



Walkathon 2020

Enabling Women Empowerment



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Adilabad Region

Walkathon 2020 at Adilabad region has witnessed 1103 participants from different social groups like women SHG members, FPI (Farmers Producer Institutions) farmers, school children, progressive minded (tribal based) political leaders and governmental officials of the Asifabad town. This is the first ever Walkathon programme held at Asifabad. The event was launched by Mrs.K. Savithri, District Women Welfare Officer (DWO), Mr. Shankar, Retired Mandal Education officer, and Mr.Dathu, District Chief Examiner. The event was started at 10.30 AM from Zilla Parishad Girls high school to Premala Garden covering 2.5 Kms distance, and concluded at 1.30PM.

During the debriefing session after Walkathon, the dignitaries spoke about the status of women in our Indian society especially about their backwardness in their economic freedom, decision making, etc. The women members have been encouraged to take initiative in all the fields where they can perform effective better than a man.

Mr.Athram Sakku, MLA has appreciated DHAN team for organizing this event at his constituency and asked the team to expand DHAN's activities in many more mandals for upliftment of tribal poor belong to the district. He emphasized the importance of girl child literacy which is a major tool for women empowerment. He also advised the women political leaders at Panchayat level or mandal level not to allow their husbands to enjoy their political power on her behalf.

The representative from District women welfare department Ms. Soujanya, the Sakhi one stop center Administrator told about the Sakhi provisions and services to the victims. The Asifabad Sakhi one stop center was established by the District Collector on 11th September 2019 as part of the Central Government ministry of Women and Child Development. For this scheme the fund is provided from central government Nirbhaya fund. The Nirbhaya fund was allocated during 2013 Indian budget by the Parliament. The sakhi one stop center will offer five services namely medical, police, legal counseling, psycho social counseling and short duration shelter for the victims. She told about the women helpline and advised to utilize the services provided by their center at free of cost to the victim.

As part of Walkathon outcome, the Telangana state Residential Junior collage, Asifabad Vice Principal Mrs.Lalitha gave assurance of offering the collage uniforms stitching contract to the Kalanjiam Federation in forthcoming academic year. Moreover, the District collector has invited DHAN to offer the Capacity Building to IKP SHGs in future. The District women welfare officer Mrs.K. Savithri involved has also committed to be in touch with the federation team and inform about the schemes time to time.

