

Gulf Telangana Welfare & Cultural Association (GTWCA), Dubai, UAE

Gulf Gosa

A tribute to those unnoticed Telangana souls in Gulf countries

From 23-July-2008 to 09-Nov-2010 (28 months approx)

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It wouldn't be hype if one who has seen the labor life here says, "I think there wouldn't be a single project in which the sweat of a Telangana labor goes." But the part of the fact is, there are few projects, in which the soul of Telangana labor resides, apparently, after his death. The below compilation of work is of some such people who came to Gulf countries in search of opportunities to feed their families back home, in search of giving a decent life to their dependents. But what they are met with!! Exploitation, treachery by agents, non-payment of salaries by employers, 12-16 hrs of work in hot humid weather, and finally death.

What are the reasons that drove these ill-fated people here?

An illiterate farmer with decent amount of land cannot do agriculture because there is no water and monsoon conditions are unreliable. Even if he manages to yield a good crop, the middle-men are the benefitters. While few have drilled some kilometers of borewells and failed, spending huge money brought on exorbitant interest rates, the monsoon has failed others. The last option that looks greener to those tired souls is going to Gulf by selling whatever they have or borrow and give money to Gulf agent only to end up being cheated here. The scarcity of water and extreme poverty conditions are the culprits that have driven them to go to Gulf countries.

An educated youngster lacks decent job opportunities to earn his livelihood because of intense competition from his Telugu brothers. The last option which looks greener to such youngsters is, going to Gulf, but not realizing that they would end up in some menial job which doesn't suit their studies. There are lot of educated Telinganites in Gulf who work as labors, janitors, security personnel for menial salaries.

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Is it because that they are born in Telangana they have to go through all this or is their fate rewritten by creating conditions which are not suitable for leading a decent life or is it the short-sightedness of the Telugu rulers who overlooked this issue since past so many decades? Whom these souls should blame for throwing them into such lurch, which lead them to such disastrous deaths, away from their families? Whom should the old parents, wife, children blame for taking away their hand of protection? Do we have answers? If yes, I presume we wouldn't talk about it now.

I started collecting this data since July-2008. In the beginning, I was compiling in Excel sheet, but later started collecting news clips for later compilation. I couldn't compile the data in a very presentable fashion as it was too time consuming. Any inconvenience to readers is regretted. All data is accurate to my knowledge w/o any exaggeration or hype. If any inconsistencies are noted, its because of human error. If you notice any, pls. revert back to rajpalrao@gmail.com

- 1) Going forward, I would like to highlight that in a **short span of 28 months**, there are **roughly more than 300 deaths (1 death every 2.8 days on an average)** reported in local media (Eenadu, Sakshi) from Karimnagar district alone.
- 2) **Dubai leads** for most of deaths reported **in Gulf**.
- 3) **Dharmapuri & Mallapur** mandals lead the list **in Karimnagar** district for the number of deaths.
- 4) **No support network for the dependents** of those deceased, thus throwing them to the mercy of fate.
- 5) **No life insurance** coverage back home or here (few of those are covered by companies though)
- 6) No mechanism to report such cases in media back home to create awareness, unless some reporter takes personal interest to cover.
- 7) The **causes of death** are suicide, road accident, accident at workplace, ill-health, heart attack, mental trauma.

Readers should bear in mind that this is just accounted data, and there could be, on a least estimate, 20-30 pct more that went unreported to media or undocumented for Karimnagar alone. Assuming, most of Telangana labors come from 2-3 other districts, one can imagine how the gravity of the situation gets compounded.

