

Annexure-I

UDYANAM- *The EDEN*

“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.”

— Henry David Thoreau, Walden

There were times, where people used to enjoy the nature here. These mini forests were very popular once. . Passersby used to come here to relax and to take rest. As the times changed negligence crept in from every quarter. The entire place has become a dwelling place for snakes and other creatures. Entire area was full of creepers and weeds. Not even a single soul would visit that place anymore, it has become desolate. We find this kind of circumstances in so many places in India. We either neglect or abuse Mother Nature for no reason. As we lack vision conditions goes out of our hand. The area was used to be called as ‘Cotton Park’.

Though, earlier, in the late 90s about 20 lakhs rupees were sanctioned and spent under Jamabhoomi Scheme, somehow they did not complete the project , due to lack of proper facilities the place has become deserted.

But, this particular instance is different with a twist. With sheer grit and determination they have metamorphosed the entire area within 11 days. The group of people from different walks of life joined together and made wonders. The group included, along with MLA Sivaramaraju, donors, government officials, business men, local villagers, public servants. Whoever participated in this recreation process enjoyed their stint here.

They have changed the scenario of the entire area with dedication, On January 3, 2015, they have started the work to clean and develop this 2 acre area, and by 12th January, it was ready for public. They did it with such intensity and enthusiasm. Hand in hand they did plan every aspect so meticulously, end result is a wonderful place named as ‘ABBAYI RAJU PARK’

Entire process started with building a compound wall with 5 lakh rupees from Mandal Parishad. Paved the roads with 2 lakh rupees from Panchayat funds. As the location was low lying, with the financial help from Lion RVS Suryanarayana Raju, Dr. BandhalaPratap Kumar, PinnamrajuSreenivasa Raju,

DasariVenkataSatyanarayana, Pinnamraju Gopala Krishnam Raju, they could elevate the entire area by 5 feet. Donors GottumukkalaSuryanarayana Raju brothers, Godavarthysubba Rao brothers and 3 lions clubs from Akiveedu made financial arrangements to erect statues of NTR, Swami Vivekananda and Alluri Seetarama Raju. Sir Arthur Cotton's statue was also erected with the help of some other donors.



Now, beautification of the project is taking place with a sanction of 20 lakh rupees from AP Tourism department and 10 lakhs from the collector's funds.

Podium to conduct meetings, provisions to conduct auspicious occasions like marriages etc., Children's park, Walking track, Water fountain, Sports kits, Boats are some of the arrangements that are being organized.

They have a plan to make Godavari district's cuisines available to the tourists, by Sankranti 2016.

People, particularly critics, are awestruck now. How could this possible in a span of 3 months? has been the debating point.

MLA Sivaramaraju, apart from giving gave 2 lakh rupees from his funds, arranged 5 lakh rupees from ZP funds.

Plants from Kadiam and other places are being brought to elevate the beauty of the area. The entire area is brimming with new look and attracting tourists from different places.

With the help of donors and others, arrangements are made for children and elders alike. All possible measures are being taken to maintain the Park

