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# TOUCH THE SOIL

Team Outings with a Purpose!

## Prakasham District

**Gopu Narayana Gupta from BSC 4 met 120 students in Addanki, Prakasham.**

*The students were very enthusiastic, making it an interactive session. They realized that when they put their utmost effort in their studies, they will be recognized. The HM and teachers gave us a warm welcome and were very appreciative of the efforts taken by the Ullas Trust in supporting the students.*



## Srikakulam District

**Chandramouli S from BSC 4 met 331 students in 4 schools in Srikakulam.**

*The students were very happy and interacted well. They are very talented, but they need more exposure to come out of their shell. The energy levels of the students was very extraordinary and they spoke very well. The HM and teachers said that the students were encouraged by the sessions, and praised the initiatives of Ullas Trust.*



## Vizianagaram District

**Shanmuk from Corp Quality met 150 students in 2 schools in Salur, Vizianagaram.**

*It was amazing to see nearly 150 students share their dreams, analyzing for themselves for their strengths and weaknesses, and deciding their career. I was amazed to see the students' dedication towards their studies and career, in spite of their poor backgrounds.*



## West Godavari District

**Anand N from BSC 34 met 260 students in 3 schools in West Godavari.**

*The schools I went to were located in Mallavaram, Morkundapadu and Paisvedala villages in Chagallu District. The students and teachers said that they are looking forward to many such Ullas activities. This has given me inspiration to conduct more Ullas activities in these schools.*



## Nalgonda District

**Ranjith Thalla, Paramesh, Srinivasa, Ganesh and Kishore from Corp met 200 students in 15 schools in Nakrekal, Nalgonda.**

*The response from the students was very positive, and they wanted to be mentors like us when they grew up. We distributed the scholarships to the Ullas Young Achievers, and the Guest of Honor, Dr. Mohan Reddy, Lions Club Chairman, Nakrekal, addressed the students, recollecting the words of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam - "Dream, Dream and Dream. Then translate your dreams into thoughts and then into action." He appreciated this initiative by Polaris.*



## Adilabad District

**Venkateshwarlu A from BSC 4 met 85 students in a school in Indaram, Adilabad.**

*I want to thank Ullas for giving me such a great opportunity to interact with these students. I explained about the possibilities of different career goals, and I hope the students learned a lot from the session. The students spoke about their dreams and they showed great interest throughout the program. The HM and the teachers were grateful to us for conducting such a program in their school.*



## Ananthapur District

**Nanda Kishore Konanki from BSC 03 met 90 students in Mopidi, Ananthapur.**

*It was a really good experience motivating the children to achieve their dreams. The students were enthusiastic right from the start of the program, keenly followed by their teachers who were also very supportive. The students were happy that their talents had been recognized, as most of them were from very poor families, and the scholarships will be of great help to them. It was really touching when I came to know that one student who was selected as an Ullas achiever worked in the fields to buy books.*



## East Godavari District

**Siva Ram E from BSC 4 met 150 students in 2 schools in Yeleswaram, East Godavari.**

*This has been a wonderful experience, and the students were extremely happy after receiving the cheques. The parents of the Young Achievers, most of whom were day laborers, said that the scholarship amount would go a long way in helping the students achieve their dreams.*



## East Godavari District

### Srinivas Velaga from BSC 4 met 150 students in 2 schools in Kotananduru, East Godavari.

While on vacation in my hometown, I conducted the Diary of Dreams Workshop in Kotananduru village, and that was the most memorable event of my holiday. The first day I explained to the students the concept of the diary and asked them to fill in the diary before the session the next day. I was surprised to see the wonderful dreams the young boys and girls had filled in their diaries, and I made up my mind to help these students realize their dreams.



## Guntur District

### Srinivas Dammati from BSC 4 met 90 students in Tadikonda, Guntur.

It was one of my proudest moments, as I conducted the Diary of Dreams session in the school where I studied. I quoted several examples on success and shared a few tips for continuous effort in the right direction to fulfill their dreams. I conducted the session in the morning, and in the evening, a special program was conducted, where the Mandal Educational Officer distributed the scholarships to the students.

## Karimnagar District

### Manasa B & Karthik Repala from BSC 4 met 90 students in 2 schools in Manthani, Karimnagar.

My village, Manthani, is a rural corner in our state, and none of the NGOs or social organizations go that far to help people. So, the students were delighted to see us, and were inspired by the workshop to start thinking about their goals, promising us that they will work hard to achieve it. We conducted some games which made them look at life in different angles. The teachers had a discussion with us about the school and the various problems students face, and said that the Diary of Dreams will be a useful guide.



## Kadapa District

### Akula Viswanadha from BSC 21 met 200 students in 5 schools in T Sundupally, Kadapa.

The session held at my hometown was truly an amazing experience for the students as well as me. They showed great interest and had very high dreams for their future. The toppers proved that anyone can achieve success if they have the determination.

## Khammam District

### Lenin Manda and Sandeep Polisetty from BSC 4 met 140 students in 2 schools in Khammam.

It was a special day for me when I conducted the workshop, and I could see the confidence in the students, and the willingness to study and achieve dreams. One student shared his concern for birds and their survival, especially as day by day the heat gets worse. So he put up posters all over his school, asking for suggestions to save the birds. It was heartening to see that when everyone else is thinking about their own career growth, these students think about how our country develops.



## Krishna District

### Rajesh Bhetala from BSC 4 met 90 students in 2 schools in Pedana, Krishna.

I have enjoyed each and every moment of this excellent initiative. The smiles on the faces of the Young Achievers while receiving the scholarships removed all doubts that the support Ullas provides, improves the lives of many deserving children.



## Kurnool Dist

### Siva Nagaiah D from BSC 4 met 70 students in a school in Govinadapalem, Kurnool.

The students were very happy and showed great enthusiasm to take part in our Ullas activities. Even the staff were very impressed, and I sincerely thank Ullas for giving me this opportunity to serve children from my hometown.

## Mahabub Nagar District

### Venkat Ramudu, Sriram Dharma, Suresh Kotapati, Vinutha and Priyanka from BSC 4 met 280 students and in 20 schools in Amangal, Mahabub Nagar.

We were met with a grand welcome from the teachers and students, and the local Mandal Education Officer as well as senior Inspectors from the Police. We received a lot of appreciation for this initiative, and 28 Ullas Young Achievers received their scholarships. All those present thoroughly enjoyed the Dairy of Dreams workshop and appreciated the concept.



## Warangal District

### Sriram Kukunoor and Imran from Corp met 280 students in 26 schools in Thorrur, Warangal.

It is interesting to note that the dreams of some of the students included social responsibilities as well.

We asked them challenging questions like:

1. Does everyone have a dream?
2. Does everyone believe that they can achieve their dreams?
3. Will they start planning now to achieve the dream?

All the students responded with a resounding YES to the three questions. Finally we concluded by assuring them that they can count on Ullas volunteers in their journey towards realizing their dreams.