

Multifaith Celebration Report

Hyderabad Development and Peace Project

**Sports4Peace Cricket Tournament Unites
Hyderabad Youth in Powerful Multi-Faith Celebrations
COVA hosts interfaith cricket match to mark Christmas,
Sankranti and Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti**

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COVA hosts interfaith cricket match to mark Christmas, Sankranti and Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti

The COVA Peace Network organised a unique multi-faith cricket celebration in Hyderabad on January 11, bringing together people from diverse religions and states to mark Christmas, Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti, and Sankranti. Leaders from multiple faiths and community representatives attended, reinforcing the message of unity and harmony.

By [Telangana Today](#)

Hyderabad: People from different faiths came together in Cricket for Multi Faith Celebrations of Christmas, Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti and Sankranti organised by COVA Peace Network on Sunday, January 11 at Boys Town High School, Hyderabad. After matches between seven teams, two members from each team and six leaders from different faiths and police officers combined for 'Play for Peace Match' to celebrate the spirit of partnership, coexistence and harmony, a COVA press release said.

The teams also had representations from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh along with members of different castes.

As part of Multi Faith Celebrations, Pandit Harinarayan Tiwari of Ayodhya explained the importance of Sankranti and why it is celebrated. Br. Edward Raj spoke about Christmas while Dr. Mazher Hussain spoke about the life and contributions of Guru Gobind Singh.

Qari Mustapha Soofiyan, Rev. Yedla Surya Prakash and Ateeq M. Oosman, Aerikonda Seethiah, Inspector of Police, Falaknuma, Br. Thomas Chakalaka, Secretary COVA and many others were present.



Hyderabad, January 11, 2026: In a stirring display of unity, harmony and shared humanity, Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Sikh youth of Hyderabad came together for the **Sports4Peace Cricket Tournament and Multi-Faith Celebrations**, organised by COVA Peace Network on January 11, 2026, at Boys Town High School, Hyderabad.

The event uniquely blended sport, spirituality and social responsibility, celebrating **Christmas, Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti and Sankranti** through cricket and dialogue, reaffirming the message that peace and coexistence are strongest when communities stand together.

Cricket as a Bridge for Peace and Brotherhood

The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from **seven teams**, comprising youth from diverse regions including **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh**, and representing different castes and faiths. The matches reflected not just sporting skill but also camaraderie, mutual respect and inclusivity. After the league matches, a special highlight of the day was

the “**Play for Peace Match**”, in which **two members from each team**, along with **leaders of different faiths and police officers**, joined hands on the cricket field. This symbolic match celebrated the spirit of partnership, coexistence and harmony at a time when the world is grappling with unprecedented violence and conflict.



Multi-Faith Voices Highlight Shared Human Values

As part of the **Multi-Faith Celebrations**, religious leaders from different traditions addressed the gathering, underlining the common values of service, compassion and peace.

Pandit Harinarayan Tiwari from Ayodhya bowling to Police Inspector Aerikonda Seethiah

- **Pandit Harinarayan Tiwari of Ayodhya** explained the significance of **Sankranti**, highlighting its message of renewal, gratitude to nature and harmony with the cycles of life.
- **Brother Edward Raj** spoke about **Christmas** as a global celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, emphasizing family, sharing, compassion and spreading happiness among all.
- **Dr. Mazher Hussain** elaborated on the life and teachings of **Guru Gobind Singh Ji**, stressing the Sikh principles of courage, equality and selfless service to humanity, which continue to inspire millions.

Call for Respect, Coexistence and Peace

Faith leaders **Qari Mustapha Soofiyan**, **Rev. Yedla Surya Prakash** and **Ateeq M.**

Oosman strongly appreciated the concept of multi-faith celebrations, stating that respect for all religions and peaceful coexistence are essential, especially when societies across the world are facing rising intolerance and violence.

Police Applaud Novel Initiative for National Integration

Mr. Aerikonda Seethiah, Inspector of Police, Falaknuma, lauded the initiative as both novel and timely. He emphasized the need for continuous collective efforts to strengthen **social harmony, national integration and peace**, particularly by engaging youth in constructive and inclusive platforms.



Police Inspector Aerikonda Seethiah hitting a ball from Bro.Thomas, Secretary – COVA

COVA's Three-Decade Commitment to Peace

Brother Thomas Chakalaka, Secretary, COVA, highlighted COVA Peace Network's **30 years of work for peace**, from grassroots initiatives to global engagement. He invited young people from all backgrounds to partner with COVA in building a more just, peaceful and compassionate world.



Rev. Surya Prakash on strike!