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Expiry Dt.	Name	Age	Village	Mandal	Place	Notes
23-Jul-08	Kotta Srinivas	40	Ramannapeta	Malyal	Muscat	Road accident
21-Jun-08	Moutam Malliah	30	Kamalapur	Kamalapur	Kamalapur	Suicide due to debts
1-Aug-08	Maripelli Swamy Goud		Bheemaram	Medipalli	Saudi Arabia	Road accident
	Nimmala Narsiah		Karimnagar	Karimnagar	Saudi Arabia	Heart Attack
	Boddupelli Ravi	30	Pembatla	Sarangapur	Dubai	Jaundice
	Damma Padma Reddy	25	Padira	Y.Reddypeta		Stroke, operation
	Thammata Javed	25	Chinnapur	Dharmapuri	Dubai	Road accident
	Galipelli Chandraiah	38	Achapalli	Gangadhara		Road accident
	Gummala Laxman		Velgatoor	Velgatoor	Salalah	Heart Attack
	Kasam Srinivas Reddy		Rammohan Ngr.	Timmapur	Muscat	Construction site accident
	Battula Gangaram	45	Yamapur	Ibrahimpattam		Heart Attack
	Sankoji Ramesh	40	Raamnoor	Velgatoor	Saudi Arabia	Heart Attack
	MD Anji		Ibrahimpattam	Ibrahimpattam		Accident at work
	Nagaraju		Kattalingampeta	Chandurti		Road accident
16-Aug-08	Mogilipalem Raju	21	Nagireddypalem	Gangadhara	Dubai	Came to Dubai when was 18 yrs, borrowed money, died of blood cancer
			Timmapur	Timmapur	Abu Dhabi	
5-Aug-08	Uyyala Narsiah	48	Kummerpalli	Raikal	Abu Dhabi	Suicide due to debts, spent 1 lakh, came 6 months back
26-Jul-08	Kaasarapu Tirupati		Taatipalli	Jagtial	Dubai	
	Chevulamaddi Narsiah	30	Munyala	Kadem, Adilabad	Nagpur	Road accident while reaching Nagpur
	Kokku Sanjeev	20	Mogilipeta	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Galle Bakkanna	45	Mogilipeta	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Putti Chinnayah	35	Nadikuda	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Putti Sudarshan	33	Nadikuda	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Talari Gangadhar	32	Ratnapur	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Deva Chinnamalliah	39	Ratnapur	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Pippa Raju	22	Sangem Srirampur	Mallapur	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Palepu Gangaram	45	Ramalachakkapeta	Metpalli	Dubai	All died in Dubai fire
	Sailesh	25				
	Pannala Gangayya		Suddapalli	Pegadapalli		
14-Sep-08	M. Devendra	27			Bahrain	Buried live under collapsed sand
14-Sep-08	Tipirishetty Gangareddy	40	Medipalli	Medipalli	Medipalli	Suicide due to debts

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16-Sep-08	Chigurla Rajiah	38	Kodumunja	Vemulawada		Suffered heart attack at work
3-Sep-08	Padidapelli Tirupati	34	Nadimpalli	Mallapoor	Dubai	Died at work
9-Sep-08	Mutyala Rajamallu	22	Mallapoor	Mallapoor	Dubai	Worked for Darwesh Co., Got crushed under roller, accident. More than 100 ppl from mallapoor
10-Sep-08	Baina Lingiah	40	Tirmalapoor	Pegadapalli	Dubai	After coming to Dubai, within 20 days he suffered heart attack.
21-Sep-08	Tondala Yadagiri	35	Avunoor	Mustabad	Hyderabad	Came on visit visa to gulf, fell sick, went back and suffered heart ailment and went to Hyd for treatment
23-Sep-08	Mohammad Osman Ali	60	Bejjanki	Bejjanki	Doha, Qatar	Road Accident
14-Sep-08	Aggimalla Ashaiah	40	Kondapoor	Medipalli	Dubai	Accident at work, buried under collapsed wall, GTWCA helped to repatriate the body
25-Sep-08	Kottapalli Chakravarthi	45	Terlamaddi	Mustabad	Dubai	Heart attack, Lost money, body reached after 19days, his son Raju accompanied the body
25-Oct-08	Merupula Srinivas	35	Maddunuru	Dharmapuri	Dubai	Accident at work, fallen from a high rise building, came to Dubai 1 yr back
21-Oct-08	Bodasu Narsiah	24	Mannegudem	Medipalli	Dubai	Came to Dubai 8 months back, Transguard company visa, accident at work, unmarried
	Naresh	20-25	Velgonda	Dharmapuri	Gulf	Suicide, went to gulf by selling their house, now his parents are staying the same house by paying rent with additional debts
	Rajalingam	30	Velgonda	Dharmapuri	Gulf	Accident
	Deeti Vemulawada	45	Velgonda	Dharmapuri	Gulf	Heart Attack

