

Gyani Jail Singh Nagar, Film Nagar, Hyderabad: A Visit report

The undersigned alongwith Dr. Rajya Laxmi, SO paid a maiden visit on 11th September 2019 to Gyani Jail Singh Nagar, Film Nagar, Hyderabad. The Regional Centre Hyderabad in consultation with the Collectorate, Hyderabad District has identified five Slums for adoption under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

Accordingly one of the five slums identified was the Gyani Jail Singh Nagar. It is a basti/slum situated in Film Nagar, Hyderabad. The signatories of the report initially contacted the MRO, Shaikpet, Mr. Venkat Reddy for guidance on the conduct of programmes . The Tahasildar was kind enough to share the contact numbers of all concernbed to the Basti and informed them the IGNOU team would be visiting their Bast. There upon we have over phone contacted Corporator, Mr. Suryanaryana , Ward member, Ms. Padma, Local leader Mr. Laxman, VRO, Mr. Shekar and communicated our scheduled of visit to Basti on AN of 11th September 2019. The team firstly met Ms. Padma, the Ward member and member of the self help group. The ward member explained in detail about the outline of socio-economic profile of the Basti. She took us to Community hall where we discussed about the programme of arranging plastic free Slum campaign as a part of *Swachata Hi Sewa* Campaign planned on 13th September 2019 at 11 AM. After chalking out the programme, the team has a detailed talk with the project officers of the Basti. Similarly the Corporator, Mr. Suryanarayana was contacted and requested him to attend as a Chief Guest for the scheduled meeting in the community hall at 11 AM. The Corporator has graciously accepted the request.

The team then moved to nearby Film Nagar, High school and met the Head Misses and other Teachers and explained about the objectives of *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan* and sought the cooperation for conducting awareness meeting, street demonstration and addressing all students of their school. The school administration was kindly consented to spare 30 students for attending the meeting and for placard demonstration on the streets of Gyani Jail Singh Nagar on 13th September 2019. The school administration requested the team to address their students in their assembly scheduled at 12.30 PM on 13th September 2019. They further assured their all support, cooperation and involvement in the activities proposed to be taken up under *unnat Bharat Abhiyan* in Gyani Jail Singh Nagar Basti.

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Plastic Free campaign at Gyani Jail Singh Nagar, Film Nagar, Hyderabad: A Report

The IGNOU, Regional Office team consisting of Dr. K. Ramesh, Deputy Director, Mr. Thiruvengadathan, Assistant Director and Dr.L. Rajya Laxmi, Section officer have conducted plastic free campaign at Gyani Jail Singh Nagar, Film Nagar on 13th September 2019. This programme was organized as a part of *Swachhata Hi Campaign*, under *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan*. Gyani Jail Singh Nagar is one of the five slums adopted by the Regional Centre, Hyderabad for improving the quality life of the *Basti* inmates.

The awareness meeting was attended by the concerned division's Corporator, Project Director, Ward members, general public and 40 students from Government High School, Film Nagar. The plastic free campaign began with the inaugural address of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Shaikpet Corporator, Mr. Suryanaryana. While sharing his experiences he advised the participants to abstain from using the plastic bags, glasses, bottles etc. He also advised the students to educate their parents against the harms of using plastic. Dr. K. Ramesh Deputy Director, IGNOU detailed the objectives behind adopting the Gyani Jail Singh Nagar and appealed all participants to ensure to educate the neighborhood community against the health hazards of using plastic. Dr. L. Rajya Laxmi, SO, IGNOU meticulously with examples explained how the use of plastic affect the environment and health of living beings on the earth planet. The GHMC, Project Director for Gyani Jail Singh Nagar, Ms. Himabindu at length explained the policies of the Telangana State Government on plastic ban and her sincere and serious efforts in preventing the shop keepers in selling the plastic goods. Tulasi Raja Lingam, Mala velugu, State Secretary shared his own experiences and how his family due to use of plastic caused in cancer. Dr. Rajya Laxmi administered the oath to all participants. The Self Help group members also shared their efforts and understanding of the evils of plastic usage. In the meantime the encouraged and motivated students gave slogans appealing all to abstain from the use of plastic.

Later a procession was organized. All students and general public have also participated in the procession. Through out the streets students holding the placards high chanted slogans which attracted the attention of public at place. The procession reached the government High School, Film Nagar. The entire teachers of the school conducted the Assembly and requested the IGNOU and GHMC team to address the students. The Students assembly was addressed by Dr. K. Ramesh and Ms. Himabindu. Students have received the message and euphoniously clapped.

The plastic free campaign organized at Gyani Jaill Singh Nagar which was attended/witnessed by more than 500 participants has thrown wide impact and showed a way forward to make Basti a plastic free.

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