



## REPORT on Scholarship Distribution Event - July 2007

### About Padala Charitable Trust (PCT)

PCT is a non-profit, non-government organization founded and registered in 2002. The primary goal of PCT is to provide financial help to the economically disabled students who excel in academics and have a strong desire in pursuing higher education, with no bar on their caste, religion or gender. To date, the Trust has awarded 219 scholarships worth Rs. 7,20,426/- (\$18,000 USD) for students under the Educational Scholarship Program.

### EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (ESP) - 2007

There were 120 fresh applications received in total out of which 70+ were short listed and interviewed. This year's interview panel consisted of PCT secretary, one retired HM, one retired teacher, principal of a private school and lecturer from PR Govt. College Kakinada.

Total Scholarships awarded: 64 - Total Amount Distributed: Rs. 1,75,600/- (\$4390 USD)

### These are some excerpts from the Scholarship Distribution Event held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007.

Chief Guest: Deputy DEO, Sri K. Ramana Garu, East Godavari Dist. AP

Special Guest: Ln DVS Raju Garu, Correspondent of Minerva Educational Institutions, Prathipadu, E.G. Dist (<http://www.minerva.edu.in>)

Others invitees: Sri Zaheeruddin, Retired Head Master; Sri Narasimha Sasthry, Retired Teacher; Sri Mallibabau, MRO of U.Kothapalli; Sri Ramakrishna, MDO of Jaggampeta; B.V.V.Satyanarayana, Sub Inspector of Yeleswaram; Sri D.V.V.Satyanarayana, Principal of Yeleswaram Public School, Yeleswaram.

1. **Speech by PCT alumni Mr. Yerra Satyanarayana** (physically handicapped and now working as Post Master in Kirlampudi, E.G. Dist). - "My father was a farmer. It was a very tough situation for me when I got B.Ed admission but had no financial resources to support my educational costs. PCT came forward and offered Rs. 12,000/- for the admission fees and other expenses. Now, I am able to support myself and my family. Now, I am aiming for Group I and my goal is to rise to the level that I can help many people in our society".
2. **Speech by PCT alumni MSNV Rama Murthy's grandfather**  
Rama Murthy is now working as Asst. Systems Analyst in Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Hyderabad. Here is what his grand father shared: "I am a retired Telugu pandit. Rama Murthy's father abandoned the family. When he got 96% in Intermediate and approved for admission into BITS, Pilani, we had no hopes of getting him admitted. We came to know about PCT through one of my colleagues. Then we approached PCT for financial assistance. After going through the selection process, fortunately, Rama Murthy was approved and was offered a total of Rs. 70,000/- during the 4 yrs of graduation course. Now, he is working in a software company (TCS), supporting himself and his family. He is very eager to settle well and start contributing to the society by helping other needy students. In his first attempt, he sent me this money (Rs. 10,000/-) to PCT as a small contribution for this year's scholarships. I am sure he will do more going forward".
3. **Speech by Ln. D.V.S.Raju** - Mentioned that he is impressed and inspired by PCT activities. He quoted several inspiring messages of Sri Swami Vivekananda. He asked the scholars to treat themselves as heroes and work hard to become real heroes in life. He also advised the scholars to have SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound) in life and work towards achieving them.

At the end of his memorable speech, he also expressed his willingness to work with PCT on some projects in near future so that a collective effort by PCT and Minerva Educational Institutions can yield to better and smarter results.

### 4. **Talk by the Founder & President of PCT**

PCT was established in 2002 with a modest goal of encouraging brilliance among the poor and to participate in the village development activities in a small way. Though we usually accept applications from the residents of E.G. Dist, we do consider applications from other areas as well provided the applicant is most deserving and in a need-help-desperately situation.



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**Importance of PCT Logo - Paying It Forward**

I received help from Dr. Ratnam Chitturi of North South Foundation ([www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org)) 17 yrs ago for my graduation course (B.Tech). On that day, I decided I should pay this forward by helping my brothers and sisters who are in need. With the same inspiration, PCT was established in 2002 and started assisting the poor and merit students so that they can pursue higher studies.

My only request today to all the scholars is - when you settle well in your life, please remember your past and try to pay it forward by helping the other needy people you come across. If I had forgotten my past, PCT wouldn't have been here today to help you. So, please try to help as many people as possible on your way in life and make our society a much better and safer place to live in. We strongly believe the fact that *"Service to humanity is the highest form of worship"*.

**Afternoon Session**

Lunch was provided to the scholars, parents and guests. Later, a group activity was performed to create the awareness of Group Discussion among the scholars.

All the scholars were divided into 5 teams randomly. They were given the topic of **"Role of Youth in Social Service"** (In Telugu - **Samaja Sevalo Yuvatha Pathra**). Each team was given a time of 15 mins to discuss among themselves, to come up with the final talk and to elect a leader for their team. Everyone participated in the discussion with so much enthusiasm. Then, the team leaders were invited onto the stage one by one to present the talk on behalf of the team.

The judges selected two best presentations. Each member in those two teams were presented with AG Krishna Murthy books (Aakaasaaniki Nichchenalu, Dream Big) - [www.agkonline.com](http://www.agkonline.com)

**What makes PCT proud?**

We are very proud of seeing our scholars settling well after completing their graduation. Our scholars are in Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Cognizant Technology Solution (CTS), Satyam Computer Services, ISRO, Postal Department (Govt. Of India) etc. Few of these scholars have already started contributing by sending small donations to PCT. We are very proud that we were able to ignite their minds by developing 'Giving Attitude' in them. We are sure each one of them will be a great asset to our country.

