

**A TESTIMONEY from SATYA MALLELA of
WESTERN UNIVERISTY OF AUSTRALIA, PERTH WHO VISITED
GRAMA VIKAS, KOLAR, KARNATAKA IN NOVEMBER OF 2015**

“.....My time spent with Grama Vikas in the Kolar region learning about rural health issues was a wonderful and enlightening experience which I will cherish for a long time. The team at Grama Vikas had a wealth of knowledge in diverse subject areas and was very eager to share it. After interacting with the team and stake holders in the surrounding villages, I felt I have learned a lot about the issues/ challenges faced when dealing with rural health and ways to solve them. All this valuable knowledge will aid me as I hope to work in the health care sector in rural areas back in Australia. I would definitely recommend working with Grama Vikas, their hospitality was warm and the food was amazing.....”

**A TESTIMONEY from AMBER HANSEN of
WESTERN UNIVERISTY OF AUSTRALIA, PERTH WHO VISITED
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“.....Rao and the staff at Grama Vikas work tirelessly for the good of local communities. Grama Vikas focus on action at the grass roots level, empowering individuals and community groups to achieve self-sustainability, health and well-being. This approach has significant positive impacts on the communities it serves. Staying at Grama Vikas in November 2015 was a privilege and the perfect opportunity to witness firsthand the dedication of Grama Vikas to its guiding principles. Rao and the team provide an exemplary model of a not-for-profit organisation that circumvents institutional and cultural obstacles to truly change the lives of people in rural Karnataka for the better....”



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Dear Mr Rao,

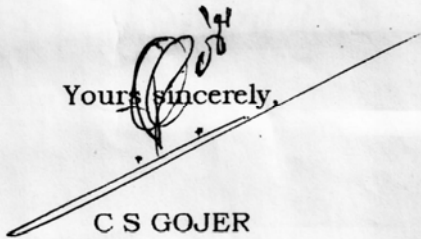
This letter is to tell you that your warm hospitality and courtesies shown to the members of our CCF-India Advisory Council when we visited your project last week was something that we shall never forget. You certainly added greatly to the pleasure of our visit to your project. We not only enjoyed the visit but also were greatly impressed by the splendid work you are doing among the people at Grama Vikas. It was a great learning experience for each one of us especially empowerment of women in developmental activities. The spirit of service, commitment and involvement of your staff in the development of the people you work with is really commendable and we congratulate you on demonstrating your project as a model CCF project!

Please convey our sincere greetings to Mr N Lakshman Rau the Chairperson of your project whom we really missed during our visit.

Thanks again for all that you have done for us during the visit and we look forward to visiting you again some time in the future.

With best wishes to you and your wonderful staff,

Yours sincerely,


C S GOJER
National Director

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