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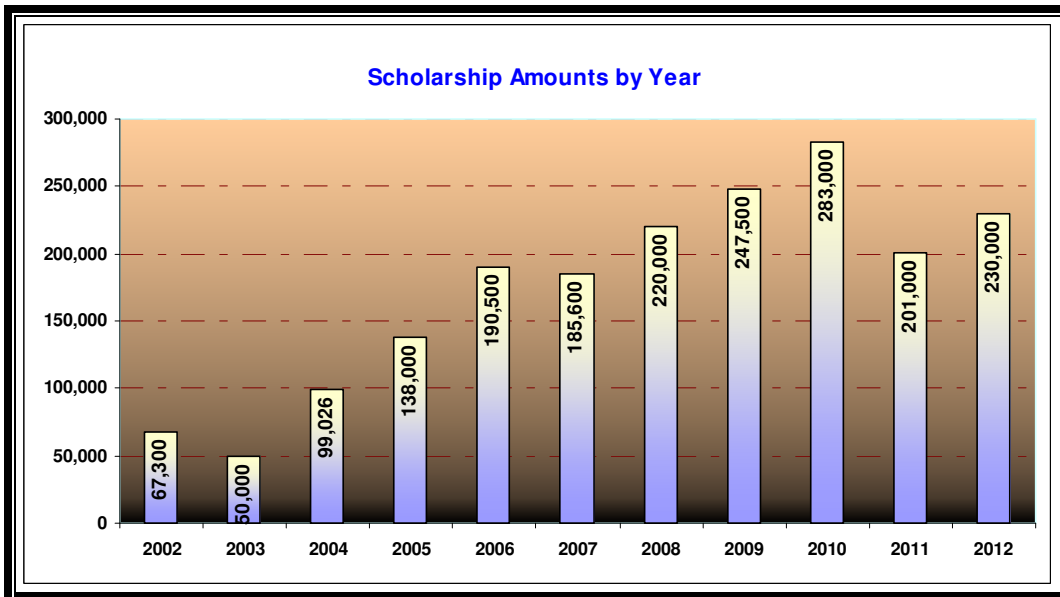
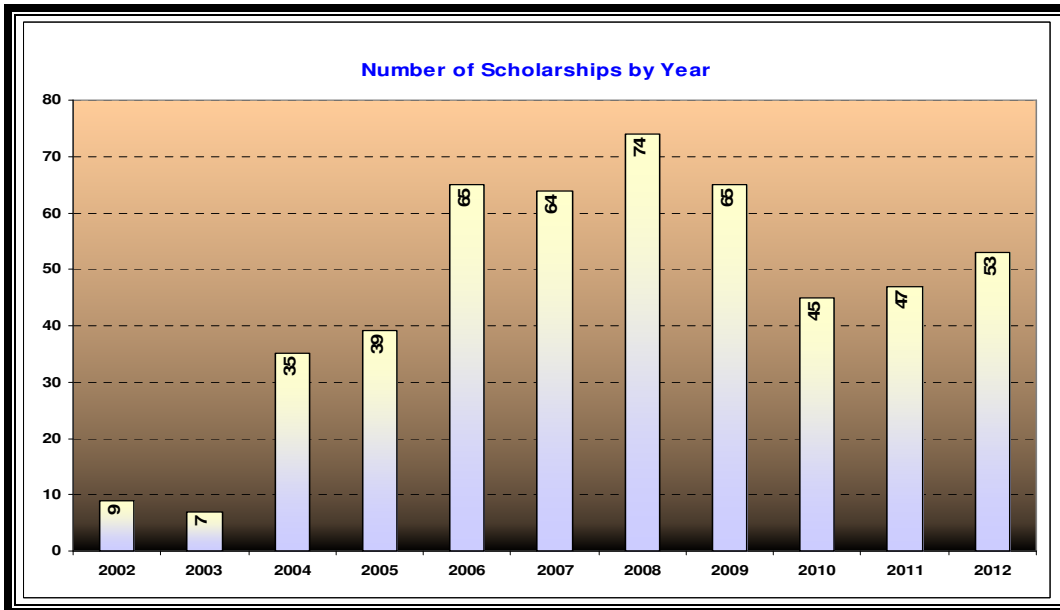
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### PCT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2012

#### 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 assistance 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, region or gender. To date, the Trust has awarded 503 scholarships worth ₹19,07,926/- for students under the Educational Scholarship Programme.

#### PCT Scholarship Activity 2002-2012





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### Scholarship Activity - 2012

There were 126 fresh applications received in total out of which 55 were short listed and interviewed. After the interview and EVR (Eligibility Verification Report) process, 28 applicants were finalized to receive scholarship for the academic year 2012-2013.

Regarding the renewals, out of 45 scholars processed from last year 19 have been finalized to receive the scholarship for the academic year 2011-2012. The others who were taken out of the list include several who have passed out the courses and looking for jobs, some who have managed to get a temporary job (teaching at a local private school etc) and pursuing masters degree (MCA, MSc etc.).

This year's interview panel consisted of PCT Secretary, Education Programme Lead, A retired Head Master and a retired teacher.