Ateeq Oosman, High Court Advocate and Philanthropist enjoying the game!

Winners, Awards and Acknowledgements

- **Winners:** Brothers 11, GM Chowni
- **Runners-up:** Rahman C C, GM Chowni

Prizes and medals were distributed to the winning teams, while **mementos were presented to the guests of honour** in recognition of their contributions and support.

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Hyderabad Youth hold Multi-faith Cricket event for Harmony

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HYDERABAD: Youth from Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Sikh communities came together for a Sports4Peace cricket tournament and multi-faith celebrations organised by COVA Peace Network on January 11, 2026, at Boys Town High School.

Cricket brings youth across faiths together

The event marked Christmas, Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti and Sankranti through sport and dialogue. Seven teams participated in the tournament, with players representing Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, as well as different castes.

After the league matches, two members from each team joined six leaders from different faiths and police officers for a "Play for Peace" match, aimed at promoting partnership, coexistence and harmony.

As part of the celebrations, Pandit Harinarayan Tiwari of Ayodhya spoke on the significance of Sankranti and its cultural importance. Brother Edward Raj explained Christmas as the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, observed worldwide with family gatherings and acts of sharing.

Dr Mazher Hussain spoke about the life and contributions of Guru Gobind Singh, highlighting Sikhism's core belief in service to humanity. Qari Mustapha Soofiyan, Rev Yedla Surya Prakash and Ateeq M. Oosman appreciated the concept of multi-faith celebrations and stressed the need for mutual respect and peaceful coexistence amid rising global violence.

Police, organisers stress harmony

Aerikonda Seethiah, inspector of police, Falaknuma police station, described the initiative as timely and said sustained efforts were needed to strengthen harmony, national integration and peace.

Brother Thomas Chakalaka, secretary of COVA, outlined the organisation's peace initiatives over the past 30 years and called on youth to partner with COVA at local and global levels.

Brothers 11, GM Chowni won the tournament, while Rahman C C, GM Chowni finished runners-up. Prizes and medals were distributed to the winners, and mementos were presented to guests of honour.

Raju Vedala, project coordinator, welcomed participants, while M.A. Kaleem, programmes coordinator, thanked teams and volunteers for their support.

G.Ramakrishna Goud was the Chief Umpire assisted by K.Srikanth and Manju Gowda Umpires. The programme began with a warm welcome by **Mr. Raju Vedala, Project Coordinator, COVA**, and concluded with a vote of thanks by **M. A. Kaleem, Programs Coordinator, COVA**, who expressed gratitude to all participants, leaders and partners for making the event a meaningful success.



ہوائی اسکول میں پلے فار پیس کرکٹ میاچ کا انعقاد COVA کے زیر اہتمام بقاء باہمی مقابلہ میں تمام مذاہب کے ارکان کی شرکت



حیدرآباد - 12 جنوری (پریس نوٹ) حیدرآباد کے ہندو، مسلم، سکھ اور عیسائی نوجوانوں نے 11 جنوری 2026 کو ہوائی اسکول، حیدرآباد میں COVA ٹیمز ورک کے زیر اہتمام کرکٹ، گرو گوند سنگھ جینتی اور سکرائٹی کی کثیر المذاہب تقریبات کے موقع پر کرکٹ

میاچ کا انعقاد میں لایا۔ 7 ٹیموں کے درمیان میچوں کے بعد ہر ٹیم کے 2 کھلاڑیوں اور مختلف عقائد کے چھ رہنما اور پولیس عہدیدار نے اس میں حصہ لیا۔ بقاء باہمی اور ہم آہنگی کے جذبے کو فروغ دینے پلے فار پیس میاچ کیلئے سب عقائد کے لوگ جمع ہوئے! ٹیموں میں مختلف مذاہب کے ارکان کے ساتھ تنگنا نہ، آندھرا پروڈیشن، مہاراشٹرا، کیرالا، پنجاب اور اتر پردیش کی نمائندگی بھی کی گئی تھی۔ کثیر المذاہب تقریبات کے ایک حصے کے طور پر، ایوڈھیا کے پنڈت ہریندرائن تیواری نے سکرائٹی کی اہمیت اور اسے کیوں متایا جاتا ہے اس کی وضاحت کی۔ براؤڈ ریڈ ورڈ راج نے کرکٹ کے بارے میں دنیا بھر میں بیورو سٹیج کی پیدائش کے جشن کے طور پر خاندان اور دوستوں کے ساتھ کرکٹ کی بات ڈاکٹر مظہر حسین نے گرو گوند سنگھ جی کی زندگی اور ان کی خدمات اور انسانیت کی خدمت

