Child

Gender discrimination is still a major issue in today’s society. It is baffling to know that even today, many families prefer a boy child over a girl child so much they even go so far as to abort or abandon the girl child, considering her a burden. YFS has decided to tackle the issue by conducting a 10km run for the cause. Many volunteers including office employees took part in this event in order to spread awareness to help save the girl child.

Upcoming Events

Some of the major events planned for the next two months are as follows:
Varga, Warangal Chiguru, Science Fair, CVC
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