Inauguration of "Community Development Centre" at Kora Gram Panchayat, Tumkur, Free Health Camp, Shramadan and Plastic Free Campaign

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"Community Development Centre", an ambitious Extension Services Programme of the Department of Social Work, Tumkur University, was inaugurated by Prof. D. Shivalingaiah, Registrar of the University on the occasion of 142^{nd} Gandhi Jayanti celebrations in Kora Gram Panchayath premises, is abuzz with developmental initiatives. A modest beginning of the programme and its commitment for the upliftment of the downtrodden in Kora Gram Panchayath, a comprehensive Free Health Camp, Shramadan and Plastic Free Campaign were organized for the benefit of the people living in the Panchayth jurisdiction.



Prof. D. Shivalingaiah inaugurating the Office of the Community Development Centre in Kora

The Free Health Camp was organized for the benefit of the villagers belonging to Kora Gram Panchayath. Dr Raghunandan and a medical team from Sri Siddartha Medical College and Sri Siddartha Urban Health Centre, Tumkur, Dr Sudharshan, Health Officer, RV Engineering College, Bangalore, Dr Lakshmikanth, PHC, Kora, Dr Veeresh Kalmat, Ayshush Clinic, and Sri Raghu K., Medical Social Worker, formed the team of doctors who diagnosed health status of hundreds of poor patients and dispensed free medicine to the deserved.

Shramadan and Plastic Free Campaign were conducted in Kora village by NSS volunteers of various units of University College of Arts, Tumkur University, and National Youth Corps volunteers belonging to Nehru Yuva Kendra, Tumkur along with the active participation of several organizations of Kora village. Awareness was created among the people regarding the various hazards caused by imprudent usage and disposal of plastic material.



Free medicine being dispensed to the deserving patients



Prof. D. Shivalingaiah inaugurating the Plastic Free Campaign



Dr D. Shivalingaiah motivating the NSS and NYC volunteers by joining them in Shramadan



NSS and NYC volunteers generating awareness among the local people regarding the hazards of indiscriminate use of plastic materials



NSS and NYC volunteers demonstrating to the people the methods of safe collection, segregation and disposal of plastic material



A team of doctors checking the health status of the aged persons of Kora Panchayath

All these programmes were conducted by the Department of Social Work, Tumkur University with the active support and collaboration of the elected representatives of Kora Gram Panchayath, Bhoomi Educational and Rural Development Foundation, Damaruga Theatre Resource Centre and Chiranthana Trust, Tumkur.

As a continuation of the developmental programmes initiated in the Gram Panchayat, the Department of Social Work plans to conduct a massive awareness campaign among people belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes of the neighboring villages so that they also learn to chart out their own development by making use of the various governmental programmes and schemes meant for their welfare.