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REPORT on Scholarship Distribution Event - July 6th 2008

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 284 scholarships worth Rs. 9,39,926/- (\$23,500 USD) for students under the Educational Scholarship Program.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (ESP) - 2008

There were 110 fresh applications received in total out of which 86 were short listed and interviewed. This year's interview panel consisted of PCT Secretary, Education Program Lead, A retired Head Master and a retired teacher.

Total Scholarships awarded: 65 - Total Amount Distributed: Rs. 2,09,500/- (\$5200 USD)

These are some excerpts from the Scholarship Distribution Event held on 6th July 2008

Chief Guest: Smt. Parvathi, District Educational Officer (DEO) East Godavari Dist. AP

Guest of Honour: Shri K. Ramana, Deputy Educational Officer (DyEO), East Godavari Dist. AP

Special Guests:

- ❖ Shri Tummuri Ramana, DGM ECIL, Hyderabad & Founding Member of Humanitarian Aid Foundation - <http://humanitarian-aid-foundation.blogspot.com/>
- ❖ Shri Nulu Gopala Krishna, Sr. Technician ZADCO, Abu-Dhabi & Founder President of Nulu Charitable Trust (NCT), Tatiparty, E.G. Dist, AP

Others invitees: Shri Zaheeruddin, Retired Head Master; Shri Narasimha Sasthry, Retired Teacher & Shri D.V.V.Satyanarayana, Principal of Yeleswaram Public School, Yeleswaram.





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1. **Introductory Talk by PCT Founder & President (Suryaprasad Padala)**



"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. Our selection process for the scholarship is very thorough. To make sure we select only the most deserving, we have introduced a process called EVR (Eligibility Verification Report) which happens after the applicant and parent/guardian are interviewed by the selection panel. In this process, the applicant's genuineness and his/her family's need for help is judged. (Please refer to

<http://www.padalacharitabletrust.org/html/programs.html#EVR> for more details about this process).

Though we usually accept applications from the residents of East Godavari District, we do consider applications from other areas as well provided the applicant is most deserving and in a need-help-desperately situation.

Our only request to all the scholars today is - when you settle in your life, please remember your own 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. We want each one of you to help as many needy 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"*.

2. **Speech by PCT scholar Mr. Madhu Naidu Polamarasetti**

Mr. Madhu Naidu is from a small village called Peddanapalli, has been a PCT scholar since 2006 and has completed Intermediate Course with 91% and scored 4000 rank in EAMCET. In his talk, he shared with the other scholars and guests how PCT made a difference in his life by helping with this Intermediate course.

3. **Speeches by PCT scholars Mr. Durga Rao Gopi (2nd B.Tech) & Mr. Sudhir Davala (2nd MBBS)**

Both these scholars have mentioned how PCT came forward to help them out when they were stuck with no other option to look for. They both have promised openly that they would devote most of their time in future for helping the other needy around them.

4. **Speech by Guest of Honour Shri K.Ramana, DyEO**

In his short speech, Shri Ramana mentioned that he has known PCT and its activities for last couple of years. He was actually the chief guest at the same event last year (2007). He also sponsored Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Rupees) towards the Educational Scholarship Program at PCT.

5. **Speech by Chief Guest Smt Parvathi, DEO**

In her memorable speech, Smt Parvathi has expressed her deep appreciation towards the "Pay It Forward" concept of PCT. *"It is very inspiring to see an organization like PCT helping these bright and needy students who are encouraged to help other needy. The best part I like in this process is PCT Scholars becoming PCT Sponsors after they settle in good jobs. I am lucky to be part of this meet today and I am very encouraged to participate more in such activities going*





forward.”

6. Speeches by Special Guests Shri Tummuri Ramana & Shri N.Gopala Krishna of Tatiparty Village



Shri Tummuri Ramana (Founder president of Tummuri Shanthi Memorial Services, Tatiparty, E.G.Dist, AP) and Shri Nulu Gopala Krishna (Founder president of Nulu Charitable Trust, Tatiparty, E.G.Dist, AP) are very well known to the villagers of Tatiparty for all the selfless services they've been extending to the schools, children, hospitals and elderly people in the village. Both have explained the kind of services they've been providing to the needy people in and around their village.

Shri Ramana has shared with the scholars how he got connected to PCT and to his brother Suryaprasad first time 9 months back after hearing from his colleague Shri Mohan Ram of HAF (Humanitarian Aid Foundation, Hyderabad).

Shri Gopala Krishna mentioned that it was the people at PCT who inspired him to expedite the process of registering his trust (NCT) and start its activities from this year onwards.

7. Inspiring Speech by PCT alumni Ms. Padmavathi Thota, Software Trainee at Cognizant Technology Solutions, Chennai

Ms. Padmavathi was PCT scholar during 2003-2006. She was kind enough to travel all the way from Chennai to attend this annual event. She inspired the scholars with her very presence. She suggested the scholars to work on improving the communication skills since it plays a vital role in getting a decent job after they complete education. She has also contributed Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Rupees) to PCT towards the Scholarship Program for helping the poor and brilliant students.

8. Talk by PCT's Interview Panel Members- Shri Zaheeruddin, Retired Head Master; Shri Narasimha Sasthry, Retired Teacher

Both have expressed how deeply they were touched by the activities of PCT and thanked PCT president for allowing them to be part of PCT for last few years.

PS - Both these teachers have been extremely helpful to PCT during the interview process. They put their hearts into what they do and dedicate lot of their personal time for PCT each year. PCT is very fortunate to have people like these.

Scholarship Distribution

The scholarship amounts and certificates have been distributed to the Fresh and Renewal scholars by the guests.





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Lunch & Interactive Session

Lunch was served to all scholars, parents and the guests. There was a lot of interaction among the scholars, parents, guests and PCT staff during the lunch hour. Many scholars have shared their experiences at the colleges & had several questions clarified regarding their courses and entrance examinations.

What makes PCT proud?

We are very proud of seeing our scholars settling well after completing their graduation. Our scholars are placed in Multi National Companies like Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Cognizant Technology Solution (CTS), & Satyam Computer Services, Govt organizations like ISRO, Postal Department, Educational Department (teachers). All of these scholars have been supporting their families successfully and few of them 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 at such a tender age. We are sure each one of them will be a great asset to our country.

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 an 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.



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Balabhadr 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 an 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.

Sujatha Vadiseti, D.Ed - She was PCT scholar in 2006 and is now working as a teacher in Nagulapally, E.G.Dist. AP

Farheen Sultana, BCA - She was PCT scholar during 2003-2005 during her BCA course. She has been working for Monster Inc. in Hyderabad.

Devika Bandaru, B.Ed - She was one of PCT's first scholars in 2002. She finished her B.Ed and now working as a teacher in Guntur.

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 INDIA.