**My Visits**

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>** - I was invited by Smt T.Saraswathi, DEAN, English Department of Women's College, Rajahmundry to meet the final year degree students and give them an inspiring talk. I had a very interesting interaction with these girl students.

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup>** - Met Shri P.Dinakara Rao, Director of **Alpha Foundation**, Hyderabad. Alpha foundation has been setting up IRS (Icfai Republic Schools) at several places in Andhra Pradesh for providing quality education to the poorest section of the people. The foundation also helps the existing government and private schools by providing the required resources (nutritious lunch to the children, additional staff, infrastructure etc.). We discussed the possibilities of working together for setting up similar schools in and around Yeleswaram village. <http://www.alphacharities.org>

**Aug 15h** - I was invited as a Chief Guest for Flag Hoisting function at **Auxilium English Medium School**, Yeleswaram. I had a chance to interact with 500 wonderful children there.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (VDP)**

**Free Eye Care Camp for Adults JUN - 2007**

With the help of Sri Kiran Institute of Ophthalmology, Kakinada, PCT coordinated the Eye Camp for the poor villagers in and around Yeleswaram village. There were 130+ people screened for possible eye diseases out of which 25 poor people were operated for Cataract surgery. PCT made sure all 25 people were going to the follow up exams to the hospital after the surgery. Sri Kiran hospital was kind enough to provide the required transportation.

[www.padalacharitabletrust.org/html/camp-2007.html](http://www.padalacharitabletrust.org/html/camp-2007.html)

**Safe Drinking Water Project, Gollaprolu Village, E.G.Dist AP**

PCT has participated in the Safe Drinking Water Project initiated by Gavarasana Foundation to provide safe drinking water to the villagers of **Gollaprolu** village. Please refer to the following web page for more details: [http://www.padalacharitabletrust.org/html/Water\\_Project\\_Gollaprolu.html](http://www.padalacharitabletrust.org/html/Water_Project_Gollaprolu.html)



### SUCCESS STORIES @ PCT

Here are few of our bright scholars who have settled well and already on their way to serve other needy



**Yerra Satyanarayana, B.Ed** - We were fortunate to sponsor him for his B.Ed course in our first batch of 2002. He is now working as a **Post Master** in Jaggampeta, East Godavari District. He is a physically challenged but very intelligent student. He has taken this job as a temporary source of income for himself and his family. He is aiming for higher positions like Group 1 and we are sure he will be there very soon.

**Worth Mentioning** - Starting from the year he got the job, he's been donating Rs. 2000/- per year to PCT and thus helping one other needy student. This is exactly what PCT hopes for (**PAYING IT FORWARD**). We never ask our scholars to donate money to PCT, we always ask them to help other needy people in any way they can. We are very proud of Mr. Satyanarayana.

**Srinivas Sistu, B.Tech,** - He was our scholar during 2002-2004 and now working as a Software Engg Trainee in **Satyam Computer Services Limited**. After he got the job, he successfully supported his family and now he is helping his brother with his Engineering course. He also promised that he will take very active part in service related activities in near future.



**M.S.N.V. Rama Murthy, B.Tech, BITS PILANI** - He was our scholar for 4 years (2003-2006). He was selected by **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** as a Asst. Systems Analyst. He is under the care of his grand father who is a retired Telugu Pandit.

**Worth Mentioning** - He has already started Paying Forward by sponsoring few needy student last couple of years by donating Rs.. 15,000/-. We are very happy to know that we were able to create the 'Giving Nature' in him at this tender age.

**T. Padmavathi, B.Tech, JNTU, Ananthapur** - She was our scholar for 4 years (2003-2006). This year she was selected by **Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS)** as Systems Trainee. Her family was so poor that one of her teachers took initiative, collected funds and managed to pay for her Intermediate course. We were lucky to track this brilliant girl and took care of her graduation expenses. In a chat with PCT's President, she mentioned that she would start saving money immediately for helping other poor students and will take very active role in social service in coming years.



**V.Veera Babu, B.Tech, JNTU, Kakinada** - We were able to help him for 2 years. He is now working as a **Systems Engineer in BHEL**, Bangalore. Once he takes care of his family obligations, he will start contributing his time and energy for social service activities.

**Balabhadra Suresh babu, M.Tech, IIT Chennai** - He was our scholar in 2003 and now working as a Sr. Engineer in LPSC (**ISRO**) Trivendram, Kerala. After he got the job, he was able to help his parents in his sister's marriage and now taking care of his younger brothers who are in their graduation. He promised us that he will take active role in social service in next couple of years.



**Sowmya B, B.Tech, JNTU, Ananthapur** - She was our scholar for 3 years (2005-2007). This year (2007) she was selected by **Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS)** as Systems Trainee.

**Hanumantha Rao K, B.Tech, JNTU, Kakinada** - He was our scholar for 3 years (2005-2007). This year (2007) he was selected for **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** as a Asst. Systems Analyst.

**Srinu Sarika, B.Ed** - We were fortunate to sponsor his Intermediate and D.Ed courses for last few years. He is now selected for a **Postal Assistant** job in East Godavari District. He is a physically challenged BUT a brilliant student. He lives with his mother. He has taken this job as a temporary source of income for himself and his family. **He is now aiming for civil services** and PCT will continue to provide the required help and as and when needed.



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The success stories like these help us a lot to keep motivated and work harder to reach more and more deserved people. What really makes us PROUD is the fact that we have been successful in igniting their minds and building a 'Giving Attitude' in them.

We are confident that each one of our scholars will continue to pay forward and be a valuable asset to our country.