بنیادی عقائد اور عمل کے بارے میں بتایا جو سکھ مذہب کی پہچان بن چکے ہیں۔ قاری مصطفیٰ صوفیانی، ریورنڈ بیلا سوریا پرکاش اور شتیق ایم عثمان نے کثیر المذاہب تقریبات کے تصور اور تمام مذاہب کے احترام کی اہمیت اور اس وقت پر اس بقاء باہمی کی ضرورت کو سراہا جب دنیا بھر میں مثال تشدد کی لہر میں ہے۔ ایریکونڈا کینجیا، انسپکٹر آف پولیس، فلک نمائے اس سنے اقدام کو سراہا اور ہم آہنگی، قومی یکجہتی اور معاشرے میں امن کیلئے مسلسل کوشش کرنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ براؤڈ ریڈ ورڈ راج نے کرکٹ میں 30 سالوں میں مقامی سے عالمی سطح تک امن کیلئے COVA کے رول پر روشنی ڈالی اور تمام نوجوانوں کو ایک بہتر معاشرے کی تشکیل کیلئے COVA کے ساتھ شراکت کی دعوت دی۔ جیتنے والوں میں انعامات اور تحفے تقسیم کیے گئے اور مہمانوں میں یادگاری نشانات بھی تقسیم کیے گئے۔

A Strong Message from Hyderabad

The Sports4Peace Cricket Tournament and Multi-Faith Celebrations sent out a powerful message from Hyderabad: **diversity is strength, dialogue is essential, and peace is possible when communities come together with respect and shared purpose.**

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Program Report

One Day Training on Artificial Intelligence

Organized by: COVA Peace Network

Sunday, 14th December 2025, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

COVA Office, Bandlaguda

Resource Person: Mr. Sudhakar Reddy Udumula

Senior Journalist and Certified Artificial Intelligence Trainer

Introduction

COVA Peace Network organized a One Day Training Program on Artificial Intelligence with the objective of creating awareness and enhancing understanding of Artificial Intelligence among youth, professionals, and other members of society. The program aimed to equip participants with foundational knowledge and practical insights into AI and its applications across various sectors.



Program Proceedings

The program began at 9:30 AM with an opening address by the organizers. The training sessions were conducted by Mr. Sudhakar Reddy Udumula, Senior Journalist and Certified AI Trainer. He delivered comprehensive sessions covering:

- Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence
- Practical applications of AI in different sectors
- Emerging trends and future opportunities in AI
- Ethical use and responsible implementation of AI

The sessions were interactive, with demonstrations, discussions, and question-and-answer sessions, enabling participants to actively engage and clarify their queries.



Participation

The program witnessed active participation from **48 members** representing diverse professional and social backgrounds. The diversity of participants enriched the learning experience and encouraged knowledge sharing.

Hands-on Demonstration

A practical demonstration of AI tools was conducted. Participants were introduced to:

- AI-based chatbots and content-generation tools

- Basics of data handling and model training (conceptual level)
- Use of AI for productivity, research, and automation

The hands-on session enhanced participants' confidence in using AI tools responsibly.

Participation and Interaction

The training witnessed enthusiastic participation. Interactive discussions, question-and-answer sessions, and practical demonstrations making the program lively and effective. Participants expressed keen interest in learning advanced AI skills in future programs.

Conclusion and Certificate Distribution

The program concluded at 5:30 PM with a Certificate Distribution Ceremony. Certificates were distributed to all participants by the distinguished guests:

- **Mr. Moinuddin Ali Khan**
- **Mr. Bharatesh Kidambi**
- **Mr. Mohammed Afzal**



The guests appreciated the initiative taken by COVA Peace Network in organizing capacity-building programs on emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence and encouraged participants to apply the knowledge gained in their respective fields.

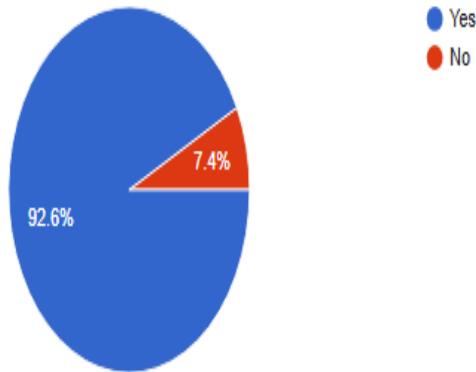
Vote of Thanks

The program concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** delivered by **Dr. Mazher Hussain**, Executive Director, COVA Peace Network. He expressed gratitude to the resource person, guests, participants, and organizing team for their valuable support and cooperation in making the program a success.