Total number of Scholarships awarded for academic year 2012-2013: 53

Total Amount Distributed: ₹ 2,26,000/-

### 11<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Distribution Event - 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012

#### Chief Guests:

Shri. Sidagam Prasad, Asst Director, Small Scale Industries, Visakhapatnam  
Shri Karrothu Satyanarayana, Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer, Rajolu

Guest of Honour: Shri Y.Satyanarayana, Principal, Yeleswaram Public School, Yeleswaram

#### Special Guests:

- ❖ Sidagam Dorayya, Retired Teacher, Yeleswaram

#### 1. Welcome report by PCT Scholarship Programme Lead (Nageswara Rao Pyla)

"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. Later on, we expanded our activities towards Village Development Programme by organizing the local medical camps, helping the govt. schools with infrastructure and conducting inter-school talent tests.

Many of our scholars have been very successful in their careers and have already started paying forward.

#### 2. Speech by Guests

All guests spoke for few minutes and shared their own experiences on the subject of education for underprivileged. Everyone agreed that it is hard for poor students to even dream of higher education no matter how talented they are. Some blamed the current education system and others suggested more NGOs should come forward to give helping hand to the deserving students. They also stressed the importance of PAY FORWARD concept and wished every student will be able to help few others in future.

#### 3. Scholarship Amount Distribution

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

#### 4. 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



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experiences at the colleges & had several questions clarified regarding their courses and entrance examinations.

### 5. Vote of Thanks & Janaganamana

The event was ended with Vote of Thanks by PCT Scholarship Programme Lead, Mr. Nageswara Rao Pyla followed by Janaganamana.

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## Success Stories

Here are our latest success stories:



**Dr. Sudhir Davala** hailed from a middle class family, has always worked so hard to make his dreams come true. After a sudden demise of his father in a fatal accident in 2006, Mr. Sudhir's education was a question mark. However with the help of his friends and well wishers of his family, he was able to manage until the 1st Yr of his medicine. At this juncture he was stuck again with no sources to continue his course.

At this time he happened to contact PCT for help through email. We were able to process his application immediately, verified his eligibility and granted the scholarship.

He completed his medicine (MBBS) successfully and is currently preparing for PG entrance. He lives in his village Gundla Pochampally near Kompally, Hyderabad.

After he realized that his poor villagers have been suffering from the lack of qualified and good hearted doctors, he decided to open up a free clinic on his own in the name of his mother, **LAKSHMI KESAVA CLINIC**. He serves the villagers in the evenings (6pm to 8pm) and prepares for his PG rest of the time.

PCT is very fortunate and thankful to be part of his success story. This is exactly what we need today. We are really proud of Dr. Sudhir. **He is truly an inspiring soul.**

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**Mr. Satyanarayana** is a resident of Narendrapuram village of Rajanagaram maldal (East Godavari District).

He was the school topper in X class (SSC). However, due to his family's financial background, he was left with only option to work as a daily labor in a store in Rajanagaram. He was making around **Rs. 60/- a day** and helping his family.

Fortunately, PCT came to know about his situation and immediately came forward to help him to continue his education where he left off. With that timely help and support, he never looked back. He got a top rank in CEEP entrance test and now about to complete his Diploma (Civil) in Tanuku. He was selected in the campus by **L&T** and will start working as a trainee for them with an initial salary of **Rs 14,000/-** per month.

His hard work, dedication and commitment will continue to help him reach greater heights. PCT is very confident that Mr. Satyanarayana will be a great asset to our society and will pay forward in future to keep the cycle going.

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Please read about [AACHARANA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION](#) which has been doing a great job in and around Kakinada in the areas of helping the Orphans & Blood Donation Camps. We were prouder when we came to know that the organization was the result of an inspiration from PCT.

### Community Development Programme Activity

#### KRIYA - Children Festivals @ District Level (March 9-10, 2013)

PCT continued to partner with KRIYA, an NGO working primarily in rural schools to improve standards and also to create a positive learning environment. Lately, a district level children festival was conducted for all elementary school and high school children from govt. schools and private schools. Children competed in a fun way in several categories like dance, singing, poetry, storytelling, story writing, essay writing, debate, elocution, painting, map pointing etc.

One important observation that we made was - in events like essay writing, map pointing, story writing the govt children performed better than the private schools. However when it comes to the events like debate, elocution, storytelling where the public speaking was required, the private schools took the major lead.

With this experiment, one thing we figured was there is a huge opportunity in govt schools to educate and train them on public speaking (not necessarily speaking in English - just expressing in front of the audience of what they know with confidence). In most of the schools, the staff also needs to be trained on these things. Once this happens then the competition will be fair enough and I am pretty sure that the govt school children will perform equally well.

#### Aim of Children Festivals

- To bridge the gap between illiterate parents and teachers
- To re-establish a link between theory and practice in teaching
- To energize the total school environment
- To give opportunity to children to show their innate abilities
- To create atmosphere of joyful learning

The impact of this activity has been tremendous on both the children and teachers. It creates a positive learning environment in the school.

For more information, you can visit KRIYA web site @ <http://www.kriyaonline.org/childrenfestivals.html>



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## Sample Pictures from Children Festival