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21-Oct-08	Gandham Rajaiah	43	Velgonda	Dharmapuri	Saudi Arabia	Died of ill health, spent 1 lakh, came just 3 months back
in jail	Gandham Rajesham	25	Velgonda	Dharmapuri	Saudi Arabia	Came just 8 months back on visit, is in jail due to illegal status
2-Oct-08	Kommu Shankar	30	Malyala	Malyala	Dubai	Came just 2 mons back, died suspiciously during ramadan holidays, was working for Al Basti & Mukta
19-Oct-08	Kuntala Narsiah	40	Kottapeta	Chandurti	Oman	Spent 1.3 lacs to come to Dubai, went to Muscat on Visit, fell ill, consulted Indian Embassy, they rejected, no money for ticket, nor source, suicide by hanging himself to tree
18-Oct-08	Mohd. Razak	48	Vemulawada	Vemulawada	Saudi Arabia	Heart Attack, body reach after 1 month
16-Oct-08	Avadoota Lachiah		Cheerlavancha	Sircilla	Muscat	Suicide
12-Oct-08	Baddi Vinaysagar	34	Medipalli	Medipalli	Medipalli	Suicide, Death note that agent Gyadam Prabhakar has cheated him, charged him Rs. 62,000
8-Oct-08	Lingampalli Narsiah	33	Chintalthana	Sircilla	Bahrain	Accident at work
8-Oct-08	Burra Papaiah	35	Kodimunja	Vemulawada	Muscat	Road Accident
9-Oct-08	Koneti Raja Yellaiah	28-30	Y.Reddypeta	Y.Reddypeta	Abu Dhabi	Heart Attack, spent 1.8 lakhs, came just 6 months back
6-Oct-08	Dumpala Venkati	38	Gambhirraopet	Gambhirraopet	Gambhirraopet	Spent 1.5 lacs to come to Dubai, Kidenys affected, spent 3 lacs but dead

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6-Oct-08	Gundepalli Rajanarsimhulu	35	Gambhirraopet	Gambhirraopet	Gambhirraopet	Spent 1.5 lacs to come to Dubai, Kidenys affected, spent 3 lacs but dead
	Battini Sattiah Goud	35	Nagulapeta	Korutla	Bahrain	Sucide. Went 1 yr back and joined a company, which was not paying salaries for months together, he fell ill and requested the management who did not allow him to go.
	Maheshuni Satyanarayana	20-25	Chandrapeta	Sircilla	Libya	Victim of Cheating, paid 1 lakh each, was handed over visit visa saying its employment visa, returned back
	Indrala Mohan	20-25	Martanapeta	Konaraopeta	Libya	Victim of Cheating, paid 1 lakh each, was handed over visit visa saying its employment visa, returned back
5-Nov-08	Mahesh	30	Komanpally	Balakonda, NZB	Dubai	Stomach pain, labor, Al Sahel Contracting Company, married
30-Nov-08	Madaveni Gangarajam	38	Korutla	Korutla	Abu Dhabi	Came 4and half yrs back, site accident, wife and 3 children