Feedback from Participants:

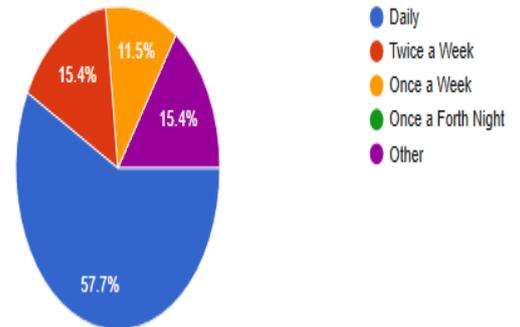
Are you using AI Tools

27 responses



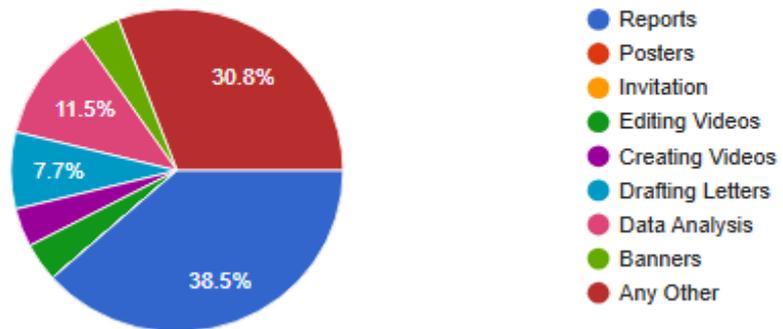
Frequency of Usage

26 responses



AI Tools being use for:

26 responses



AI Tools Used by Participants:

Chat GPT, Gemini AI, Blackbox Ai, Perplexity, Suno.com, Canva.com , Notebook lm , Photos, .Sora, Meta Ai, Ai Moderation Detector, Jupiter

Overall Outcome

The One Day Training on Artificial Intelligence was successfully conducted and achieved its objectives. Participants gained valuable knowledge and practical insights into AI, enhancing their readiness to engage with emerging technologies.

**Report on Development and Peace Groups
Orientation Training Programs
Bharat Nagar- Boiguda- Jangammet
Organised by COVA Peace Network
Resource Person: Mr. Michel John**

Three Development and Peace Group (DPG) Orientation and Training Programs were organized by COVA to strengthen the understanding of roles of DPG Members and to motivate members for effective community service through COVA.

The Three Training Programs were conducted as follows:

- **24-11-2025-** Jangamamet Community Hall – Areas covered: Jangammet & Naik Nagar- Participants:30
- **27 November 2025 -** Bharath Nagar, Kurmaguda- Participants: 45
- **27 November 2025-** Boiguda Community Hall - Participants: 32

Mr. Michel John explained the importance of DPG, its objectives, and how DPG plays a vital role in community development through community participation, leadership development, and grassroots-level social work.

Methodology and Activities

The same methodology was used and similar activities were organized for all the three Training Programs.

The Programs began with self-introductions where participants introduced themselves by sharing their names and their favorite movie names. This activity helped create a friendly and interactive environment.

During all the three Training Programs, Mr. Michel John distributed color slips to the participants and asked them to write about the services provided by COVA. This encouraged active participation and reflection.



Kurmaguda



Boiguda

Listing of Activities by the Participants:

Multifaith Programs, this is helping for understanding other religions and promoting communal harmony and peace

Bi-monthly meetings - This is providing valuable awareness to the communities on different issues like cancer, drug addiction, career options for youth, rights as citizens etc.



Participants discussing about COVA Activities

Medical Camps - COVA conducted seasonal medical camps and also distributed free medicines.

Facilitating community members to get Voter ID, Aadhaar cards, ABHA Health Cards and e-Shram Cards. All these free of cost

This activity helped participants clearly understand the wide range of services provided by COVA for community development.

After this, participants were encouraged to write their suggestions on how COVA can expand its services and achieve greater success.

Group Discussions

The participants were then divided into groups to discuss what additional work is required and what kind of development is needed to serve more people effectively.

The Groups Focused on:

How to deliver services effectively

What kind of development is required

The role of DPG in community development and service



All DPG members actively participated in group discussions, shared their ideas and gave presentations during all the three Training Programs. The Session became highly interactive and informative with valuable inputs collected from participants for future plans.

DPG Roles and Responsibilities

The resource person explained the roles and responsibilities of DPG members, emphasizing:

- a) Dedication and commitment
- b) Working selflessly for people
- c) Serving more community members
- d) Promoting and sharing information about Multifaith programs

e) Actively participating in community service activities



After this, the Resource Person explained what steps are needed to reach more people through services of COVA. He also encouraged members to involve more people in social service activities and suggested that each DPG member should add at least five new members.

