

**Dear street food lovers.....**

**Welcome to the street food festival....**

**Festivals are the need of the people. Food festivals are an important relaxing space for middle class children, singles, migrants, students, and affordable street restaurant for the common. But the concept of street food festival for sannihita center for women in Hyderabad is an objective of promoting the cultural, local, ethnic, indigenous food items, and the street vendors in the context of food security and promotion of safety food with affordable price.**

**Sannihita in its research period on status of women vendors on the issue have understood the contribution of the street vendors who are the citizens, who struggle around earning their livelihood by no or low emission of energy within the context of serving food to the city dwellers with affordable prices. The contribution is an acknowledgeable factor as they are protecting the environment and helping the city to protect towards the sustainability of food culture, climate status, and indigenous food items.**

Out there and in our city for lakhs and crores of people the "street food vending" is the main source of income, and this food has become the affordable food to lakhs and millions of urban dwellers.

Vendors who are often blamed as sellers of unhealthy food are never given a chance to argue their case. Especially in preparing and serving food for minimum price with lots of hard work and self help with no support from any state financial institutions like banks for their livelihood. their genuinely, affordability, including the issue of their livelihood, and food security. Neither there was any serious thinking about improvising their status, giving them training and awareness on healthy, hygiene, and nutritious values. It also initiated towards organize the vendors on these issues. *Sannihita center for women* as part of its research, have took some initiative in organising women and food vendors in the context of latest vendors policy which came forward to initiate, conduct, the street food festival in February from 18th to 24th for a week.

This idea of the street food festival is to raise awareness in the public about the contribution, and unrecognized services that the vendors have been rendering to the urban population of all levels from ages especially the food. Street food vendors in all cities, have proved that they succeeded in sustaining the food vending with their own strategies. We all know that they are serving different food items like *idli*, *vada ex.*, to meet with the needs, time and purse of the customers" and item like *mirchi bajji*, the ever green mouth watering item to many of us on those raining evenings.

In this context around 100 selected street food vendors have come forward to serve delicious street food items, right from *idli* to Hyderabad *biryani*, *regional delicacies by street vendors*, in the stalls which are waiting for the sponsors, and response from the world civil society, philanthropy, supporting, funding groups those who are environmentalists, industrialists, corporate servants, and other business corporate and beaurocrat, sports, film, media professionals. Street vendors are challenging the health risks that is often discussed in the context of street food and **they are now**

desperate to participate in the event for their own cause and also for girl children who are poor marginalized and have been abused and had no access to shelter, food, clothing, education and dignified lives. Vendors also agree and believe that these girls in our network homes, who were have vulnerable because of various socio economic, stereotypical ideologies and factors and are in need of support of civil society agencies, groups. So the food vendors who are though poor still came forward boldly to help these girls, and street children, and also the differently abled girl children by giving some part of their time. They are interested in making street food items for the customers, with promising elements like hygiene, and nutrition by maintaining quality. They are also looking forward for suggestions, training, and improvising their methods of earning livelihood.

**PLEASE COME FORWARD TO PROMOTE THIS IDEA BY SPONSORING STALLS, ITEMS, JUICES, CELEBERITIES, HOMELESS, DISABLED GIRL CHILDREN OF OUR HOMES, THEATER GROUPS, CULTURAL EVENTS TRAININGS ON HEALTH, NUTRITION, HYGEINE, WATER AND FOOD VENDORS.**

**Venue : NTR stadium, opp. Indira Park, Hyderabad**

**Date : February 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Timings and programs will be intimated through mail and program sheet**