



LOK SATTA
People Power

**Active Citizen's Training (A Project supported by
Sir Ratan Tata Trust)**

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Project Overview

- Goal : Promoting Citizens' Initiatives for better governance through a multilevel training programme
- Target : train 75000 active citizens in 1000 mandals
- Duration : 3 years from April 2001- March 2004
- Estimated Cost: Rs. 86,47,150
- Funded by Sir Ratan Tata Trust : Rs. 60,00,000
- From other Sources : Rs. 26,47,150

Approach

- Objective: Impart requisite skills to Citizens on techniques of informed and collective assertion
 - Wide dissemination of information through distribution of literature, street plays and other forms of mass communication
 - Multi-level training in a staggered manner viz. Master trainers, Trainers and Active Citizens
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Implementation plan as originally envisaged

- Staggered training in 3 phases
 - Districts were divided into 3 categories and training was scheduled depending upon the organizational readiness in those districts
 - Separate training for Master trainers, Senior trainers, trainers and active citizens was envisaged
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Mid-course corrections

- Senior trainers and trainers were clubbed into a single category
 - Training of active citizens was undertaken in majority of the districts simultaneously (without adhering to phase wise execution as envisaged)
 - Follow up /refresher training was postponed until the final year
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Current Status - Physical

- Active citizen training well underway in 18 of 23 districts.
 - A total of 30,112 citizens trained so far
 - A total of 444 senior trainers and 811 trainers trained so far
 - 191 performances by cultural troupes were held
 - Refresher programmes for Senior trainers and trainers were held in a few districts
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Financials as of 31 March, 2003

- Total disbursement from Sir Ratan Tata Trust –
Rs 32,00,000
 - Total expenditure incurred on ACT programme –
Rs 40,48,986
 - Expenditure incurred from SRTT sources – Rs
25, 74,066
 - Expenditure incurred from other sources –
Rs 14,74,920
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Successful initiatives across AP attributable to ACT

- ⑩ P. Sammakka, a Girijan woman Sarpanch, was not allowed to perform her duties by the upper caste landlords - Nayakapalli, Gudur Mandal, Warangal District
 - ⑩ Cheating of unemployed youth – Nalgonda District
 - ⑩ Land grabbing – worth Rs. 14 crores. - Kurnool City
 - ⑩ Land grabbing – worth Rs. 1 crore – Quthbullapur
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Successful initiatives across AP attributable to ACT

- ⑩ Right to Information', - Palvancha town, Khammam District
- ⑩ Fake doctors – Ophthalmologist and Neurologist - Guntur City
- ⑩ Corruption in Tenders pertaining to the construction of shopping complex - Mandapeta, East Godavari District

Successful initiatives across AP attributable to ACT

- ⑩ Corruption in Registration Office - Guntur City
 - ⑩ Corruption in issuing driving licenses - Tuni, East Godavari District
 - ⑩ Corruption in Electricity Department - Narsampet, Warangal District
 - ⑩ Doctor of the District Hospital demanded bribe money for Post-Mortem - Karimnagar town.
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Future Plans

- About 250 trainers will be trained
 - Complete training of 44,000 active citizens by March 2004 as envisaged
 - Another 600 performances by cultural troupes will be organized in the next 6 months across the state excepting for 5 districts
 - Impact assessment will be undertaken to get feedback from approx. 10 % of the active citizens who underwent training.
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