Launch of Recreational Centers for Girls and Women

After the DPG Orientation Programs, Dr. Mazher Hussain distributed sports and games material to members of the communities of Jangammet and Boiguda

The Objective is to provide relaxation- especially to women- and promote interaction



Boiguda



**DPG are playing
Indoor games material distribution**



Jangamamet

and unity among people of different faiths. The Recreation Centers are functioning well with regular participation from girls and women of the local communities.

Closing remarks



The Programs concluded with closing remarks by Project Coordinator Mr. Solomon Raju Vedala, who appreciated the active participation of the members and encouraged them to work with commitment for community service through COVA.

Conclusion

The DPG Orientation Training was informative, engaging, and motivating. It strengthened participants' understanding of DPG roles and reinforced COVA's vision

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Program Report

Multifaith Celebration on

Christmas, Sankranti, Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji & Drug Awareness Programme

On 27th December 2025

At New St Maria High School, Jangammet

Objective

The programme aimed to promote **peace, unity, communal harmony, and social awareness** by celebrating major festivals of different faiths and addressing the critical issue of drug addiction.

Programme Highlights



The event brought together speakers from different faiths who shared the spiritual, cultural, and social values associated with their respective festivals.

1. Sankranti Festival

○ **Speaker:** *Mr. Yadaiya Sir* explained the significance of **Sankranti** as a festival of harvest, gratitude, and unity, emphasizing harmony with nature and social responsibility.

2. Christmas Celebration

Ms. Darshini, a Degree College student from the Hindu Community spoke about the message of **Christmas**, highlighting love, compassion, forgiveness, and service to humanity as taught by Jesus Christ.

3. 359th Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

Dr. Syed Mazher Hussain spoke on the life, teachings, and sacrifices of **Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji**, the Tenth Sikh Guru, emphasizing courage, equality, justice, and standing against oppression.

Drug Awareness Session

A special **Drug Awareness Session** was conducted to educate students and community members.

Ms. Swapna, Sub-Inspector of Police from Chatrinaka Police Station delivered an impactful talk on:

- The **dangers of drug addiction**
- Physical, mental, and social consequences
- Legal implications
- **Prevention methods** and the importance of making responsible life choices



Her session was highly informative and motivated the audience, especially the youth, to stay away from harmful substances.



No of Participants

- 62 Adults
- 25 Children
- Total: 87 Participants**

Conclusion

The programme concluded on a positive note with a strong message of peace, unity, mutual respect among religions, and drug-free living. The Multifaith Celebration successfully reinforced the values of coexistence and social responsibility. The efforts of COVA Peace Network, DPG members, speakers, and the school management were highly appreciated.

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**Report of Multifaith Celebrations of
Christmas, Sankranthi and Prakash Utsav of Guru Govind Singh**

On 28th December 2025

At Basthi Dawakhana, Kurmaguda

What is Sankranthi Festival?

Sankranthi is a harvest festival celebrated when the Sun moves from one zodiac sign to another, marking the beginning of longer days. It usually comes in January and shows our gratitude to nature, the Sun God, and farmers for a good harvest.



What is Bhogi?

Bhogi is celebrated on the first day of Sankranthi. On this day, people clean their houses and burn old items in a bonfire, which means removing old habits and welcoming new life, happiness, and positivity.



Why do we celebrate Sankranthi?

Sankranthi is celebrated to thank farmers, cattle, and nature. It reminds us that food comes from hard work and blessings of nature. It also teaches sharing, unity, and respect for all living beings.



History of Sankranthi

Sankranthi has been celebrated since ancient times in India. It is mentioned in Hindu traditions and epics. It marks the beginning of an auspicious period and the end of winter. Kings, villagers, and farmers celebrated together, showing equality and harmony.



COVA Peace Network organised a Multifaith Program on Christmas, Sankranthi and 359 Prakash Utsav of Guru Govind (10th Guru) at Basthi Dawakhana, Bharath Nagar, with the aim of promoting Multi Faith, peace, harmony, and social awareness among the community.

Presentation on Sankranthi:

The resource persons for the program were Mrs.Anitha, Mrs.Rambhai, Mrs.Satyavathi spoke about the significance of Sankranthi, highlighting its cultural and social importance.

All the resource persons were happy to speak about Sankranthi, one of the most important festivals of India,

Guest of honours and resource persons on the stage



Mr.RajuVedala spoke on Christmas.

He explained how Jesus Christ was born, where he was born in Bethlehem, how He lived his life serving humanity, and the important messages He gave to people such as love, peace, forgiveness, humility, and helping the poor and needy.

