

## **REPORT ON HEALTH-CAMP CONDUCTED BY (VCT-Potnal)in collaboration with the Manipal Group**

As the age old saying goes 'Health is wealth'. VCT (Vimukti Charitable Trust) has been catering to the manifold plans, undertaking projects for the welfare and the upliftment of the people in Raichur region. 'Health' has been the core issue, and the focus to attend to this issue is the prime need. VCT is showing its credibility and efficiency by reaching out to the thousands of people who haven't yet got relief in the vital human aspect of health; it is trying to bring in a drastic change in their lives, and in turn, in their families. VCT, by its unique way of functioning, attends directly to the people's needs; this has instilled hope in the lives of people who were hopeless and depressed.



Modern diagnostic techniques, quality doctors and surgeons and other advanced medical facilities are beyond the reach of these our impoverished people. With all these inconveniences and difficulties it would be very difficult for the indigenous people to have access to various medical check-ups and other medical facilities.

After having contacted the reputed Manipal Group, VCT personnel went to about more than 30 villages creating some awareness to take some precautionary measures and avoid taking any health risks and more particularly the patients who fell in the category heart attacks. Banners and other placards were used as

educational and informative means to make the message clear and far reaching to all the people. As per the survey it was noted that the majority of the people suffered from poor health and quite a few were heart patients. VCT worked hard to convey the message to all the people of different villages, trying to make them understand the various causes and reasons for the degradation of health. It also took up the task to train them to work out for self-preventive ways to ensure to maintain a sound health by having timely check-ups and avail the government schemes that provide free treatments.

VCT made a very striking move by organizing 1-day health camp for all the people belonging to various villages. I acknowledge my profound gratitude and sincere thanks to Fr. Veerus, who was very instrumental and of great help in getting the doctors from Manipal Institute of Science and technology (Bangalore). The team included 2 heart surgeons and 1 social worker who headed the whole day. The team was headed by an eminent doctor by the name of Dr. Bhaskar Semitha.

To our astonishment, there were altogether 180 patients coming from various places, this indeed gave a real trigger for all the team members; since this number was never expected. The doctors had the check-up done and they diagnosed more than 27 patients whose condition was very serious and fell the category of running the risk of imminent cardiac arrest. The doctors worked really hard to get the test done and attended to all the patients without any slightest inconvenience or difficulty.

Manipal institute has been so magnanimous and has been looking out for the betterment of the patients who are in the danger zone, being prone to heart attacks. The doctors have indeed agreed to carry out free surgery for all the 27 patients whose condition may aggravate and need immediate medical attention. One patient was immediately operated the following week. Thanks to Dr. Bhaskar, who personally administered, along with his team, the surgery and restored the dying man to life.

This health program has been a fruitful healing ministry that VCT-Pontnal has taken up. It was the hard work and efforts of VCT personnel of Potnal region and the generous service of doctors that people have access to proper medical treatment despite of their poor economic condition. So, I the co-worker of Vimukti Charitable Trust take the opportunity to thank everybody for their cooperation and co-ordination to make this program a fruitful one.

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