



Editor's voice

Dear friends,

Greetings from VRCT. The new design with a longitudinal strip of Kalamkari print of V-Voice is a creation of our victims of torture who are being trained in textile printing with vegetable dyes – Kalamkari printing, which is famous in our state. It is a great pleasure to see the women and children becoming productive persons in the community.

This month's V-Voice is dedicated to those six young men who are victimized by the police & the community and who are being trained as experts in textile printing. VRCT wishes to continue the rehabilitation of victims of torture with humanity.

Case study of Young minds on the streets-----

A group of young boys and men are idling away in the railway station or the bus stand or at the road junctions of Vijayawada. They are the easy targets for police and antisocial elements. Indiscriminate torture by police is making them more insecure. They are the marginalized group whose needs are addressed by VRCT.

The young minds are as good as any other protected child. So, their minds are addressed and their interests and capacities are assessed at regular intervals. This needs assessment gives a focus and direction to VRCT.

Such victimized six young men and six women are undergoing training in textile printing with vegetable dyes well known as Kalamkari prints. Their commitment to learn is a constant driving force to plan new avenues for their rehabilitation. After the four months training, they are to be appointed as regular staff of the production center which is aiming to export the products.

VRCT is giving them guidance to settle in their attitude towards life. Now they plan to stay in a rented home and plans are on to marry and have a family. Proper guidance for these people can make productive human beings who make a difference to the work against torture at global level.

Prevention linked to Rehabilitation is the need of the hour in a fight against torture



Women and youth making Beautiful Kalamkari designs

About Torture:

TELEFONO: Simultaneous beating of both ears with palms of the hands. This ruptures the tympanic membrane causing pain, bleeding and hearing loss. It is difficult to detect the cause as torture by a doctor.

Recent activities of Vasavya:

- Ms. Reeta Roy, Mr. Jeff Richardson and a team from ABBOTT, US, visited VMM home and community based HIV / AIDS care & support program.
- Lawyer's forum met VMM representatives and discussed about initiating a forum at state level also.
- A mega religious festival – Pushkaram, of River Krishna at Vijayawada with 2.5 crores of people visiting the place was organized well and VMM participated in increasing the knowledge on health.

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