Brief History of the Birth of Jesus Christ

His mother Mary was chosen by God, and Jesus was born in a humble place, a manger, showing simplicity and humility.

What Jesus Taught the People

Jesus spread messages of love and compassion Forgiveness, Peace, Helping the poor and needy. He taught people to love one another and live righteous lives.

What Jesus Desires from People

Love God and love others. Forgive one another. Live with humility and kindness
Serve others selflessly, walk in truth and peace

Mr. Mazher Husain, Executive Director of COVA, spoke about the teachings of Guru Govind (10th Guru) emphasizing values such as equality, courage, and harmony. He gave a presentation on Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Sikh Guru. He explained the life, teachings, and values of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. He also spoke about Sikh customs and traditions, highlighting the deep respect shown at the Gurudwara. He explained how Sikhs serve society through *seva* (selfless service), including donating money and resources to help the poor and needy. He also mentioned the significance of the *Talwar (Kirpan)* as a symbol of courage, justice, and protection of the weak.

COVA Executive Director has giving presentation on 359 PrakashUtsav of Guru Govind (10th Guru)



Awareness on Drug Addiction

Mrs. Shobha delivered an awareness session on drug addiction during the **Multifaith Program** conducted by COVA Peace Network. In her speech, she explained the different types of drugs and their harmful effects on the lives of youth, including health problems, loss of education, crime, and family breakdown. She highlighted the responsibility of parents to closely monitor their children, guide them properly, and maintain open communication. She also emphasized the responsibility of youth to stay away from bad habits, choose good friends, and focus on education and positive goals.



Mrs. Shobha shared practical ways to avoid drug addiction, such as engaging in sports, cultural activities, counselling, and seeking help when facing stress or pressure.

She also spoke about Multi Faith Celebrations. Sankranthi is not only a festival of crops but also a festival of togetherness, gratitude, and respect. Let us celebrate our traditions while honouring and respecting the festivals and beliefs of others.

Respecting Other Faiths and Festivals

Just like we celebrate Sankranthi, we also respect festivals like Christmas, Eid, Guru Nanak Jayanti, and others. Christmas teaches love, peace, and kindness. Every religion teaches humanity, peace, and helping others. By respecting all faiths, we build harmony, unity, and peace in society.

She also appreciated **COVA** and its continuous efforts in peace-building and community service through the **COVA Peace Network**. **She expressed her happiness in attending the program and said that next time she would attend with her own interest and would not miss any Multi Faith Programs without fail.**

Address by Guest of Honour

The Guests of Honour at the Multi Faith Program expressed their happiness and said they are grateful for the opportunity to come together and celebrate the values of Sankranthi, Christmas, and Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti.

These festivals teach us important lessons of love, sharing, service, sacrifice, equality, and unity. Today's program reminded us that though our faiths are different, our values are the same peace, compassion, and respect for one another.



COVA Executive Director Distributed Mementos to the Guests of Honour

Program Report
Multifaith Celebration of
Gurunanak Jayanthi and Children's Day
On 16th November 2025

At New St Maria High School, Jangammet

A **Multifaith Celebration** was organised to commemorate **Gurunanak Jayanthi** along with **Children's Day**, with the objective of promoting interfaith harmony, social unity, and the importance of nurturing young minds. The program witnessed the participation of **100 Members from different faiths**, along with **more than 70 students** who actively took part in a drawing competition, making the event vibrant and meaningful.

The program commenced with a warm welcome to all dignitaries, speakers, participants, and students. Speakers from different faiths addressed the gathering and shared their thoughts on



the relevance of spiritual values, moral education, and the role of children in building a peaceful and inclusive society.

On the occasion of **Gurunanak Jayanthi**, **Rachpal Singh Khalsa** addressed the gathering and spoke about the life and teachings of **Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji**. He highlighted Guru Nanak's message of equality, truth, selfless service, and universal brotherhood, and emphasised their relevance in today's diverse society.

On the occasion of **Children's Day**, **Ms. Aruna** addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of children's education, creativity, and overall development. She encouraged students to pursue learning with curiosity and compassion, and stressed the need to nurture values alongside academic growth.

Greetings on the occasion were conveyed by **Mamata Awasti** and **Mr. Jagan** who appreciated the initiative of celebrating Multifaith Celebration along with children-focused activities.



As part of the program, a **Drawing Competition** was organised for students, in which **over 70 students** participated. The competition provided a platform for children to express their creativity and ideas on themes related to peace, harmony, and unity.

The program concluded with **prize and medal distribution** to the winners of the

drawing competition. The event ended with a vote of thanks and a collective resolve to continue working towards interfaith harmony, child development, and social unity.