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30-Nov-08	Sammetaboyina Yellaiah	25	Baswapur	Koheda	Dubai	Stomach pain, labor, Middle East Company, came 3 yrs back
Nov-08	Nagababu	22	TadepelliGudem	W.Godavari	Dubai	Came 1 and half month back, ill health
19-Nov-08	Kante Devadasu	35	Kukkalagudur	Ramagundam	Dubai	Worked of UTC construction company, buried under sand, spot dead
19-Nov-08	Sheelam Kishtaiah	35	Kandlapelli	Sarangapur	Dubai	UTC Construction Co. came 2 yrs back, buried under sand at work
22-Nov-08	Cheruku Dasharatham	25	Malkapeta	Konaraopeta	Malkapeta	Suicide, took 1 lack on debt and went to muscat, was sent back, took another 1.5 lacs and went to dubai, went back during amnesty
	Yaala Lingareddy		Lalapelli	Eligedu		Both were duped by agent Narsimha Reddy for Rs. 4.6 lakhs. Agent handed over duplicate visas
	Santosh Kumar		Narsapur	Eligedu		
10-Nov-08	Pedda Bheemanna	58	Neelaipeta	Nirmal	Saudi Arabia	Heart Attack, died on July 14
10-Nov-08	Chinna Bheemanna	50	Neelaipeta	Nirmal	Saudi Arabia	Suffered lot metal trauma that he couldn't send his borthers body back home even after 4 months and finally had

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5-Nov-08	Edla Tirupati		Timmapur	Chandurti	Gulf	Came 7 yrs back to Gulf, ill health and financial problems, suicide, wife, 3 daughters and son
2-Dec-08	Chekkaala Nagiah	45	Banda Lingapur	Ibrahimpattam	Dubai	Suspicious death, hanged himself, since 20 yrs in Dubai, foreman, wife, 2 sons
5-Dec-08	Chetpalli Ramesh	32	Mutyampeta	Malyala	Iraq	Went to Iraq 6 months back, ill health
5-Dec-08	Varsha Srisailam	30	Batikepalli	Pegadapalli	Dubai	Road accident, came to Dubai 6 months back
7-Dec-08	Vanatadupula Surender	20	Mogilipeta	Mallapur	Dubai	Came 20 days back, spent Rs. 80,000, debt, died of ill health, didn't adjust to the weather, carpenter
11-Dec-08	Durishetti Murali	40	Korutla	Korutla	Oman	Murdered, family came to know only after 2 months, working for OCC company since 12 yrs
12-Dec-08	Bolle Gangadhar	27	Moreypalli	Jagtial	Dubai	Came to Dubai 8 months back for 2nd time to clear his debts, died of ill health

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13-Dec-08	Kona Ravi	30	Chandurti	Chandurti	Chandurti	Came to Dubai, 4 and half yrs back, visit visa, went back during amnesty, suicide, spent 1.5 lakhs, debts in total of 3 lakhs,
9-Dec-08	Bhukya Raju	27	Racharlagollapalli	Y.Reddypeta	Bahrain	Spent 2 lakh, died of mental trauma, heart attack, salary was not paid
12-Dec-08	Nagaram Kanakiah	28	Venugopalpur	Sircilla	Venugopalpur	Went to Dubai, 1 and half year back, spend 1.3 lakhs, suffering from kidney problem, went back to india, spent money on hospital, total debts, 2.5 lakhs
15-Dec-08	Annaveni Ravi	25	Suddapalli	Pegadapalli	Kondagattu	In Saudi for 6 yrs, came to India for his marriage, died in Road accident
16-Dec-08	Tippireddy Bhoomiah	54	Kathlapur	Kathlapur	Dubai	Came to Dubai 6 months back to clear his debts, worked ofr KR company in Ajman, died of ill health
21-Dec-08	Bajjari Satyam	20-25	Gundaram	Y.Reddypeta	Gundaram	Agent Garige Narsiah Cheated, paid 50,000

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01/03/09	Maarla Mallesham	34	Chandurti	Timmapur	Dubai	Spent 1.5 lacs to come to dubai, dint go bak during amnesty as he has to repay debts, no proper job, fell ill, his friends sent him back, couldnt recover, died
01/03/09	Maankali Pentiah	40	Namaapur	Mustabad	Dubai	Heart Attack
01/08/09	Aakula Gangarajam	38	Kondrikarla	Metpalli	Dubai	Salary only Rs.5000/-, debts back home, he came back to develop his 4 acres land, digged 2 bores, no water, took more money on debt and digged 3 rd bore, still no use,came to dubai again, no proper jobs, suicide
01/08/09	Anumalla Malliah		Lingampeta	Medipalli	Dubai	Died in Dubai airport on his way back to India

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