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Program Report Multifaith Celebrations of Gurunanak Jayanthi and Children's Day

On 16th November 2025

At Kurmaguda, Basti Dawakhana

A **Multifaith Celebration** was organised to commemorate **Gurunanak Jayanthi** along with **Children's Day**, with the objective of promoting interfaith harmony, social unity, and the importance of nurturing young minds. The program witnessed the participation of **128 Members from different faiths**, along with **more than 80 students** who actively took part in a drawing competition, making the event vibrant and meaningful.

Speakers from different faiths addressed the gathering and shared their thoughts on the relevance of spiritual values, moral education, and the role of children in shaping a peaceful and inclusive society.

On the occasion of **Gurunanak Jayanthi**, **Rachpal Singh Khalsa** addressed the gathering and spoke about the life and teachings of **Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji**. He highlighted Guru Nanak's message of equality, selfless service, truth, and universal brotherhood, emphasising their relevance in today's diverse society.



On the occasion of **Children's Day**, **Dr. Sattaiaya** addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of children's education, creativity, and overall development. He stressed the need to encourage children's talents and values to help them grow into responsible and compassionate citizens.



Greetings on the occasion were conveyed by **Ex-Corporator Sahadev Yadav** and several other dignitaries, who extended their best wishes and appreciated the initiative of combining interfaith celebration with children-focused activities.



As part of the program, a **Drawing Competition** was organised for students, in which **over 80 students** enthusiastically participated. The competition provided a platform for children to express their creativity and ideas on themes related to peace, harmony, and unity.

The program concluded with **prize and medal distribution** to the winners of the drawing competition, acknowledging and encouraging the talents of the participating students. The event ended with a vote of thanks and a collective resolve to continue working towards interfaith harmony, child development, and social unity.

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**Multifaith Celebration of
Milad-un-Nabi and Ganesh Chaturthi**
On 14th September 2025
At Ganesh Mandap, Kurmaguda

A **Multifaith Celebration** was organised to observe the occasions of **Milad-un-Nabi** and **Ganesh Chaturthi**, with the aim of promoting interfaith harmony, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence. The program saw the participation of **60 participants from different faiths**, reflecting the spirit of unity in diversity.

Speakers representing different faith traditions addressed the gathering and shared their reflections on the significance of these occasions, highlighting shared values such as compassion, service to humanity, tolerance, and brotherhood.

Harinarayan Tiwari, a Hindu Pujar, addressed the gathering on **Ganesh Chaturthi** and spoke about the significance of Lord Ganesha as a symbol of wisdom, humility, and the remover of obstacles. He Stressed the Need for Following the teaching of Lord Ganesha and also celebrating all Festivals for harmonies Society.



Maulana Mustafa Hussain Sufiyani, Imam of Fatima Masjid addressed the gathering on **Milad-un-Nabi** and highlighted the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad and informed that all Muslims try to follow the example of the Prophet Muhammed in the Daily life by practicing love, mercy, justice, and service to

humanity for peaceful coexistence.

In his concluding remarks **Mazher Hussain** appreciated the initiative of celebrating festivals of different faiths together on a common platform to strengthen social harmony.

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Program Report
**Multifaith Celebration on
Milad-un-Nabi and Ganesh Chaturthi**
On 13th September 2025
At New St Maria High School, Jangammet

A **Multifaith Celebration** was organised to commemorate the occasions of **Milad-un-Nabi** and **Ganesh Chaturthi**, with the objective of promoting interfaith harmony, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence among communities. The program had participation of **75 members of different faiths**.

Speakers representing different faith traditions addressed the gathering and shared messages highlighting the common values of love, compassion, service to humanity, and brotherhood.



On the occasion of **Ganesh Chaturthi**, **Harinarayan Tiwari**, **Hindu Pujari** addressed the gathering and spoke about the significance of Lord Ganesha as the remover of obstacles and a symbol of wisdom, humility, and new beginnings. He emphasised how these values are relevant in building a harmonious and inclusive society.



On the occasion of **Milad-un-Nabi**, **Maulana Alamgir of Jangammet Masjid** addressed the gathering and highlighted the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). He stressed the importance of compassion, justice, tolerance, and service to humanity as guiding principles for peaceful coexistence.

Greetings on the occasion were conveyed by **Mazher Hussain**, who extended his best wishes to all participants and appreciated the initiative of celebrating festivals of different faiths on a common platform to strengthen social harmony.

The active participation of people from diverse faith backgrounds enriched the program and reinforced the message of interfaith understanding and cooperation.

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Program Report
Multifaith Celebration on
Raksha Bandhan, Sri Krishnashtami and Parsi New Year
On 22nd August 2025
At Ganesh Mandap, Chandraiya Huts

A **Multifaith Celebration** was organised to observe the festivals of **Raksha Bandhan, Parsi New Year, and Sri Krishnashtami**, with the aim of promoting interfaith harmony, mutual respect, and cultural understanding. **75 persons from different faiths participated**, reflecting the spirit of unity in diversity.

Representatives from different faiths addressed the gathering and shared their perspectives on the significance of these



festivals, highlighting the common values of love, compassion, duty, and brotherhood that unite all faith traditions.

Ms. Sirisha, Project Coordinator, COVA spoke about **Raksha Bandhan and Sri Krishnashtami**. In her address, she explained the importance of Raksha Bandhan as a festival symbolising care, protection, and Bonding of Siblings and also with other members of Society. She also spoke about Sri Krishnashtami, emphasising the teachings of Lord Krishna on righteousness, moral responsibility, and devotion, and their relevance in today's society.

On the occasion of **Parsi New Year**, **Syed Mazher Hussain** spoke about the significance of the festival as a time for renewal, hope, and ethical living. He highlighted the core Parsi values of good thoughts, good words, and good deeds, and stressed their universal relevance for peaceful coexistence.

The celebration concluded with a collective resolve to continue working towards peace, brotherhood, and social unity.

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Program Report
Multifaith Celebration on
Raksha Bandhan, Sri Krishnashtami and Parsi New Year
On 17th August 2025
At New St Maria High School, Jangammet

A **Multifaith Celebration** was organised to mark the occasions of **Raksha Bandhan, Parsi New Year, and Sri Krishnashtami**, with the objective of promoting cultural understanding, mutual respect and interfaith harmony. The program brought together **70 participants from different faiths**, symbolising unity in diversity.



The program commenced with a cordial welcome to all participants and invited speakers. Speakers representing different faith traditions addressed the gathering and shared messages

highlighting the common values of love, protection, compassion, and brotherhood embedded in their respective traditions.

Harinarayan Tiwari, a Hindu Pujari, addressed the gathering on the occasions of **Raksha Bandhan and Sri Krishnashtami**. In his address, he explained the significance of Raksha Bandhan as a festival symbolising care, protection, and strong social bonds, and highlighted the teachings of Lord Krishna, focusing on righteousness, duty, and devotion as guiding principles for harmonious living.



On the occasion of **Parsi New Year, Mazher Hussain** spoke about the importance of renewal, hope, and ethical living. He emphasised the values of good thoughts, good words, and good deeds, which form the core philosophy of the Parsi faith and are relevant to all communities.

Greetings on the occasion were conveyed by **Moulana Mustafa Hussain Sufiyani of Fatima Masjid, Chandraiya Huts**, who extended warm wishes to all participants and appreciated the spirit of togetherness reflected in celebrating multiple faith traditions on a common platform.

The active participation of people from diverse faith backgrounds enriched the program and reinforced the message of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect. The program concluded with a collective commitment to uphold the values of harmony, brotherhood, and social unity in society.

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**Multifaith Celebration of
Buddha Purnima & Rabindranath Tagore Jayanthi
On 10th May 2025
At New St Maria High School, Jangammet**

A Multifaith Celebration program was organised to commemorate **Buddha Purnima and Rabindranath Tagore Jayanthi**, bringing together people from diverse faiths to inculcate the values of peace, harmony, and mutual respect. There were 80 participants representing different faiths.

The program began with a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. Speakers from different faiths addressed the gathering and shared messages emphasising compassion, tolerance, and coexistence.



Tashi, a Buddhist Monk and Member of COVA addressed the gathering on the occasion of **Buddha Purnima**, highlighting the teachings of Lord Buddha, particularly the principles of non-violence, mindfulness, and compassion as guiding values for a peaceful society.

On the occasion of **Rabindranath Tagore Jayanthi**, **Sangamitra Malik** spoke about the life and contributions of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The address focused on Tagore's universal humanism, his literary and cultural legacy, and his vision of harmony beyond boundaries of religion and nationality.

Greetings were extended by **Harinarayan Tiwari**, Pujari of a temple of the Locality and **Michael Bitchare**, Christian Priest, who conveyed their best wishes on the occasion and appreciated the initiative of celebrating important events from multiple faith traditions on a common platform.

The presence and participation of representatives from various faiths enriched the discussions and reinforced the message of interfaith understanding. The program concluded with a collective resolve to uphold the shared values of peace, harmony, and social unity in everyday life.

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